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April 2024



*Building Bright Futures*  
**Tri-C Day is April 10**

### Tri-C Day Returns on April 10

Get ready for something extraordinary – **Tri-C's eighth annual Day of Giving on April 10, 2024!** This day isn't just about giving back; it's about building brighter futures for students relying on Tri-C for education and opportunity.

Education transforms lives, and as Tri-C alumni, we all know its impact. With the support of alumni just like us, along with gifts from employees, retirees and friends, support for scholarships and programs help break barriers and ensure every student can thrive and pursue their dreams.

New this year, we are excited to introduce a new option for donors to support our Tri-C athletic teams and student organizations, providing even more opportunities for our students to excel both in and out of the classroom.

### Here's how you can get involved on Tri-C Day:

- **Share Your Story:** Use #MyTriCStory to showcase the power of education. Your story inspires others to support our students' dreams.

- **Every Gift Counts:** No matter the size, your support is vital. You can donate cash or give stocks, donor-advised funds, or other assets. Your generosity, in any form, propels us towards a brighter tomorrow. [Make a gift today!](#)
- **Join Us Online:** Follow us on social media to witness the impact of your contributions. Let's celebrate our students' achievements together on April 10.



Again this year, all alumni accepting the [Tri-C Alumni Challenge](#) with a gift of \$25 or more for our Campus Food Pantries, will be entered into a random drawing for a \$100 Visa gift card! Valid for gifts made now through the conclusion of Tri-C Day on April 10.

**FLIER MUST BE PRESENTED DURING VISIT TO QUALIFY FOR FUNDRAISING EVENT**  
(before closing out your bill, please show this flier to Melt staff for participation)



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***DINE TO DONATE!***

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup> 2024**

*Melt Bar and Grilled - Lakewood, Mentor, Akron, and Easton Locations*

- FOR HOURS AND DIRECTIONS VISIT [MELTBARANDGRILLED.COM](http://MELTBARANDGRILLED.COM) -

Enjoy dine-in or take-out gourmet grilled cheese and craft beer for a GREAT cause!  
20% of the sales accompanied with this flier will be donated directly to the organization!

**TRI-C FOUNDATION  
& MELT BAR AND GRILLED THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

The Fine Print  
Each participating guest must have a flier presented, via mobile device or physical copy, and **MUST ALERT THEIR SERVER** that they are a fundraiser participant in order for their bill to be applied to the total raised. We are unable to include orders paid for through mobile app, website, and third-party delivery partners. Sales credited to the fundraiser include food, beverage and merchandise. All fundraisers last the duration of open hours for each participating location. Distributing the flier inside or outside on Melt premises is not permitted.

PLEASE CONTACT US AT [EVENTS@MELTBARANDGRILLED.COM](mailto:EVENTS@MELTBARANDGRILLED.COM)  
WITH INQUIRIES REGARDING OUR FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES!





### Desire to Become a Business Owner Led Alumnus Dwayne Dawson to Tri-C

Dwayne Dawson's desire to become a business owner led him to Tri-C. Despite facing challenges, he maintained his attendance and engagement in his courses and ultimately earned an Associate of Applied Business in real estate with a concentration in business administration in 1995. [Read more.](#)

### Cleveland International Film Festival Vouchers Available to Tri-C Alumni

Tri-C is a proud supporter of the 48th Annual Cleveland International Film Festival (CIFF) and April 10 is **Tri-C Day at CIFF!** To celebrate, a limited number of vouchers are available for Tri-C alumni. Vouchers are valid in person for one film at CIFF through April 13 or for one film streaming April 14-21. Limit two tickets per alum. [Reserve your voucher by April 19 here.](#)



The [Tri-C Film Academy's](#) short film, *Minutes to Go*, is being screened at CIFF, both in-person and through streaming. Learn more about the film and how to see it [here](#).

If you visit the festival on Tri-C Day, be sure to stop by the Tri-C table and say hello!

## Join Us for a Virtual Community and Alumni Input Session

The Cuyahoga Community College Capital, Construction and Facilities department and DLR Group invite Tri-C alumni to a virtual **Input Session** to gather your feedback on the College's proposed 10-year Integrated Facilities Plan.



Join us for the **Virtual Integrated Facilities Plan Community and Alumni Input Session**, **live on** Tuesday, April 23, 7–8 p.m. The [Integrated Facilities Plan](#) envisions improvements to each of Tri-C's campuses by renovating and replacing aging buildings, improving recreation facilities, libraries, gathering spaces and outdoor areas to better serve students and the community.

[JOIN HERE](#) on April 23, or by phone at 305-224-1968 or 885-880-1246; Meeting ID: 976 0209 8855.

Following the overview of the draft plan, Tri-C is seeking input from community members, civic leaders, employers, local government representatives, educational partners, alumni and nearby residents to help ensure that the plan reflects the area's needs and priorities before it is finalized this summer.

Can't make it on April 23? You can still [view the recording here](#) and offer your input through May 7. Questions? Please contact [capitalconstruction@tri-c.edu](mailto:capitalconstruction@tri-c.edu).

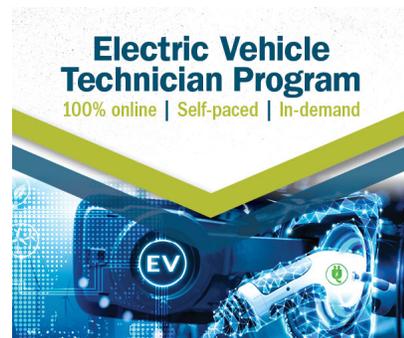


## The Center for Entrepreneurs Offers Training to Help You Succeed

Starting your own business can be overwhelming. Taking the big leap starts with the Discovery Track at The Center for Entrepreneurs within Corporate College®. Embark on the transformative journey of our Discovery Track — a dynamic curriculum designed for those who aspire to launch their own businesses. Access resources to get a head start at The Center for Entrepreneurs. The April Cohort of the [Discovery Track for Entrepreneurs](#) begins next week and full scholarships are available! For more information and details on how to register, [visit the Center's website here](#).

## Tri-C Offers New Online Program to Train Electric Vehicle Technicians

The rise of electric vehicle (EV) sales has led to a demand for technicians to repair and service EVs and install and maintain residential and commercial charging stations. Tri-C is launching an EV technician program with flexible learning options to address the growing need for skilled technicians. [Read more.](#)



## Tri-C Places Second Nationally at 2024 NCLC

Tri-C triumphed once again at the 2024 National Collegiate Landscape Competition.

Tri-C's [Plant Science and Landscape Technology](#) program took second place overall, and student Caleb Kautz scored top individual honors among the 595 competing students. Organized by the National Association of Landscape Professionals, the annual competition challenges students in 30 individual or group events that require the expertise needed to work in the industry. [Read more.](#)



## Tri-C JazzFest Seeks Bands for outdoor Stage Performances

Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland, presented by KeyBank, is accepting online applications for local and regional bands to play the SeibertKeck Insurance Partners Stage as part of the festival's 45th season.

A committee of music industry experts will select the groups for the stage lineup. A variety of musical genres — jazz, blues, R&B, funk, gospel, jam band and reggae — will be considered.

Fourteen acts will take the stage on Friday and Saturday of the festival weekend. Applications will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. on April 15 at [tri-c.edu/jazzfestcall](http://tri-c.edu/jazzfestcall). [More information here.](#)





## April Momentum

Momentum is a series in which Tri-C President Dr. Michael Baston highlights exciting things happening at Tri-C and offers a glimpse into the coming month. Take a look at the new April edition [right here](#).

## Thank You Alumni Spotlight Participants!



We appreciate our Tri-C alumni who participated in our 4th Annual Common Reading Program Alumni Spotlight, held on March 21 at Westshore Campus. Moderated by Tri-C's own **Wayne Dawson**, Co-anchor, Fox-8 News in the Morning, panelists included **Col. Harold**

**Anderson** (Ret., U.S. Army) and East Cleveland Schools Educator; **Jaymes Poling**, Co-Founder, Modern Warrior Live and former U.S. Army Machine Gunner and Squad Leader, and Magistrate **Kimberly J. Bolton**, Cleveland Heights Municipal Court. The audience was a full house, with several Tri-C student classes in attendance, along with alumni and others. A reception followed the program. If you are interested in viewing the program, [drop us an email](#) and we will send you a link of the recording.

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## 2024 Annual Juried Student Exhibition

Join us April 9 through May 2 at Gallery West, located at Tri-C's Western Campus Library, Student Services Building (second floor), 11000 Pleasant Valley Road in Parma, as we display works by Art and Visual Communication and Design students. Gallery hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Reception awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday, April 24, from 5–7 p.m. Alumni are welcome!

(Image: "Black White" by Dmytro Hunchak, 2023 Best of Show Award)



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## Tri-C 10KSB Executive Director Joins Regional Resource Series' Podcast

Erika Hill, executive director of the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses (10KSB) program at Tri-C, recently discussed the program with Woodmere Mayor Ben Holbert on the Regional Resource Series video podcast.

Hill emphasized that the program is looking for “coachable” business owners ready to take their business to the next level. 10KSB assigns each business owner a mentor who helps them develop a business plan.

APPLY NOW for the cohort that begins Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2024. [More information and how to apply here.](#)

View the episode with Hill on [YouTube](#) or the [Cuyahoga East Chamber of Commerce website.](#)



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