

SUMMER 2020

INVEST IN PEOPLE

CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION
Advance Futures, Transform The Region.

Cuyahoga Community College Tri-C® Foundation Mission:

To provide resources for advancing student success at Cuyahoga Community College and to transform the lives of those Tri-C serves.

The COVID-19 pandemic tests our “Skills to Succeed”



At Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®), the COVID-19 pandemic response centered on technology. A massive shift occurred, moving classes online and equipping students with the technology and skills needed to continue their education virtually. Technology became our lifeline to students — and to each other.

Tri-C graduates are on the front lines protecting our health, well-being and safety during this crisis and beyond. Your support helps ensure our students persist, fortifying the essential workforce of tomorrow. And while our economy will struggle as a result of this crisis, Tri-C is committed to being the bridge to recovery for individuals and our entire community.

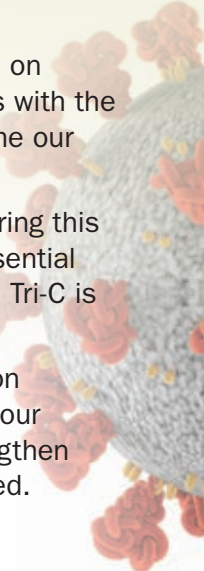
An outpouring of support has helped us build the capacity to transform our institution and remain steadfast in our mission, even amid crisis. We thank you for supporting our students directly in their time of greatest need. These lasting investments will strengthen Tri-C far into the future, and they demonstrate faith in our students’ ability to succeed.

Thank you for being part of our caring community.

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Scholarship fundraiser feeds a need for Tri-C culinary students

Trained talent is ready for restaurant and hospitality recovery

We never realized how special the third *Small Bites, Big Dreams* scholarship fundraiser would be. The March 5 event at the Metropolitan Campus Center raised more than \$50,000 for Tri-C Hospitality Management student scholarships. More than 50 culinary students worked alongside top local chefs to serve up gourmet dishes. The event showcased the College’s vital role in training skilled workers who will help rebuild the region’s celebrated hospitality sector. ■




**small bites
big dreams**

EAT. DRINK. INSPIRE.



Tri-C trains the essential workers who care for us

Immigrant reaches her dream to protect and serve



Maria Lloyd

As a small child in Ukraine, **Maria Lloyd** knew she wanted to make a difference in the world as a police officer. After emigrating to the United States, learning English and graduating from Valley Forge High School, she worked as a security officer, married and started a family. After nearly a decade had passed, Lloyd knew it was time for her career to start.

“Education, experience and justice is something that should never be taken for granted. We should always reach for the unreachable,” she said.

A scholarship helped cover tuition and materials for the Tri-C Police Academy, which Lloyd completed in fall 2019.

“The instructors care about each student, and they are extremely dedicated,” she said. “Many of them really help the cadets, taking time to show the proper way of doing things. I am so glad I went through this program, and I wear my badge proudly.”

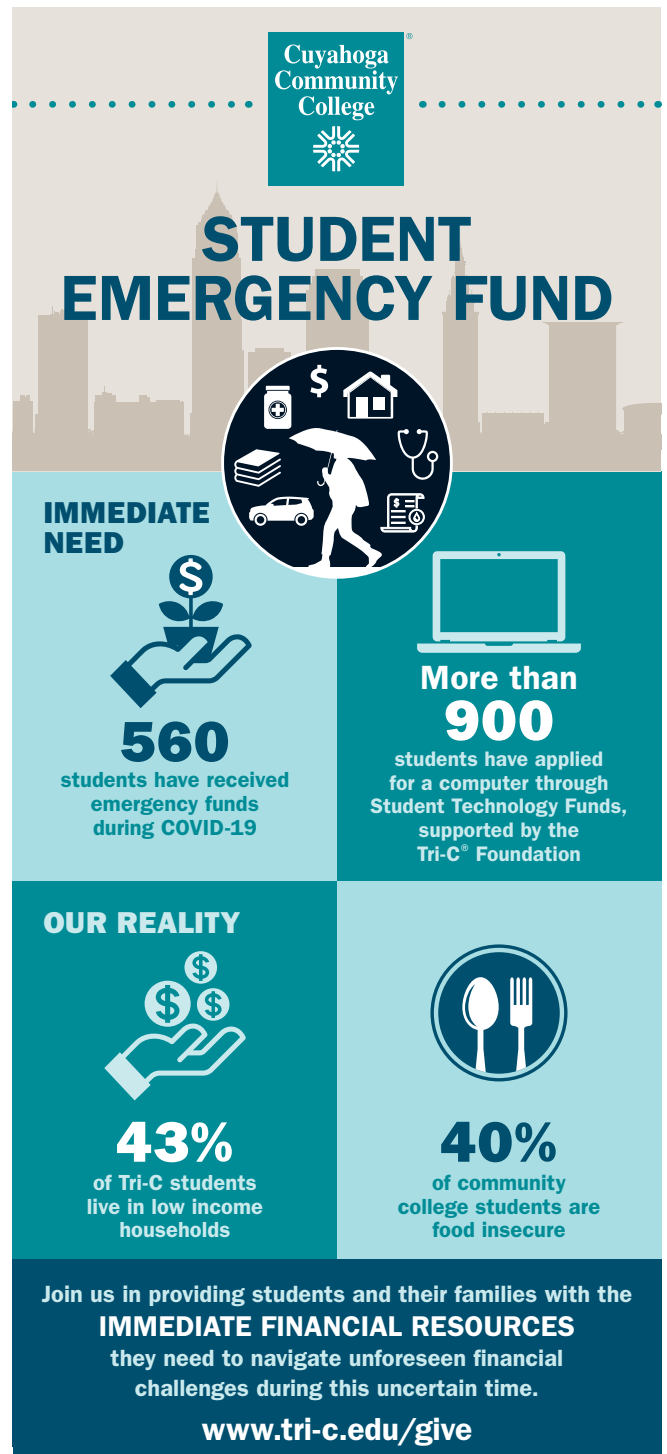
Lloyd now works as a police officer while pursuing an associate degree in criminal justice at Tri-C. ■

KeyBank Public Safety Training Center moves training online

As part of its COVID-19 response, Tri-C moved some Police Academy training online — becoming the first Ohio program approved for remote instruction. Online lectures cover vehicle theft and identification, introduction to traffic, tracing stolen property, gang awareness and other topics. ■

Foundations tap Tri-C to help build the health care industry

Tri-C is partnering with regional organizations that share a vision to transform the workforce development ecosystem. Generous grants from the Cuyahoga County Workforce Funders Group, JPMorgan Chase Foundation and Deborah A. Vesy Fund of the Deaconess Foundation will increase Tri-C’s capacity as the regional health care intermediary. The College will coordinate quality training, programs and services to reduce the skills gap and expand access to health care careers. ■



Cuyahoga Community College

STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND

IMMEDIATE NEED

560 students have received emergency funds during COVID-19

More than 900 students have applied for a computer through Student Technology Funds, supported by the Tri-C® Foundation

OUR REALITY

43% of Tri-C students live in low income households

40% of community college students are food insecure

Join us in providing students and their families with the **IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL RESOURCES** they need to navigate unforeseen financial challenges during this uncertain time.

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Tri-C answers the call for medical supplies and ventilators

When in-person classes ended, many Tri-C academic programs donated personal protective gear intended for hands-on instruction. Respiratory masks, gloves and other protective equipment went to local hospitals. Nursing and health career training programs also loaned eight ventilators for use in intensive care units, in response to a statewide call for equipment issued by Gov. Mike DeWine. ■

Foundation donors help students learn and succeed through crisis



Top student emergencies were rent assistance, food and technology access

The Cuyahoga Community College Foundation Student Emergency Fund to address crisis expenses awarded nearly \$250,000 to 560 students in the month after campuses closed.

Many sought help with food, rent and household bills

as they lost their jobs and struggled to complete courses online. The funding helped them address their immediate needs and complete their Spring 2020 coursework.

“You have no idea how much of a blessing this laptop was to me,” one student emailed. “My schoolwork will no longer be in jeopardy.” ■

Petros Family Student Relief Fund will offer emergency aid, tuition assistance

A \$500,000 gift from Anne-Marie and Sam Petros will help students overcome financial hardship and continue their studies during the COVID-19 outbreak. The Petros Family Student Relief Fund will offer emergency aid and tuition assistance for students enrolled in academic and workforce training programs at Tri-C. It will fill a gap by providing support to students who do not qualify for federal funding.

“It’s easy for one lost paycheck or sudden expense to interrupt someone’s education and become a barrier,” Sam Petros said. “When we learned how Tri-C students were struggling during the pandemic, we wanted to do something that would have immediate impact.

We believe in helping people who are trying to help themselves.”

“Even the most resilient and determined individual needs help at times,”

added Anne-Marie Petros. “Investing in each other is the foundation of a strong community. It is our privilege to help Tri-C students achieve and show them the community believes in their potential.” ■



Technology for students essential to completion

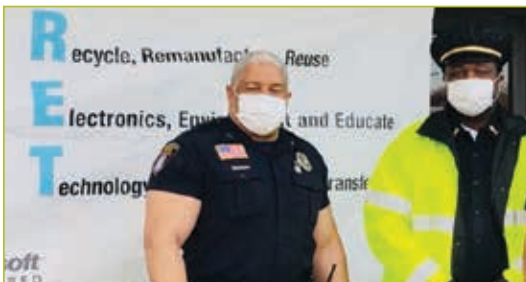


When Tri-C moved all coursework and services online to help stop the spread of COVID-19, the transition was not easy. Almost overnight, the number of online classes doubled from 2,500 to 5,000, with the number of online students jumping from 13,000 to 30,000. With computer labs, libraries and other public venues closed, many students lacked the technology and internet access needed to finish the semester.

Donations to the Tri-C Foundation funded the purchase of low-cost computers, available free to students through RET3 and PCs for People, nonprofit vendors that refurbish and recycle technology.

“These vendors allow us to maximize donor dollars and contribute to sustainability while meeting students’ emergency requests for technology,” explained Megan O’Bryan, vice president of development and president of the Tri-C Foundation. “A charitable gift of \$1,500 can equip ten students with laptops so they can continue to learn.”

The Foundation distributed 620 computers and arranged for safe pickup at all Tri-C campuses. Additional donations will make it possible to fill future requests as online classes continue. ■



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**JAZZ
FEST**
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**Sponsors support move to
“Virtual JazzFest”**

Tri-C JazzFest presented by KeyBank will swing into the digital realm this year. Plans are underway for a virtual online festival featuring local musicians and top jazz artists. The combination of livestreamed and recorded concerts and video chats has the potential to reach audiences around the world. Events will take place in August, with dates to be announced.

**Thanks to the support of generous JazzFest sponsors,
the show will go on!**

In addition to presenting sponsor, KeyBank, Tri-C JazzFest 2020 is generously supported by Strassman Insurance Services, Dominion, Mr. David Whitehead, Ms. Margaret Wong, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Jules Belkin, The George Gund Foundation, U.S. Bank Cleveland and others.



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- FEATURING -

The Right Honourable
Theresa May

*Prime Minister of the
United Kingdom (2016-2019)
Member of Parliament for Maidenhead*

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A Conversation with
THERESA MAY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

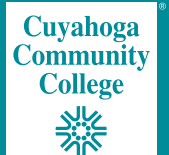
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