

The Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) Foundation

Andy and Adriana Randall lead the way to more student scholarships

Trustee and Foundation board member and member emeritus **Andrew E. Randall** knows that Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) is an “incredibly important institution.” He has been an ongoing contributor since he attended his first Presidential Scholarship Luncheon in 1997. His wife, **Adriana Randall**, enrolled in basic courses at Western Campus in the 1990s before transferring to Cleveland State University. These early encounters with Tri-C cemented the couple’s lasting commitment to the College and our students.



Andrew, president and CEO of Cleveland Private Trust, joined the Foundation board in 1996. He served as chairperson from 2002-2004 before being named a director emeritus.

He rejoined the Foundation board in 2018. He was also appointed to the College Board of Trustees in 2010 and has just completed his second five-year term. This multifaceted service to Tri-C has created a significant impact on student access and success.

During his tenure, Andrew has worked with three College presidents.

“Each president has been an outstanding, tremendous leader, with their own objectives to advance the Tri-C mission,” he said. “Jerry Sue Thornton strived to increase and elevate the College’s profile. Alex Johnson focused on student success rates and workforce training and the need to support students who were ineligible for federal grants.”

Andrew expressed enthusiasm for the College’s new president, Michael Baston.

“Dr. Baston’s energy is infectious, and I cannot help but be excited about the future,” he said.

The Randalls feel strongly about supporting student scholarships as well as their holistic needs.

“Tri-C is affordable, offering a breadth of quality courses,” Adriana said. “We are happy to support students through our recent gift to the Dr. Alex Johnson Access, Equity and Success Fund. It fills a void for expenses that are often not covered by scholarships.”

The fund, established to honor Tri-C President Alex Johnson upon his retirement in June 2022, provides short-term solutions for expenses outside of tuition, such as housing, food, technology and books, so students can continue their education.

“The Foundation has grown its capacity to provide scholarships since we first became involved,” Andrew said. “And we’re building capacity in high-demand workforce programs like public safety, health care and transportation.

“It’s exciting to see first-generation students graduate. They are setting an example for their families that will pass through the generations.”

The Tri-C Foundation is grateful to Andy and Adrianna Randall for their generosity and commitment to Tri-C and our students.

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