
2019 Tri-C Community Champions

2019 Individual Community Champion – Richard Summers – This Tri-C Dean’s List student is both a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Robert L. Lewis Academy of Scholars for Social Justice. An active on- and off-campus volunteer, Richard was specifically nominated for his work with a nonprofit called “4Ward with Purpose,” an organization that raises money for homeless and domestic violence shelters in the region. Richard is helping to develop a conflict resolution training workshop to share with residents of shelters.

2019 Individual Community Champion – William Cunion, Ph.D., Tri-C and his wife Jesse Cunion, M.A. – In May 2018, Plain Dealer reporter Andrea Simakis wrote *Gone and Forgotten: Where Is The Memorial For Women Murdered By Anthony Sowell* - telling the story of his eleven victims and the lack of a permanent tribute to these women. Bill and his wife Jesse contacted Andrea to see how they could help. The result - the Eleven Angels Scholarship at the Tri-C Foundation. In Fall 2020, awards will go to 11 women coming to Tri-C to change their own lives.

2019 Small Business (<50 employees) Community Champion – Theresa Carter, President, OMNOVA Solutions Foundation – nominated jointly by the Rising Stars Academy program staff and the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation. OMNOVA Solutions partnered with Tri-C and the Warrensville Heights City School District to create Rising Stars College Readiness Academy – a summer education immersion program “designed to uplift college aspirations of Warrensville Heights High School students, many of whom would be the first in their families to attend college.” The Foundation is a longstanding partner of the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation, supporting the Access Scholarship Fund for students since 2005.

2019 Large Corporation (>50 employees) Community Champion – Hyland – accepted by Chris Hyland, Executive Vice President and CFO of Hyland, and Kelly Diamond, Hyland HR Program Manager – The reasons for Hyland’s nomination were multi-faceted, recognizing the company as “a loyal employer and employer partner that has worked with the Tri-C Career Center in a positive collaboration for the benefit of our students” Hyland serves on Tri-C’s Experiential Advisory Committee – providing input and insights on how to prepare students for the working world. In addition, Chris Hyland also serves on the Tri-C Foundation Board of Directors.