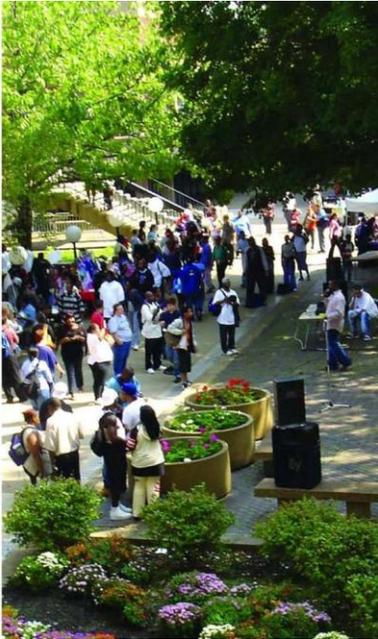


## Tri-C among the Nation's Largest and Fastest Growing Community Colleges



**Students at the Tri-C Metropolitan Campus**

says Vice President of Enrollment Management Pete Ross. "Quantity and quality go hand-in-hand at Tri-C, and more and more people are realizing that and taking advantage of all we have to offer."

Ross says the ongoing enrollment surge at Tri-C is partly the result of efforts by the College to increase the retention of students from one semester to the next, as well as by economic issues that have brought many displaced workers to Tri-C to train for new careers. Job losses and pay cuts experienced by parents have also increased the number of traditional-age college students, with many parents opting to have students attend Tri-C for two years to reduce the cost of a college education. Tri-C tuition remains the lowest in the region and the second lowest in the state.

Figures compiled by the U.S. Department of Education show enrollment growth has put Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) on the list of the nation's largest two-year colleges, with Tri-C now standing as the nation's 15<sup>th</sup> largest community college. The figures from Fall 2009—the most recent available from the U.S. Department of Education—list the College's enrollment at 29,807, enrolling 700 more students than the 16<sup>th</sup> largest in the nation, Columbus State Community College in Columbus.

The same report also places Tri-C on the list of the fastest-growing large public two-year colleges in the nation, up more than 5,500 students since Fall 2006 (24,289) when Tri-C was 24<sup>th</sup> on the list.

Tri-C's enrollment has increased in 10 consecutive semesters. The current spring semester enrollment totals 31,186, up 6.5% from spring of last year.

"The increased enrollment is a testament to the many high-quality, affordable programs and services offered by Tri-C,"