

## High Tech Academy students celebrate graduation

**One student receives associate degree prior to high school diploma**

This June, 72 High Tech Academy students graduated from this dual enrollment program between Cuyahoga Community College and the Cleveland Metropolitan and Warrensville Heights School Districts, which allows students to earn college credits while attending high school.

One student, Kendale King earned an Associate of Applied Business degree in Accounting from Tri-C on May 17—several weeks before his high school graduation from John Hay High School's Cleveland School of Architecture and Design. King began participating in the Tri-C/Cleveland Metropolitan School District High Tech Academy in 2009 and earned 94 college credit hours through the program. Most students who participate in the program earn between 20 and 60 college credit hours.

"I chose Tri-C because I was eager to experience college courses and go beyond the expectation of a high school student," says King. "The idea to help decrease my years in college was very intriguing, and I am glad I was able to participate in the High Tech Academy program."

King, who has a 3.30 GPA, will attend Morehouse College in the fall. He plans to double major in accounting and finance and earn a bachelor's degree, then a master's degree.

"My ultimate career goal is to become a CFO of a company, optimistically, my own," says King. "I'd also like to be a stock and bond broker and deal with real estate and other investments."

King served as student council president at John Hay High School, where he played football and was a member of the National Honor Society. King is also member of the College Now Top 50 program, placing him among the Cleveland Metropolitan School District's top 50 students.

At Tri-C, King was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa honors society, became certified in the Student Leadership Program, and took a tax assistance class to help community members complete their tax returns.

This is the 11<sup>th</sup> year for the Tri-C/CMSD High Tech Academy program. More information regarding this program is available on the [Tri-C website](#).

