

U.S. Senator Rob Portman visits Tri-C



Senator Portman visits with Tri-C's Youth Technology Academy students in the robotics lab.

U.S. Senator Rob Portman visited Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) December 7 to tour the College's new Advanced Technology Training Center and to meet with Tri-C's workforce and economic development staff, employer representatives from Ford Motor Company and Alcoa, and students enrolled in Tri-C's Youth Technology Academy.

Together, Tri-C's new Advanced Technology Training Center and existing Unified Technologies Training Center comprise the largest technology training complex in Ohio. The Advanced Technology Training Center offers training in robotics, information technology, Cisco Academy Support Center, advanced metals joining and nondestructive testing, construction engineering technology, preconstruction and alternative energy, and more.

Senator Portman recently introduced the Careers Through Responsive Efficient and Effective Retraining (CAREERS) Act, which is designed to make it easier for community colleges and other qualified training providers to provide job training services under the federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

"Tri-C and other community colleges across America are uniquely positioned to provide high-skill training and credentials to current and prospective workers," said Susan Muha, Vice President of the Workforce and Economic Development Division at Tri-C. "The bipartisan CAREER Act will help ensure that the workforce is equipped today with industry recognized credentials that are relevant in a rapidly changing workplace. We hope to see the CAREER Act passed into law so that Tri-C and other community colleges have the federal support we need to keep America competitive."

Tri-C's Youth Technology Academy is funded through a WIA Youth Services grant. The program allows high school students to learn about robotics, pre-engineering, mechanical and electrical engineering, programming, precision machining and computer aided drawing. Students also participate in job shadowing, mentorships and soft skills training. Over 90% of Youth Technology Academy students graduate high school, compared to a 56% graduation rate for their peers. 80% of Youth Technology Academy high school graduates go on to post-secondary education.

Any elected officials who are interested in learning more about Tri-C are welcome to contact Claire Rosacco, Vice President of Government Relations and Community Outreach at 216-406-8821 to arrange a visit.

[View Senator Portman's press release on his visit to Tri-C here.](#)