



Tri-C Announces Third Graduation Class of Cleveland Small Business Owners from Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Applications due Nov. 4, 2013 for the program beginning Feb. 2014



August 23, Cuyahoga Community College hosted the graduation of 38 Cleveland-area small business owners from the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program.

Tri-C President Alex Johnson offered brief remarks, and Tim McCarthy of The Business of Good Foundation gave the keynote address. Two graduates nominated by their peers shared their stories: Mitch Zlotnik, president of Audimute Soundproofing, and Christian Weekley-Baker, general manager of Weekley's Mailing Service Inc.

The business owners who graduated represented a wide variety of industries and businesses including manufacturing, catering, marketing and IT services. They spent 12 weeks at Tri-C studying a business and management curriculum designed by Babson College, the top-ranked school for entrepreneurial education, and customized by Tri-C faculty. The curriculum covers topics including accounting, human resources, negotiation and marketing. The program also includes one-on-one business advising, accounting workshops and advice from Goldman Sachs professionals.

"We congratulate the business owners who are graduating from 10,000 Small Businesses and look forward to seeing them grow and drive innovation in Greater Cleveland," Dr. Johnson said. "Cuyahoga Community College is proud to be part of an initiative that combines quality business education with support services to help small businesses sustain economic and employment growth in our region."

Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses is a \$500 million initiative to unlock the growth and job-creation potential of small businesses across the United States by providing them with greater access to business education, financial capital and business support services.

10,000 Small Businesses launched in Cleveland in May 2012, committing \$15 million for small business loans, business education and grants for supporting community partners. Additional partners involved in the program in Cleveland include the Council of Smaller Enterprises (COSE), JumpStart, Inc., the Northeast Ohio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Urban League of Greater Cleveland. These partners help with the recruitment of small business owners and entrepreneurs in Greater Cleveland and assist in providing technical assistance and business support services.

For information about the business and management education program, please visit www.tri-c.edu/10ksb. Applications are being accepted and are due Nov. 4, 2013 for the program beginning in February 2014.

To preview the program, future applicants should attend “A Glimpse Inside 10,000 Small Businesses” from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. September 19, 2013 at Cuyahoga Community College’s Advanced Technology Training Center (ATTC), 3409 Woodland Ave., Cleveland. Call 216-987-3220 for information.