



Tri-C honors community members serving on Program Advisory Committees

Respiratory Care Committee selected “2013 Outstanding Advisory Committee”

Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) announced June 19 that the Respiratory Care Advisory Committee was selected 2013’s “Outstanding Advisory Committee” at the 21st Annual Advisory Committees Appreciation Breakfast. The Respiratory Care Advisory Committee includes representatives of employer/clinical sites, alumni who are working in the field, a current student representative, a member from the American Lung Association, and two Cuyahoga Community College staff members.

More than 660 community members serve on more than 50 Tri-C Program Advisory Committees, generously sharing their expertise with program managers and academic leaders to help Tri-C graduates enter the workforce with an education that is up-to-date in their fields. Each year, Tri-C honors these individuals for their service, and selects an “Outstanding Advisory Committee” that has gone above and beyond in support of their program.



Respiratory Care Program Advisory Committee with keynote speaker Jim Bennett, Senior Vice President of the Global Center for Health Innovation

Some of the Respiratory Care Advisory Committee’s accomplishments that led to its selection include:

- Highly engaged employer members who hire the majority of their respiratory therapists from Tri-C. One employer member successfully fought to keep his hospital as a clinical site for Tri-C students in the face of budget cutbacks, and another employer member added a new clinical spot for Tri-C students when the program needed it.
- A highly engaged student member, Holly Finzel, who worked with Tri-C’s Alumni Association to coordinate a Respiratory Care Alumni Night, and who personally invited the Executive Secretary of the Respiratory Care Licensing Board to attend the event and present a lecture on ethics and licensure. Ms. Finzel also organized a Lung Walk for the American Lung Association and worked with her class to prepare presentations on Asthma and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) that are used by Tri-C’s health and wellness program.
- A 90% - 100% committee meeting attendance rate.
- Reviewing and providing advice on degree requirements, courses and advising on curriculum updates to align the program with updated credentialing board criteria.
- Annually reviewing and providing input regarding Respiratory Care accreditation reports.

The breakfast's keynote address was delivered by Jim Bennett, Senior Vice President of the Global Center for Health Innovation. Bennett updated those in attendance regarding the grand opening of the Cleveland Convention Center and the adjacent Global Center for Health Innovation which showcases the latest in healthcare technology, education and commerce.

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