

## Seven Tri-C Students Named to 2014 All-Ohio Academic Team

Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) students Janine Hallbom; Therese Mason; Ildiko Yuryev; Gandhi Esack; Jennifer Gage; Kelley Moore; and Michael Wolf were honored as members of the 2014 All-Ohio Academic Team in a luncheon ceremony at the Ohio Statehouse Atrium April 30.

Since 1997, the All-Ohio Academic Team program has provided statewide recognition and scholarships to outstanding students at Ohio's 23 community colleges. The All-Ohio Academic Team program is co-sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, the international honors society for two-year colleges, and its Ohio Region. Funding has been made possible through the generous support of donors like Honda of America Mfg., Inc.

To be eligible for the All-Ohio Academic Team, students must be nominated by their college president, and each Ohio community college campus may only nominate two students each year. Nominees must have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.5, have completed at least 36 college-level credit hours at the time of nomination (the equivalent of three full-time semesters), and be on track to obtain an Associate's or Bachelor's degree.

The rankings for the All-Ohio Academic Team are determined by the scores nominees receive in the national All-USA Academic Team judging. Winners are selected on the basis of academic performance, demonstration of leadership, and community service involvement. Ten students are selected for First Team, ten are selected for Second Team, and the remaining nominees are honored as Third Team members. This year, 61 Ohio community college students were named to the All-Ohio Academic Team.

Learn more about Cuyahoga Community College's All-Ohio Academic Team honorees below:



**Janine Hallbom** of Cleveland has been named to the 2014 All-Ohio Academic Team, First Team. In addition, Hallbom is one of 50 students nationally to be named a Coca-Cola Silver Scholar.

Hallbom is majoring in Health Information Management Technology at the Cuyahoga Community College Metropolitan Campus and holds a 3.81 GPA. After completing her studies at Cuyahoga Community College, Hallbom plans to become a community counselor with a focus on social justice issues and to start a medical billing, coding and transcription home-based business.



**Ildiko Yuryev** of Cleveland has been named to the 2014 All-Ohio Academic Team, First Team. In addition, Yuryev is one of 50 students nationally to be named a Coca-Cola Bronze Scholar.

Yuryev is majoring in Nursing at the Cuyahoga Community College Eastern Campus and holds a 4.0 GPA. Her goal is to become a medical doctor.



**Therese Mason** of Broadview Heights has been named to the 2014 All-Ohio Academic Team, First Team. Mason is majoring in Marketing at the Cuyahoga Community College Western Campus and holds a 4.0 GPA. After completing her studies at Cuyahoga Community College, Mason plans to transfer to Ohio University. Her career goal is to become a marketing manager.

In addition to her studies, Mason is a member of the community college honor society Phi Theta Kappa and a member of the Honors Club. Mason has been named to the Deans list every semester that she has attended Tri-C full-time.



**Gandhi Esack** of Bedford Heights has been named to the 2014 All-Ohio Academic Team, Third Team. Esack is pursuing an Associate of General Science degree and holds a 3.58 GPA. His goal is to become a medical doctor to help sick people in the community.



**Jennifer Gage** of North Ridgeville has been named to the 2014 All-Ohio Academic Team, Third Team. Gage is majoring in Diet Technology and General Nutrition at the Cuyahoga Community College Westshore Campus and holds a 3.93 GPA. After completing her studies at Cuyahoga Community College, Gage plans to work in the community to educate the public about the role of diet in disease prevention.

In addition to her studies, Gage volunteers with the monthly community meals at her church; with projects at her local senior center; and with City Fresh, which brings fresh fruits and vegetables into the inner city.



**Kelley Moore** of Cleveland has been named to the 2014 All-Ohio Academic Team, Third Team. Moore is majoring in Business Management at the Cuyahoga Community College Metropolitan Campus.

After completing her studies at Cuyahoga Community College, Moore plans to continue her studies to earn a second degree in accounting and an MBA. Her goal is to own and operate a business.



**Michael Wolf** of Berea has been named to the 2014 All-Ohio Academic Team, Third Team. Wolf is majoring in Non-profit Administration at the Cuyahoga Community College Western Campus and holds a 3.68 GPA. After completing his studies at Cuyahoga Community College, Wolf plans to transfer to Cleveland State University. His career goal is to become the director of a mental health non-profit organization.

In addition to his studies, Wolf is a member of student organizations including Active Minds, Access Club, Young Non-Profit Professionals Network, Student Government, and the community college honor society Phi Theta Kappa. Wolf was also honored with the Most Distinguished Chapter Member 2011-2012 Phi Theta Kappa Ohio Region, Advanced Leadership Certification.