



## Tri-Rivers Adult Education joins Ohio Technical Centers statewide campaign



Tri-Rivers Career Center—Adult Education—joins Ohio Technical Centers' "Fast Track" Campaign Statewide effort designed to grow awareness of adult programs that close the gap between workplace demands and talent pool competencies.

Ohio's adult and continuing education programs, operating at 51 locations throughout the state, are now collectively known as the Ohio Technical Centers (OTCs). To build awareness of the new brand and, most importantly, the upskilling opportunities available to adults statewide, Tri-Rivers Career Center is joining the "Fast Track" Campaign effort. The Ohio Technical Centers, with the new slogan, "Your Fast Track to Success," are the state's educational providers offering adult learners the training and credentials for the most in-demand jobs and a direct path to employability.

"The Ohio Technical Centers and their programming are catalysts providing immediacy and impact for adults of all ages throughout the state. This is especially critical as Ohio's economy has more opportunities than ever for a skilled workforce to meet the growing demand all over Ohio," said Ohio Department of Higher Education Chancellor Randy Gardner.

"It seems like every day I value even more that our state's 51 Ohio Technical Centers serve as pathways for adults to quality employment. In addition, many programs are free or low-cost options equipping them with the skills they need to enter a career or to further their postsecondary education," Gardner said.



**The "Fast Track" Campaign will raise awareness of the various programs available throughout the state, including at Tri-Rivers. These include workforce training programs that award industry credentials, licenses, or certifications. They also provide a direct pathway to employment.**

Ohio's Adult Diploma Program is available through the Ohio Technical Centers. It provides free job training for adults aged 20 and above to simultaneously earn a high school diploma and industry credentials.

"Our Adult Education programs at Tri-Rivers have been built through active partnerships with local employers to ensure they get what they need from their local workforce," said Dr. Charles Speelman, superintendent for Tri-Rivers.

"Through strong partnerships with local business and industry, Tri-Rivers-Adult Education continues to meet the workforce demands of the moment by responding rapidly through customized training programs and other services for adults," said Dr. Speelman.

All Ohio Technical Centers programs are approved by the Ohio Department of Higher Education, national accrediting agencies, and specific third-party credentials. In 2021, the Ohio Department of Higher Education reported that 90% of adult students completing a technical program found employment.

## ABOUT OHIO TECHNICAL CENTERS

Ohio Technical Centers (OTCs), a division of the Ohio Association of Career-Technical Superintendents, are an association of 51 independently operated career technical centers offering educational programs to adults specific to local needs, improving the job skills and professional competencies of Ohio's workforce.

These Centers close the gap between urgent, in-demand workplace expectations and worker marketability through accredited programs in skilled trades and credentialed careers and ongoing interaction with local employers.

**Tri-Rivers Adult Center offers adult students quality full-time and part-time programs, including LPN to RN, PN (LPN Training Program), Patient Care Technician, Paramedicine, EMT, Welding, Industrial Maintenance, Robotics Training (FANUC, Yaskawa Motoman, Universal), Precision Machining, Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs), Hydraulics, the Adult Diploma Program and more. Visit [tririvers.com](http://tririvers.com), [ramtecoho.com](http://ramtecoho.com) and [tririversnursing.com](http://tririversnursing.com) for details. Call 740-389-4682 for health care programs and 740-389-8590 for skilled trades programs.**

To learn more about all the Ohio Technical Centers (OTCs) visit [ohiotechnicalcenters.com](http://ohiotechnicalcenters.com)



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## Our Mission:

Educate students in an engaging environment for tomorrow's opportunities in the workforce and community.

## Our Promise:

Tri-Rivers promises to provide high quality, efficient technical education with fiscal responsibility, academic accountability and technical advancement.

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**Check out Tri-Rivers new sign! Our old sign served us well for many years, but it was time to update to a modern digital sign to match our updated state-of-the-art high school and adult education programs.**

**Our new sign will keep you up to date on high school and adult programs/classes, events, student awards, photos & more!**

**If you haven't seen it yet, drive by and take a look!**



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#TRCCYouBelongHere



## Community Service Day

The purpose of Tri-Rivers Community Service Day "was to teach students to always give back to their communities and to serve others in making a difference," according to Principal Chris Solis.

Students gave back by providing community service either at their associate schools or in a variety of areas in Marion, Morrow and Union counties.

The event was held during Community Service Week and Earth Day.

TRCC students helped clean parks, paint, mulch, landscape, and complete a variety of other service projects at schools, parks, baseball fields, fairgrounds and more.

**Tri-Rivers students  
work hard, play hard  
and give back!**



## Tri-Rivers Events

**2022**

**August 16**  
First Day of School  
Welcome Students!

**August 17**  
Board Meeting  
6:30pm in Room 104

**September 5**  
Labor Day  
No School

**September 8**  
Popcorn Festival Parade  
Watch for our float!

**September 9**  
Professional Development Day  
No School

**September 21**  
Board Meeting  
6:30pm in Room 104

**September 22 & 27**  
Parent Teacher Conferences  
3:30-6:30pm

**September 23-Nov. 4**  
8th Grade Tours  
Area 8th graders tour TRCC

**September 29**  
Transition Fair  
5:30-7:30pm  
Sessions include:  
Accommodations in  
College (Disability Services);  
Estate Planning & more  
Details in this newsletter

**October 14**  
COTA Day  
No School

**October 18**  
Made in Marion Expo  
Marion Fairgrounds  
Coliseum  
TRCC will be there!

**October 19**  
Board Meeting  
6:30pm in Room 104

**October 20**  
Advisory Committee  
Meetings  
5:30-7pm

**November 15 & 16**  
Exploring Careers Days

**November 16**  
Board Meeting  
6:30pm in Room 104

**November 23-25**  
Thanksgiving Break  
No School  
(Nov. 23 is make-up day for  
conference, if needed)

**December 16**  
Records Day  
No School For Students:  
Staff in Attendance

**December 19-30**  
Holiday Break  
No School





**Dr. Charles A. Speelman**  
Superintendent  
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## A Word From Your Superintendent

### Looking back, moving forward

As we reflect on a record-setting year involving our high school and adult students, we have also been working and planning for another **AMAZING** year at Tri-Rivers Career Center.

Preparing students for life continues to be our top priority. Last year's high school students earned more credentials and certifications across all of our career fields than any class in the history of the school district. Our award-winning adult health care and industrial-based training programs continue to grow and help support our local economies with a trained workforce. We will continue to work diligently to provide a quality education to every student, every day, in a safe and engaging environment.

Our hard working educators deserve recognition for leading our students to success over the last several years under very difficult circumstances. In addition, our classified staff stepped up and held everything together in an amazing way and for that I am grateful. Hiring new staff members as our programs grow can be very difficult in a time where there is a nationwide teacher shortage, but the word is out that TRCC is a great place to work and learn. As a result, we are able to begin the year with all of our positions filled with outstanding educators.

As Superintendent, there is no better feeling to be working with a dedicated staff that's excited for the upcoming school year. As I start my 16th year in this role the excitement and pride I have for our students and staff has never been higher. We will begin the year with the highest enrollment of my time at TRCC and most of our programs are at or near capacity as students and parents are seeing the value of a Career Tech education in today's world.

Sincerely,  
Charles A. Speelman, Ed.D.

## At look at TRCC high school and adult graduations, recognitions in photos



Tri-Rivers. A School Where  
You are **ALLOWED**  
to, **INSPIRED** to, and  
**EXPECTED** to be

*Be Amazing!*

## Good News from the TRCC Treasurer's Office

By Tammi Cowell, Treasurer/CFO

Good News! Tri-Rivers Career Center finished the fiscal year, which ended June 30, 2022, in a strong financial position—all funds remained within budget and ended with positive balances. We continue to be good stewards of your tax dollars with a watchful eye on spending.

We were able to add to our carryover balance, which will help us provide resources for future educational and operational needs within the District such as the cafeteria and culinary arts lab renovation project that had to be delayed due to supply chain and labor shortage issues this past school year.

We wisely budgeted our GEER (Governor's Emergency Education Relief) funds to maximize those dollars for the greatest benefits to our students during the 2021-2022 school year. The remainder of those funds will be spent in FY23 assisting students with additional academic help due to loss of learning because of the pandemic as well as social and emotional needs and addressing positive behavior models.

Thank you so much to the communities we serve for your continued support of Tri-Rivers Career Center! We appreciate YOU!!!



It's not only corporations that run Workplace Campaigns on behalf of United Way of North Central Ohio - schools, local government, and other nonprofits participate as well. Tri-Rivers was recognized as a top campaign supporter and a fantastic #BoldGoal community partner!

Great job Tri-Rivers' staff! Supporting United Way supports kids! Thanks to our CFO/Treasurer Tammi Cowell, center, for representing TRCC. #TRCCGivingBack #TRCCAmazing

## Transitions Fair September 29, 2022

Join us for the 2022 Transition Fair, Sept. 29, 2022 at Tri-Rivers. Breakout sessions include: Accommodations in College (Disability Services), Estate Planning and more! Reps from OOD, Area County Boards of DD, colleges, universities, local business will be there. Questions, contact jbando@tririvers.com Details on flyer. Please RSVP—Scan QR code on flyer.

Tri-Rivers Career Center  
presents the

### 2022 Transition Fair

September 29, 2022  
@ 5:30-7:30pm  
at Tri-Rivers Career Center  
2222 Marion-Mt. Gilead Rd, Marion, OH 43302

#### Breakout Sessions:

- Accommodations in College (Disability Services)
- Jen Montag, Marion Technical College
- Estate Planning

Representatives from a variety of agencies will be available to share information:  
OOD, Area County Boards of DD, colleges, universities, local businesses and other local services.

For more information, contact:  
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Please RSVP by scanning the QR code below or by emailing Mrs. Bando



Co-Sponsored by these schools:  
Eglin, Marion Harding, Pleasant, River Valley, Ridgedale, North Union, Mt. Gilead, Cardington and Highland.



## Watch for Tri-Rivers "Minute Tech Tips"

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page and  
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24/7.

Tri-Rivers Career Center  
June 30

Today's Tri-Rivers "Minute Tech Tip" comes from Automotive Technology's Instructor Mr. Lucas Bledsoe. #TRCCTechTip



## Signing Day 2022 celebrated Seniors achieving their "E"

Signing Day 2022 celebrated our Seniors who achieved their "E." They were **ENROLLED** in college, apprenticeships, etc; **EMPLOYED** and/or **ENLISTED** in the military. They were recognized by TRCC administrators, future employers, representatives from colleges and the military. Each student who achieved their "E" received a congratulatory letter from the Lt. Governor's office and **CANDO!**, as well and certificates of accomplishment from TRCC.



## Thank you to our retirees for their service, dedication



Superintendent Speelman with Richard George

Colleagues, friends and family gathered in May to celebrate the retirements of three **AMAZING** individuals!

#### Years of Service to Tri-Rivers:

- Richard George, Adult Director, 31 years
- Julie Myers, English Instructor, 15 years
- Kathy Greenwood, Science Instructor, 9 years

All three of the retirees had additional years of service in education and the workplace prior to joining the Tri-Rivers Family.

We congratulate them on their retirements and wish them the very best in their new adventures!



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