



Alex Johnson, Ph.D.
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As president of Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C), Dr. Alex Johnson focuses on strengthening the college's 50-year mission of providing high-quality, accessible and affordable educational opportunities and services.

Since becoming president in July 2013, he has instituted programs to strengthen access, equity, success and completion for the nearly 51,000 credit and non-credit students each year who attend Tri-C locations. His recent book, *Change the Lapel Pin. Personalizing Leadership to Transform Organizations and Communities*, based on more than 25 years of experience as a college president, provides insights on how leaders at all levels can improve their chances for success.

Prior to coming to Ohio's largest community college, Dr. Johnson served as president of the Community College of Allegheny County, a multi-campus college in and around Pittsburgh. He served a two-year term as president of the Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges and was on the Governor's Advisory Commission on Postsecondary Education. He was previously chancellor of Delgado Community College in New Orleans and president of Tri-C's Metropolitan Campus.

Dr. Johnson currently serves on local boards such as the United Way of Greater Cleveland, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, Playhouse Square, Manufacturing Advocacy and Growth Network (MAGNET), Team Northeast Ohio, the Greater Cleveland Partnership, Downtown Cleveland Alliance, and Job Ohio's Cleveland Area Business Retention and Expansion Council.

Nationally, he is the Chair of the Board for Achieving the Dream (ATD) and the past Board Chair of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). In addition, Dr. Johnson was a founding member of AACC's Voluntary Framework on Accountability Steering Committee and a member of the organization's 21st Century Commission on the Future of Community Colleges and co-chair of the Implementation Committee for the Commission's report *Reclaiming the American Dream*. He also serves on boards of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), The League for Innovation in the Community College, and the President's Advisory Committee of Phi Theta Kappa.

He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors including the Malden Mills Citizen's Award, The Frank G. Jackson Visionary Award, the Pittsburgh Business Times CEO of the Year, the Simon Green Atkins Distinguished Alumnus Award from Winston-Salem State University, the Black Professional of the Year, and the Association of Community College Trustees 2018 Central Region CEO of the Year.

Dr. Johnson earned a doctorate from the Pennsylvania State University, a master's degree from Lehman College, and a bachelor's degree from Winston-Salem State University. He is the recipient of two honorary degrees.