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Sharon Jackson of Early Steps Learning Center Joins Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Program

Richmond Heights, OH (May 26, 2015) – Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) welcomed Sharon Jackson, CFO and Business Manager of Early Steps Learning Center and other Cleveland area small business owners to the Goldman Sachs *10,000 Small Businesses* program. “I feel honored to be recognized and am looking forward to starting the program,” stated Ms. Jackson.

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.

The business owners who enrolled represent a wide variety of industries and businesses including manufacturing, catering, marketing, IT services and more. They spend 14 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. The program culminates with each participant developing a strategic growth plan for their business.

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, the Urban League of Greater Cleveland, and Growth Capital Corporation. 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.

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