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Boldyreff was honorably discharged in August 1974 in Los Angeles. He also attended Coastal Carolina Community College, DeAnza College and the University of West Florida, where he earned a B.S. and M.S. in Cellular and Molecular Biology.

In 1983, Boldyreff began teaching biology, chemistry and physics at Century High School and worked for the Escambia County School District in Florida for 18 years. He was also an adjunct instructor at Pensacola Junior College. Boldyreff came to Tri-C in 2001.

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She is a fan of the Guardians, Dodgers and Cavaliers. She volunteers with the Cleveland Metroparks and can often be found hiking very slowly, taking pictures of every flower and insect.

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