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### **Sinclair Staff and Students Collect Honor and Scholarships**

Dayton, Ohio – A Sinclair Community College counselor and two students were recently recognized with an honor and scholarships respectively by the Ohio Cooperative Education Association (OCEA) at its 2007 state-wide conference held in Dayton.

Sheila Suel, Coordinator of the Business and Liberal Arts Coop/Internship Program, was awarded a lifetime service award by OCEA. She has been an active member of the organization since 1982, serving on its executive board for eight years as treasurer, secretary, conference chair and Two-Year College chair. In addition, Suel has been a member of the Miami Valley Human Resource Association since 1987, serving on its executive board for five years and as president in 1994 and 1995.

Suel will retire in June after 27 years in the cooperative education, internship and career services field. She joined Sinclair in 1993 and estimates that she has worked with over 6,000 intern and co-op students during her career, approximately 4,000 while at Sinclair. She said that “contributing to the success of non-traditional students has brought me the most satisfaction along with teaching career planning courses.”

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OCEA awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Consuela Hookfin, a Sinclair business management major who is a co-op employee at Wright-Patterson AFB in the Diversity Office of Civilian Personnel. Hoofkin is very active in the local community and has earned numerous awards for her work in diversity, including the *Diversity Spotlight Award* from the Miami Valley Human Resource Association in 2007. She will complete her associate's degree in business management in June 2008 and plans to continue working toward a bachelor's degree in human resources.

OCEA awarded a \$500 scholarship to Karen Tucker, a Sinclair accounting major who has been a co-op employee in the controller's office at Delphi's Needmore Ave. plant for the past two years. She will continue as a participant in the selective Delphi Summer Internship Program. Tucker recently received the prestigious Financial Executive International academic recognition award. She is working towards a bachelor's degree in forensic accounting through Franklin University Online.

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