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FOR THE FUTURE



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Built for growth

By any standard, Sinclair Community College is one of the top community colleges in the nation. In this report, you will find facts and figures that prove Sinclair measures up in terms of quality educational opportunities, academic and athletic achievements, and student services.

We've accomplished this success thanks to a combination of future-focused leadership provided by strong board direction, outstanding faculty and staff commitment, and, of course, an incredibly supportive community.

Sinclair plays an important role in the eight-county region we serve. The educational opportunities and significant return on investment we provide help to ensure the viability of this area. We take this responsibility seriously. Moving into the future, look for us to take bold leadership steps as we continue to fulfill our mission of providing the highest quality, most accessible education.

Long-standing commitment to student success

We are success. We are Sinclair.

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Sinclair Community College was created to provide the highest quality education at affordable rates and in the most accessible ways. Helping our students achieve their fullest potential requires a commitment to support them in reaching their educational goals.

The college has a long-standing commitment to student success. We are striving to improve student retention through the following initiatives during the 2008-09 academic year:

- Focus on the experiences of minority students
- Expand services to transfer students

- Expand online course offerings
- Collaborate with other regional institutions to expand course and degree offerings in underserved communities

Sinclair remains dedicated to ensuring our students achieve success.



The Tartan Pride baseball team placed second in its conference last season.

Sinclair issued 15 percent more associate degrees in 2008 due to a new streamlined graduation process.

Sinclair's men's basketball team ranks 11th in the nation.

Community College Week ranked Sinclair 74th on its list of Top 100 Associate Degree Producers in the nation.

Students served through the Student Success Plan Program have consistently completed classes at greater rates (61%) than students who qualified but didn't participate (47%).

The Surgical Technology Program is ranked 12th in the nation.

Sinclair's healthcare students consistently perform better on credentialing exams than the national and state rates.

Sinclair's Life & Health Sciences Division was ranked 24th in the nation in Associate Degree Producers by *Community College Week*.

Sinclair is ranked 30th in the nation in Two-year College Associate Degree Producers in Communication, Journalism and related programs.



Reliable workforce development and leadership

Finding the need

Sinclair ensures that its academic programs are well aligned with the current and emerging workforce needs of the region.

We play an important role in the workforce development and economic development initiatives of the region and the state. For example, Sinclair is serving as the coordinator for Ohio Skills Bank Region 4, an employer-driven program to develop career pathways.



Sinclair will continue to cultivate long-term relationships with area businesses. Our connections to the employers in Montgomery County guarantee that we offer programs for their employees in the most needed fields. Beyond the Dayton region, we maintain strong partnerships with suppliers like Oracle and CISCO to ensure that we have the most up-to-date offerings for such clients.

We will continue to be recognized as the market leader in providing information technology training and professional certifications.

Sinclair was selected as the 2008-09 regional coordinator for Ohio Skills Bank for Region 4.

Sinclair was named cochair of the Workforce and Support Services Committee of the GM Regional Taskforce.

Sinclair hosts the National Center for Manufacturing Education, a National Science Foundation "Center of Excellence."

Ninety-five percent of Sinclair's automotive graduates have secured jobs in the Dayton area.

Sinclair serves as the statewide coordinator for Project Lead the Way and for the Ford Partnership for Advanced Studies.

With the only flight dispatcher school in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan, Sinclair flight dispatch graduates have a 100 percent pass rate on the FAA dispatcher exam.

Sinclair produces more public safety graduates than any other regional two- or four-year college or university.





Enduring downtown campus development

Committed to Dayton

Sinclair has been in downtown Dayton since our humble beginnings as the YMCA College. Our commitment to Dayton and the region is stronger than ever as evidenced by our recent partnership with the Dayton Public Schools. Together with the Dayton Public Schools, Sinclair is expanding its downtown Dayton campus with the building of the Ponitz Career Technology Center, scheduled to open in August 2009.

Our long-range facilities master plan calls for continued state-of-the-art facilities at the downtown campus and minimal deferred maintenance with no debt. Over \$65 million was spent on the downtown campus in the last 10 years, with another \$70 million projected for the next five years.

One recent campus project is our award-winning library. This is just one way the college continually embraces emerging technologies to keep in step with the dynamic needs of students and improve communications.

In an effort to become more efficient and "green," Sinclair is evolving from using paper resources to more electronic ones. And, we are in the midst of developing a long-term energy plan to further reduce energy consumption by 20 percent over the next 10 years.

The Business and Information Services Department has received more than 10 awards for its innovative technology solutions over the past two academic years.

Sinclair was ranked as one of the nation's Top 10 Tech Savvy Community Colleges by the Center for Digital Education and the American Association of Community Colleges.

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Sinclair's Theatre Department performances attracted almost 5,000 patrons in 2008, and the Music Department's on-campus performances attracted 2,600.

Seventeen exhibitions were held in the art galleries in Building 13 during the 2007-08 academic year.

Sinclair is the only Ohio college to produce and use its own biodiesel fuel for grounds keeping.





Balanced regional development

Increasing access to higher education

Students have better access to a Sinclair education than ever before. Even today, the college embodies founder David Sinclair's original mission, "Find the need and endeavor to meet it."

In the past five years, Sinclair has strategically expanded in Montgomery and Warren Counties. Over the next year, a new partnership to promote community college education in Preble County will be developed.

Our Learning Centers in Englewood and Huber Heights, and the Courseview Campus Center continue to grow and serve a large segment of students in the region. And, we will increase teaching capacity at these centers as the need arises.



Distance learning has become a more enticing academic option for Sinclair students. Our 36 percent increase in online enrollment last year has firmed our commitment to providing state-of-the-art tools and making more degree options available online.



Expanded high school linkages

Reaching students early

At Sinclair, we understand that the best way to affect the number of young adults pursuing higher education is to reach out to them early in their decision-making process.

We are intensifying efforts to increase college enrollment by improving communication with high school students. To aid in the enrollment process, we have developed a streamlined administrative system to simultaneously manage programs like the Post-Secondary Enrollment Option, Quick Start and Seniors to Sophomores.

The college is also developing a multi-county recruitment plan which outlines strategies and tactics to positively impact enrollment. To help make this plan successful, our marketing and public relations efforts are targeted at increasing the value our community places on higher education, thereby increasing the number of high school students wanting to attend college.

We know that we are making a difference and will continue to look for opportunities to strengthen this commitment.



The Sinclair-administered Miami Valley Tech Prep Consortium received an Excellence Award from the U.S. Department of Education.

There are currently seven degree and certificate programs available fully online with three additional programs to be added in 2008-09.

Our award-winning Miami Valley Tech Prep Consortium, headquartered at Sinclair, serves over 58 school districts throughout a seven county region.



Enhancing the workplace environment

Employee investments



Across the Dayton region, Sinclair is known as a great place to work. It is a reputation we are proud to own. We understand that it is the work of our 2,400 employees that enables Sinclair to meet the educational needs of our community.

As with many regional employers, Sinclair is thoroughly investigating our healthcare programs to ensure that we are offering the best options that our healthcare dollars can purchase.

In addition to benefits improvements, we are enriching our wellness initiatives to include lifestyle planning and a number of wellness-focused seminars. We strongly believe that our employees are our biggest asset and we want everyone to be healthy in body, spirit and mind.

Sinclair annually invests in professional development to maintain the highest quality workforce delivering the highest quality services to students.



Securing funding for the future

Meeting the need

Sufficient resources are vital to the effective functioning of Sinclair. Our long-range plans include operating and capital budgets that guide the prudent management of our financial resources.

However, we realize that enhancing resources by securing new revenue streams is essential to support Sinclair's mission, vision and goals. The creation of the new Advancement Division consolidates the Sinclair Foundation, Grants and Alumni Affairs offices, and public policy and entrepreneurial efforts to secure new resources for the future.

Sinclair has received more prestigious National Science Foundation grant funds than any other community college in the U.S.

In 2007-08, Sinclair awarded nearly \$38 million in financial assistance to students.

The Sinclair Foundation ranks among the Top 10 for two-year college endowments.

Sinclair's Automotive Technologies Program was recently named "Best in the Nation" by the Automotive Industry Planning Council.

For every \$1 a student invests in Sinclair, he or she will receive a cumulative \$7.50 in higher future earnings over the course of his or her career.



Genuine partnerships serving students

Working together



Sinclair has relied on strong partnerships in the community since its inception. Our ability to leverage those partnerships has resulted in greater regional access and increased opportunities for our students.

We are currently serving on the GM Regional Taskforce along with Montgomery County Commissioner Judy Dodge and Lieutenant Governor Lee Fisher. The taskforce is charged with helping recently displaced workers transition into the "jobs of the future" in Montgomery County.

Our active participation in state and county governments and area school districts helps us identify educational programs that meet employers' and students' needs. Our students then benefit with a Sinclair education that leads to a cutting-edge career.

We know that strengthening regional alliances and connections, such as those with the YMCA and area colleges and universities, helps Sinclair develop breadth, image and scale throughout our service area. We will continue to make this a priority.

