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The future that has been predicted has arrived.

As it has done for 120 years, Sinclair is continuing to readjust and realign to be relevant to changing state and local needs.

We are taking part in new regional networking, new regional partnerships, and new regional organizations that eliminate old territorial boundaries on maps and in our minds. While this is consistent with our effort to provide quality education at an affordable cost, it also means that we are in a strong position to respond positively to Governor Strickland's challenge to "fix higher education" and make Ohio much more competitive in the economy of the next two decades.

Throughout the process of streamlining, reducing, eliminating, or adding, when appropriate, we maintain these Sinclair values in making our decisions:

- Access for students, including traditionally underserved students
- Student Success
- Affordability
- Quality in programs, initiatives, and services
- Effective stewardship of human and financial resources
- Responsiveness to the community and region

We take the Sinclair mission very seriously. If you have an educational or community service need that we can meet, please do not hesitate to contact me at sccmagazine@sinclair.edu.

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Warren County Expansion

Sinclair's New Courseview Campus in Mason



Warren County is about to realize its goal of having its first institution of higher learning. And Tom Raga is the driving force in making it happen.

Before coming to Sinclair as senior director of Regional Strategy and Development in late 2006, Raga served in the Ohio House of Representatives. Among his legislative accomplishments: the creation of a partnership with Sinclair to bring higher education to the citizens of Warren County.

"It makes sense to bring Sinclair to Warren County," says Raga. "Approximately 800 students who attend Sinclair live in the county."

In describing his new position, the Moeller High School and Cornell University graduate says, "About half my time is spent focusing on building and nurturing relationships in Warren County. We expect the Mason campus will have partnerships similar to those already in existence at the Dayton campus."

"We hope to create co-op agreements with other two- and four-year schools," he adds. "We see this campus as being a catalyst for workforce development within the area."

Sinclair Courseview—Right On Track

Warren County has one of the fastest growing populations in Ohio. It is a major corporate center, and home to popular fun destinations such as Kings Island and The Beach. However, it does not have an institution of higher education. Until now.

On Monday, February 19, 2007, ground was broken for the new Sinclair Courseview campus, to be located along the I-75 corridor. The facility is expected to be ready to welcome its first students in the fall of 2007.

"We plan to have a full range of Sinclair course offerings at the new campus," says Raga. "We want to make Sinclair Courseview as much as part of the community in Warren County as the main campus is to Dayton and Montgomery County," he adds.

Sinclair's Courseview campus is expected to welcome approximately 300–500 students in its first few years of operation, with the flexibility to possibly accommodate up to 5,000 students in a decade. ■



Above: Architectural rendering of the new, state-of-the-art Sinclair Courseview campus being built in Warren County.

Sinclair Community College Courseview—Funding Facts

- Facility leased from Tipton Development Corporation
- Operating costs to be paid by state subsidy (40%), Sinclair Courseview tuition and fees (55–60%), and grants and private contributions (5%)
- Sinclair Foundation raising \$1 million from Warren County individuals and businesses for furnishings and equipment



Dr. George H. Sehi, Sinclair's dean of Engineering & Industrial Technologies, has been named executive dean for the development of Sinclair's new Courseview campus located in Mason.

Cheryl Reindl-Johnson, Sinclair's chairperson of Business Information Technology, has been named associate dean for Curriculum and Operations for Sinclair Courseview.



Sinclair Online Learning

Plugged Into Students' Schedules

Think about how you use the Internet

■ If you're like most people, you go online to send and receive mail from friends, family and co-workers. Check on the latest news, sports scores and weather forecasts. Make travel plans. Do research. Go shopping. Entertain yourself.

The Internet is also a means to further your education.

Sinclair Community College offers web-based learning opportunities that make it possible for you to earn a degree right from your computer, when it's most convenient for you.

History lesson

"Sinclair has offered distance learning since 1979," according to Nancy Thibeault, Sinclair's director of Distance Learning and Instructional Support. "It has evolved over the years, first starting as TV Sinclair broadcast on Channel 19, then to videotapes."

"In 1992, Sinclair established the Electronic College, communicating with students via modem with basic e-mail and text."

"In 1996, Sinclair offered 24 online courses and 90 telecourses, with approximately 8,000

students enrolled each year," says Thibeault. "Contrast that with the situation ten years later. By 2006, videocourses were being phased out, moving totally toward online course offerings. That year, we offered 200 online courses, and perhaps 20–30 video courses. Overall, we had 17,000 enrollments in online courses that year."

"This spring quarter, we had 2,817 enrollments the first week."

Sinclair isn't the only college in Ohio to experience rapid increase in online courses. According to a recent study by the Ohio Learning Network, approximately 42,000 individuals took at least one online class at an Ohio public university or community college in 2005, a 13 percent increase over the previous year. In addition, nearly 22,000 students participated in online classes at private colleges within Ohio.

Online learning fits busy schedules

Long distance learning is nothing new, but the Internet has made the experience better, according to Kate Carey, executive director of the Ohio Learning Network, part of the Ohio

Top: Technology helps students stay connected on campus as well as off campus. Right: Sinclair Online student Bryan Hall makes the most of the flexible schedules.

Board of Regents, which oversees higher education in the state.

"The technology gives you the flexibility that was missing with classes taken through the mail or on tapes," says Carey. "That's what I think is making the numbers jump."

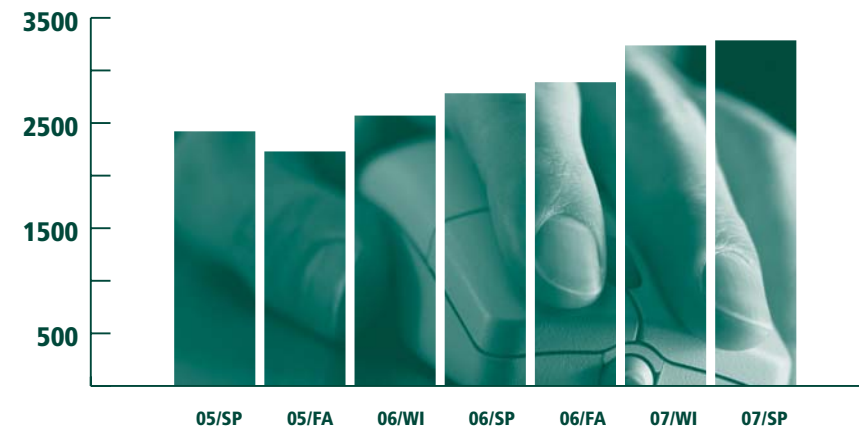
Individuals at colleges throughout the state have other explanations as to the increasing enrollment in online learning programs within Ohio. "These are people who are working all day and they're also balancing their family life as well," according to Sherry Mercurio of Franklin University, a private school in Columbus.

Sinclair's Nancy Thibeault concurs. "Online learning is ideal for those who can't commit to a traditional class schedule. It's very flexible. A student can do course work when it fits his or her schedule. That makes it ideal for parents."

For all those reasons, online learning is tailor-made for Sinclair student Bryan Hall. The Huber Heights resident works at an air separation facility on 12 hour-a-day shifts, four days on, four days off, rotating.



THE NUMBER OF SINCLAIR ONLINE STUDENTS HAS GROWN STEADILY EACH YEAR



"Having a full-time shift job and a family makes it difficult for me to attend classes on campus," according to Hall. "Online learning gives me a way to achieve my goals in a reasonable time."

"Sinclair's distance learning works really well for me," says Bryan. "It's a fabulous thing."

Perfect for parents

Sinclair Online student Brandi Courson is the mother of a two-and-a-half-year-old daughter, yet is able to take 15–17 credit hours per quarter online, "a full load and then some," as she describes it. "I can work while my daughter naps or is at play time. The flexibility is unbeatable."

Yet another mother who is also an online student at Sinclair, Viola Stephens, says, "It's incredibly flexible. My daughter is in school, so we make plans to do our homework together. That teaches her the importance of setting aside time for study."

Bryan Hall adds, "I think it's great for my three daughters to see me doing this. It lets them know that education is important."

Additional benefits of online learning

There are more pluses to taking Sinclair courses online. "For students who feel they normally don't

have a voice in the traditional classroom, they have an opportunity to respond online," according to Thibeault. "Online learning is ideal for students of all ages, especially those who have not been in a classroom in years. It provides a more accommodating learning environment for students returning after a number of years."

"I tend to be quiet and reserved," says Bryan Hall. "The online discussion forums suit me better. I feel more comfortable sharing my views. In fact, I think there's a better exchange of ideas online than in a traditional classroom."

While most Sinclair Online students live within the school's traditional service area of Dayton and Montgomery County, individuals from anywhere in the country can experience the quality education and student-focused instruction that has made Sinclair Community College a leading two-year institution of higher learning in the nation.

Brandi Courson is putting the "distance" aspect of distance learning to an extreme test. She is in the process of moving to Georgia. Thanks to Sinclair's online learning, she can keep up with her course work, whether she's in the Dayton area, or down near Savannah.

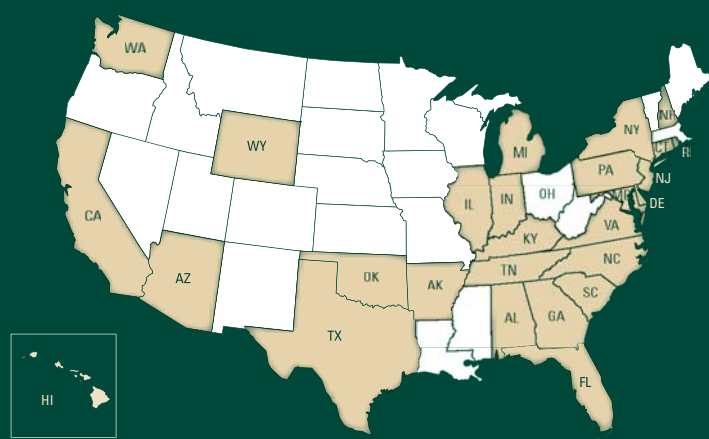
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—Sinclair Online student Bryan Hall

■ Sinclair's Online Students are spread across the United States and even worldwide!



SINCLAIR'S ONLINE STUDENTS BY STATE (SUMMER 06–SPRING 07)

AK 2	GA 4	NC 5	RI 2
AL 4	HI 1	NH 1	SC 1
AZ 3	IL 2	NJ 3	TN 2
CA 2	IN 10	NY 2	TX 2
CT 2	KY 4	OH 245	VA 6
DE 1	MD 2	OK 3	WA 1
FL 1	MI 5	PA 1	WY 1



Sinclair Online students live all across the United States and even as far away as Japan, South Korea and Australia.

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“Going the distance” works in other ways as well. “I’m aware of students in some of my classes who take a course at Sinclair who live far away, and are meeting a specific requirement,” says Sinclair Online student Jennifer Endsley. “What’s more, if you’re an online student, you can take classes while on vacation, on a business trip, or if a family member is ill.”

Wide range of courses, all with high standards

Sinclair offers a full range of online learning options, including university parallel programs that allow students to earn an associate degree



online from Sinclair, then transfer to a four-year institution of higher learning. For Sinclair Online students who wish to continue this method of study, they may transfer to other online degree programs at Franklin University, University of Toledo, University of Cincinnati, and others.

Sinclair’s online learning also incorporates certificate programs that result in a two-year degree, as well as a number of short-term certificate programs that help individuals enhance their career skills. These include Business Operations Systems Support, Call Center, Medical Office Coding, and Software Applications for the Professional.

“Our challenge here at Sinclair is how do we maintain quality education while continuing to serve increasing numbers of students,” says Thibeault. “Best practices dictate small class sizes,” she adds. “Students need to feel part of the class, and to have interaction with their instructors and fellow students using online discussion forums and group projects.”

With that in mind, online course enrollments are kept small, with most classes having twenty students or fewer.

When asked about the proliferation of online learning options that are being heavily promoted by other providers, Thibeault responds, “We have the Sinclair brand: Small class sizes, student focus, competitive pricing, and a reputation for providing a quality education at an affordable price that goes back more than a century.”

Student Jennifer Endsley speaks from experience, having considered online learning from an out-of-state provider. “Some other schools

require a signed, long-term contract. One school required a payment of \$27,000 a year, and would not accept any of the credits I had earned elsewhere. They were very aggressive in their selling techniques.” she says.

Is online learning for you?

Despite its advantages, and its booming popularity, Sinclair online learning is not necessarily the best option for all students. “Self-discipline and time management skills are critically important,” says Thibeault. “Some folks need the structure and imposed discipline of a traditional classroom environment.”

Sinclair Online student Viola Stephens agrees: “It’s more challenging. It requires you to stay focused and on top of your assignments, without the reminders you get in a typical class.”

“You also must be computer literate, and completely comfortable with being online, downloading and saving files, and all that.”

Brandi Courson adds, “You can’t be a procrastinator. You have to plan out your schedule, pace yourself.”

Would-be students can take an online quiz at www.sinclair.edu/academics/dis/OverviewofDistanceLearning/IsDistanceLearningforMe/index.cfm to see if online learning is the right choice for them.

Says Sinclair Online student Bryan Hall, “If a person is motivated and driven, I’d recommend online learning highly.”

For more information about online learning call (937) 512-2990, e-mail: distance@sinclair.edu or visit our web site at www.sinclair.edu/academics/dis/index.cfm. ■



Sinclair Named Among Top Digital Community Colleges

■ Sinclair Community College was named among the top 10 “tech-savvy community colleges” for 2007 named by the Center for Digital Education and the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). The ranking was established based on the third national Digital Community Colleges Survey, which examined how colleges are deploying technology to streamline operations and better serve students, faculty and staff.

Nearly 200 community colleges across the country participated in the survey. Colleges were grouped into three categories based on student enrollment: small (less than 3,000 students), mid-sized (between 3,000 and 7,500 students) and large (more than 7,500 students). Sinclair, with approximately 23,000 students, placed seventh in the large community college category. It was the only Ohio two-year college named in any category.

The survey is sponsored by Alcatel-Lucent. For a complete list of winners, visit the Center for Digital Education web site (www.centerdigitaled.com).

“This recognition, along with several other national awards we have received in recent years from Macromedia, ACUTA (Association for Communications Technology Professionals in Higher Education), and EDUCAUSE, is another indicator of the quality digital technology we strive to provide,” said Dr. Kenneth Moore, Sinclair senior vice president and chief information officer. “I could not be prouder of our Information Technology staff. Although it is a technology award, the whole intent of our IT systems is simply to deliver superior service to Sinclair students, faculty, staff and visitors.”

For more information on the Digital Community Colleges Survey, contact Janet Grenslitt, at (916) 932-1363 or jgrenslitt@centerdigitaled.com. For more information about Sinclair’s digital technology, contact Ken Moore at (937) 512-3107 or kenneth.moore@sinclair.edu. ■



Meet Sinclair Online Student Jennifer Endsley

■ One look at Jennifer Endsley’s life and it’s easy to see why she values Sinclair web-based learning.

The Bellbrook resident has six children: four in school and two at home. On many days, she takes care of other children in the neighborhood as well. Her school-age kids keep her on the go with soccer and other activities. And her husband travels for business.

Endsley’s mother faced similar challenges when she tried to go college with six children at home. “I was a junior in high school, and I remember her frustration that she didn’t have anyone to talk to about what was discussed in class or her homework,” according to the Sinclair student who is studying business management. “She quit after one semester.”

Endsley contrasts her mom’s situation with her own: “I love Sinclair Online because I can easily communicate with my professors and my fellow students.”

“More and more of the online classes have videos which are very interesting and compelling,” Endsley adds. “They show things you wouldn’t see in the classroom.”

Endsley has explored other online learning options. “The cost of Sinclair Online learning is far less than other institutions. Plus, you don’t have to worry about gas, parking, hiring a baby-sitter or the other costs associated with going to class on campus.”

“My daughter will be going to Sinclair and plans to take courses online. In fact, we plan to take a course together!” ■



The Many Faces of Ron Adams



Ron Adams is definitely on a roll.

■ The Sinclair graduate is a lieutenant of operations for the campus police department. He is also a past president of the Sinclair Alumni Association, and received the Alumni Association Service Award in 1995. At Sinclair's Breakfast with Santa, he played Kris Kringle for over twenty years.

If all that weren't enough, now Ron Adams is making headlines away from the Sinclair campus. He was named the nation's top mixed pairs bowler by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC).

"Last fall, I got a letter from the USBC, saying that I had the highest mixed doubles scores in the 2005–2006 season," says Adams. He and his doubles partner Jane Bloom bowled a combined

score of 1,557 (scratch) in a tournament in October 2005. (Adams bowled a 772 series, while Bloom scored a 785.)

Adams got started in bowling at age ten. "My friends talked me into it, and my parents supported it," according to Adams. He's remained active in the sport all these years, bowling three times a week in three separate leagues. He has also competed in the Ohio Police and Fire Olympic Games, and placed second in the Bowl for Cancer fundraising event.

A graduate of Xenia High School, Adams first came to Sinclair as a student in 1982, working as a student employee of what was then the campus security department. He joined the staff full time in 1984, and has risen through the ranks, being named lieutenant in 2003, where he supervises fifteen officers, two sergeants, and a half-dozen student workers.

In 2001, Adams graduated from the Law Enforcement Foundation's Police Executive Leadership College. Two years later, he completed training at the Executive Development Training Institute, sponsored by the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators.

Considering his long-time commitment to law enforcement, it may come as a surprise to learn that Ron Adams had a different career goal in mind when he first came to Sinclair. "Originally, I had thought of being an accountant," he says. "My mom worked in the Dayton Police Department, and suggested law enforcement as a career for me."

Adams' involvement with Sinclair goes far beyond his police work. He taught at Sinclair for fifteen years, as an instructor in the police academy, as well as a bowling instructor. In addition, he has been active in working with the Sinclair Alumni Association, serving as its vice-president and president. For his contributions to the school and its graduates, Adams was presented with the Sinclair Alumni Association Service Award in 1995.

Perhaps Adams's most widely known contribution to the school and to the community was in his role as Santa Claus in the annual Breakfast with Santa event which brightened the lives of thousands of children for over two decades. "Kids who sit on your lap tell you everything," discloses Adams.

Ron Adams is definitely on a roll. However, he wears his many accomplishments with quiet pride. "Sinclair has treated me very well over the years," Adams says. "I really love it here." ■

Lifelong Learning

Learning for Every Age & Stage of Life

This is not your grandparents' retirement.

■ Instead of shuffling off to the shuffleboard court, individuals are remaining active longer. Even after retiring from one job, many folks want to start a new career venture, or use this newfound time to explore new learning opportunities and experience things they hadn't before. In addition, many want to stay connected to their communities and families through various activities they can participate in with others of all ages.

That's the idea behind Sinclair's College for Seniors. Since 1981, this program has allowed individuals to audit classes without charge at the main campus, as well as at two dozen off-campus facilities in the Dayton area, located in local schools, retirement centers, and at the Englewood and Huber Heights Learning Centers.

College for Seniors offers nearly sixty courses each quarter. "Among our most popular courses are Introduction to PC, PhotoShop, from the basic class to 'Masters' level, historical topics, and Writing About Your Life and Times," according to Anne Holaday, coordinator for College for Seniors. "There are also painting courses, literature classes, and a variety of dance courses for every taste, from Traditional Ballroom, to what we call Soulful Line Dance."

"Based on student feedback, we're expanding

our course offerings as well. For instance, we've now offered a coffee tasting course in conjunction with Starbucks, and coming up in the spring, we have separate beer and wine tasting courses, as well as a Travel Preview."

To ensure that courses meet the needs of a diverse range of students, there is an active advisory board, comprised of members in the community, who work together on curriculum, speakers for the community, marketing ideas, and more.

"Approximately 2,200 students, or ten percent of Sinclair's total enrollment, audited courses here at Sinclair winter quarter," says Holaday. "As long as there's space available during the late registration period, a student may audit a class tuition free."

To prove the point that retirees are more active than ever, and that College for Seniors is doing what it can to keep up with ever-changing needs, last summer eight students who were one hundred years old or better participated in programs as diverse as Painting and Advanced Aerobic Conditioning. Eighty-four students were in their nineties.

Seeking a workout for your body and your brain? Want to connect with friends and family? College for Seniors is for you. For more information call Anne Holaday at (937) 512-5184, or visit www.sinclair.edu. ■



College for Seniors' Student Malvina Anderson

■ Most folks who take a cruise bring back snapshots and stories. Malvina Anderson rekindled a lifelong love of learning by enrolling in her first class as part of the College for Seniors program at Sinclair Community College.

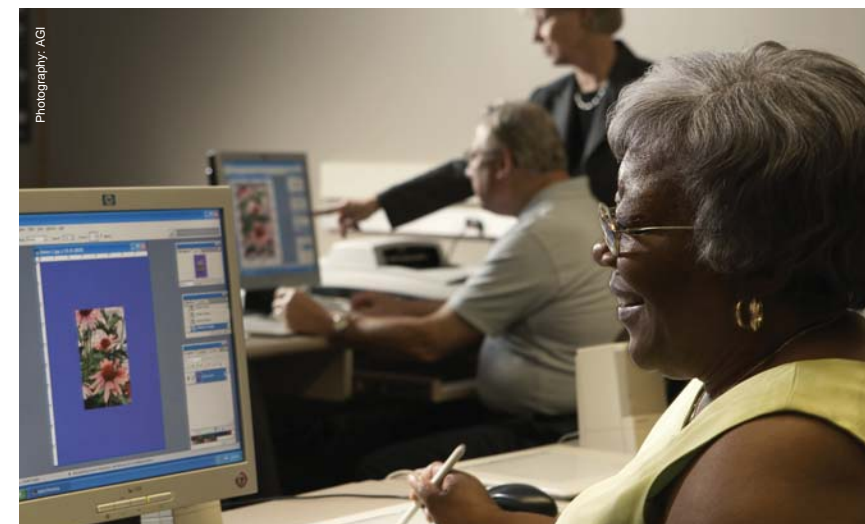
"I went on a cruise to Alaska," says the Englewood resident, a native of New Jersey. "All along the way, we learned about Alaska and its history. It made me realize that I knew nothing about Ohio. So, when I returned, I enrolled in an Ohio history class at Sinclair."

That was a dozen years ago. Since then, Anderson has enrolled in at least one class per quarter in the College for Seniors. "I've taken just about every history class I can get my hands on," says the retired registered nurse, who worked as a psychiatric social worker. "Right now, I'm taking 20th Century Dictators in Vandalia."

Anderson has not limited herself to the role of student. She has been actively involved in developing courses for the College for Seniors as well. "Right now we're working on a one-day program that would involve a tour of a Dayton Water Works facility, along with lunch. We've also had one-day courses in coffee tasting at the Boonshoft Museum, and a rehearsal of the Dayton Opera, with dinner." ■

Play the Name Game!

Got a name in mind? It should convey the mission of the College for Seniors, both current and future programs; be appropriate for adults of all ages; be suitable for the college environment; and not duplicate a name for a program similar in nature that already exists in the area. Call the College for Seniors office at (937) 512-2372 or e-mail it to Patricia.Holaday@sinclair.edu.



Dora Hardrick and Ron Wysong explore their artistic side in a computer class for seniors. The small class sizes maximize one-on-one time between the students and the instructor, allowing each student to work at their own pace.

College Communique

■ Awards

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The Community College Futures Assembly awarded **Sinclair** a 2007 Bellwether Award for its Student Success Plan. The awards recognize “outstanding and innovative community college programs.”

The American Dietetic Association’s Diversity Committee awarded **Sinclair** its 2006 Diversity Promotion Grant, awarded to dietetics education programs that implement minority recruitment and retention projects.

Sinclair’s **Surgical Technology** program was ranked among the top ten in the nation, based on recent exam results from the Accreditation Review Committee on Education in Surgical Technology.

Sinclair’s **Public Relations** office won a Bronze Medallion in the Media Success Story category at the National Conference of Marketing and Public Relation’s annual District III conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Sinclair’s **Theatre and Dance** department has been selected to remount its production of *Footfalls* at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. Directed by Sinclair Theatre faculty member Brian McKnight, the production was chosen from 50 entries in a five-state area that includes both two and four-year colleges and universities.

Dr. Lori E. Zakel, Sinclair professor and chairperson of Communication Arts, has been awarded the 2007 International Exemplary Leader Award from the Chair Academy, an organization

committed to exemplifying the best practices of organizational leadership worldwide.

Dr. Saundra K. Schuster, General Counsel for Sinclair and an assistant attorney general for the State of Ohio, has received the Distinguished Service Award from the Association for Student Judicial Affairs (ASJA). The award recognizes “an individual’s



Dr. Saundra Schuster

exceptional performance over time in service to the Association for Student Judicial Affairs.”

Gina Neuerer, assistant professor of Theatre and Dance, **Anitra Terrell**, assistant professor of Marketing, and **Barbara Wallace**, professor and chairperson of the Health Information Management program, have been recognized in *Ohio Magazine’s* 2006 Excellence in Education edition.

Two Sinclair students, **Sheila Filler** and **Archy Wiseman**, recently received honorable mentions in the 2005–2006 Student Literary Competition sponsored by the League for Innovation in the Community College.

Ten Sinclair music students have been chosen to participate in the Two-Year College Honor Choir which will perform at the national convention of the American Choral Directors Association in Miami.

They are **Heather Gray**, **Meaghan Heling**, **Anthony Sollenberger**, **Joshua Lurie**, **Charles Roth**, **William Boatwright**, **Mary Carman**, **Charles Beckley**, **Jason Cox**, **Sandra Burton**, and **Nolan Long**.

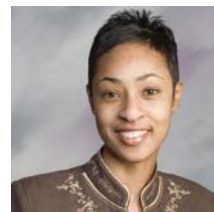
■ On Campus

Tom Raga, former state representative from Warren County, has been named Sinclair’s senior director of Regional Strategy and Development. Raga joins the newly reorganized senior leadership team that is developing new strategies to increase college enrollment and attainment across the region. Raga has been involved with many Warren County initiatives such as the Warren County Foundation, Warren County Humane Association, Farm

Bureau, and Warren County: Strengthening Our Families. He holds a bachelor’s degree in agricultural economics from Cornell University.

Kristi Dinsmore has been named Sinclair’s director of Client Professional Services. She will lead an effort to align workforce development resources and experts from Sinclair as well as other providers throughout the region and nation. She will also direct the operations for Sinclair’s Learning Center at Miami Valley Research Park. Prior to joining Sinclair, Dinsmore held leadership positions with HR Chally and Right Management Consultants.

Annesa Cheek has been named assistant to the president, where she is responsible for assisting the president in managing and organizing official obligations related to the office, preparing and reviewing official reports, resolutions and related information provided to the Board of Trustees, and assisting the president in management of the office budget.



Annesa Cheek

Two Sinclair personnel were promoted in the college’s Research, Analytics and Reporting department. **Joan Patten** was named director of Research, Analytics and Reporting and **Laura Mercer** was named manager of Research.



Joan Patten

Lorraine A. Kapka, P.E., Assistant Professor in Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Engineering Technology, has been elected to the Committee on Technology Accreditation for the American Society for Mechanical Engineering. The committee has responsibility for the accreditation of engineering technology degree programs through the ABET

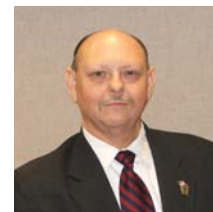


Laura Mercer

Technology Accreditation Commission. **James Eller**, professor of Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Engineering Technology, received an honorable mention award for Best Instructor in a national contest

sponsored by The NEWS and the Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute.

Charles J. Gift has been named Sinclair’s director of Public Safety. He is responsible for the overall leadership, operation, organization, coordination, and management of the safety and security operations for Sinclair through its Police department.



Charles Gift

Dr. Mary Tripp Gaier has been promoted to Sinclair’s vice president for Organizational Development where she oversees the Human Resources department and leads the planning and implementation of processes related to Sinclair’s employees.



■ Alumni Updates

Susan A. Ashcraft, 1995, Accounting

Susan is now an auditor for the State of Ohio.

Marni Bell, 2000, Dietetics

Marni is a diet technician at Kettering Medical Center. She also earned certification from Ohio School of Massage as a massage therapist.

John B. Bergin, 1986, Financial Management

Having previously worked at National City Bank, Jack recently joined Sky Bank as financial center manager for the Xenia Central office. He is also a graduate of Capital University and the American Institute of Banking.

Diane K. Buswell, 1985, Liberal Arts & Sciences; 1986, Nursing

Diane earned a bachelor’s in education from Arkansas State University and a master’s in Nursing from Vanderbilt University. While her husband was on active duty with the

Air Force, she worked in various hospitals, clinics, and health insurance companies throughout the United States. She also oversaw the Allied Health programs at a post secondary vocational technical school. She and her husband have now settled in Oregon, where she is currently employed by Samaritan Health Services as director of Clinical Finance. Diane feels the education she received at Sinclair is second to none and provided a firm foundation for all her academic and professional accomplishments.

Gail M. Crump, 1988, Nursing

Gail has worked as a nurse in many units at Miami Valley Hospital, including ICU, Advance Care, Burn, Telemetry and Rehabilitation Units. Now, she is the neuroscience care coordinator. She has earned several awards and certifications including disaster relief training. She has a BSN from Capital University and is currently pursuing a FNP from Wesleyan University.

Betty G. Dean, 1986, Medical Records Tech

Betty earned a graduate assistantship at University of Dayton in 1990 then pursued a master’s in special education and now works as a severe learning disabled tutor at St. Anthony Catholic School in Dayton.

Karen S. Dodson, 1985, Nursing

Karen started as unit clerk at Grandview and then left for Europe. After returning, she worked on the orthopaedic floor at Southview Hospital, but worked toward certification in in-patient OBGYN. She is now manager of the outpatient OBGYN clinic at Southview.

Jessica A. Graue, 2002, Communications

Jessica has been a reporter, copy editor, and designer at *Xenia Daily Gazette*, *Fairborn Daily Herald* and *Beavercreek News Current*. She now has a B.A. in mass communications, Spanish.

Malintha Gunawardana, 2006, Liberal Arts

Malintha earned a scholarship to attend UCLA’s drama school. A native Sri Lankan, she is currently taking a year off with the hope of moving to California next year. Now, she is happy to be able to give back to the college by helping with the Foundation’s phonathon fundraiser.

Chad D. Henry, 2000, Civil Engineering

Chad now works for the Department of Engineering for the City of Greenville.

Austin A. Kinywa, 2001, Automotive Tech

Austin is now a supervisor for EMD Janitorial Services.

Walter A. Klepacz, 1985, Business

Sinclair graduate and long time Sinclair faculty member, Tony was recently named to a vacant seat on the Kettering City Council.

Cindy S. Layer-Gromofsky, 1985, Graphic Arts

Cindy now lives in the suburbs of New York City where she works for Innomark, a Cincinnati-based company, as an account manager working with major marketing companies on design and production of POS displays and merchandisers.

Stefanie M. Rich, 1997, Office Information Systems

Stefanie is now HRIS analyst in the University of Dayton’s Human Resources department.

Helen L. Richwine, 1983, Liberal Arts

Helen now lives in Orrville, Ohio. She is a certified diabetes educator for Barberton Citizens Hospital.

Marlana M. Sanders, 2005, Visual Communication

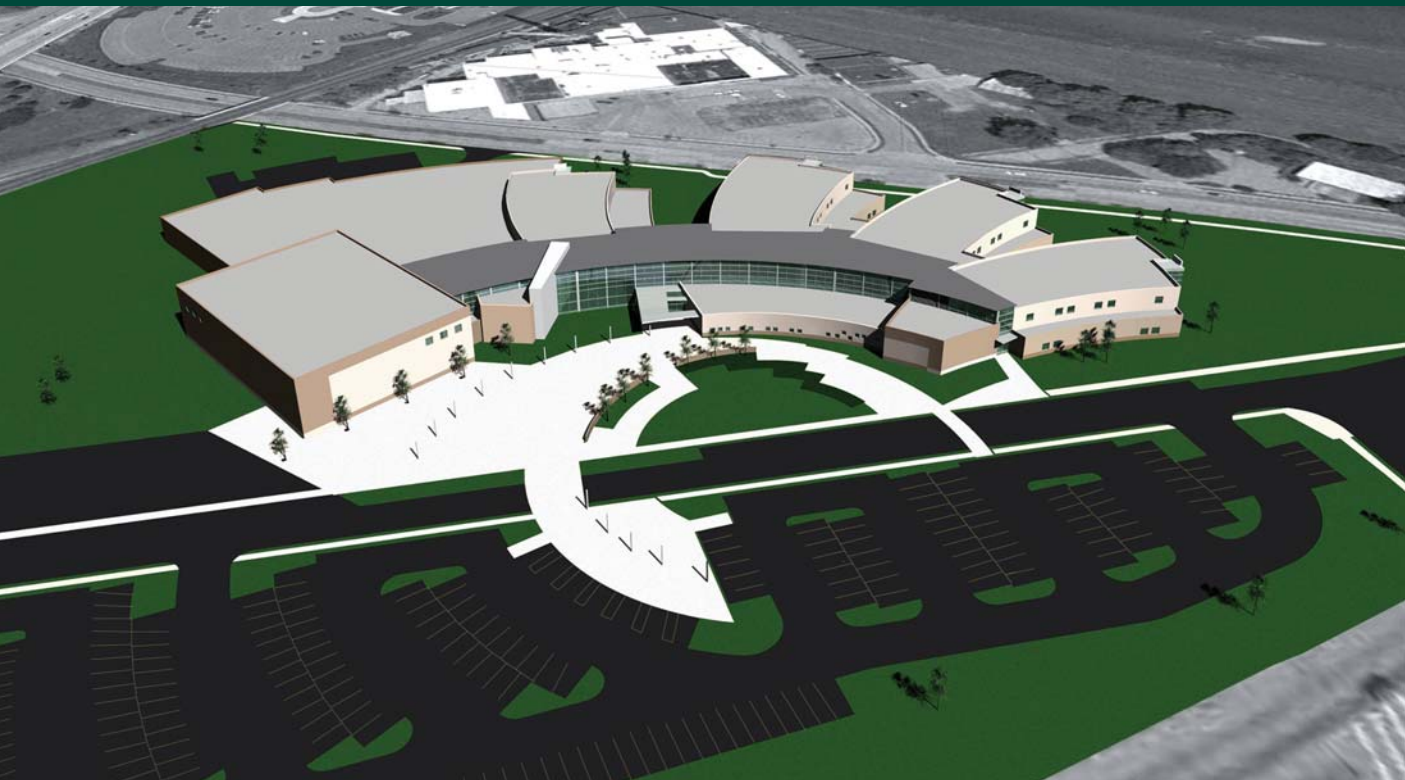
Marlana is now attending Columbus College of Art and Design where she is studying advertising and graphic design. Upon graduation, she hopes to find a job in graphic arts.

Damon B. Smith, 1999, Communication; 2000, Liberal Arts

Damon earned a bachelor’s in organizational management from Wilberforce University in 2001. He also served with the U.S. Marine Corps and did a tour of duty in Iraq for one year in 2003. Since returning from Iraq, he has been busy investing in various entities to increase his personal wealth.

Victoria A. Smith, 1980, Law Enforcement

Vicki is beginning a real estate career with Big Hill GMAC after 24 years as executive assistant to the Montgomery County public defender. She is a member of the Dayton Area Board of Realtors and Ohio and National Associations of Realtors.



Ponitz Career Tech High School: Building a Bridge to the Future

■ A bridge across the Great Miami River is about all that separates Sinclair Community College from the new David H. Ponitz Career Technology Center, now being built by the Dayton Public Schools. This new \$2.9 million, 800-student high school, under construction at the corner of Edwin C. Moses Blvd. and Washington Street, is just one block southwest of the Sinclair's Technology Center in Building 20. Scheduled to open in 2009, this new school bears the name of David H. Ponitz, who, in his 22 years as Sinclair president, built the college into one of the nation's leading two-year institutions of higher learning.

The name was chosen to honor the strong partnerships Dr. Ponitz forged with Dayton Public Schools to help students make a successful transition to college by earning credits toward an associate's degree while still in high school. In addition, the president emeritus of Sinclair chaired the Citizens for Dayton's Future campaign committee which helped pass the school district's 2002 bond issue which is resulting in new schools such as the new Career Technology Center.

"Each program at our new school will have a direct pathway to align directly with associate degree programs at Sinclair," according

to Linnea Clinton, director of Career Technology and Adult Education for the Dayton Public Schools. The four pathways to be offered at the Ponitz school: Arts and communication; business/information technology; engineering and industrial systems; and health and human services.



An architectural rendering of the new David H. Ponitz Career Technology Center highlights the expansive spaces and modern lines of this high-tech building currently being built by Dayton Public Schools.

"The school will incorporate the latest technology developments to provide students with a state-of-the-art education," according to Clinton. "We anticipate possible learning opportunities online." ■



Governor Strickland visits Sinclair:

■ Last March, Ohio Governor Ted Strickland toured facilities and made remarks at the celebration of Sinclair's PDQ Center, a cooperative venture of Edison Materials Technology Center (EMTEC) and Sinclair Community College. The PDQ ("Products Developed Quickly")

Center assists small and medium-sized business in the design and development of new products. The program was awarded a Third Frontier grant from the State of Ohio.

For more information about Sinclair's PDQ Center, contact David Dilley, manager of the AIM Center, at (937) 512-2422. ■



Front Seated: UC President, Dr. Nancy Zimpher and Sinclair President, Dr. Steven Lee Johnson; Back: Allen Hill, Robert Schuler, Tom Raga, Kathleen Stolle, Barney Wright, Charlene Pelfrey, Tom Nagel.

University of Cincinnati Signing Event

■ Sinclair Community College President Steven Lee Johnson and University of Cincinnati President, Nancy Zimpher signed an agreement on April 27th in Mason City Council chambers outlining a new partnership to "develop innovative, cost-effective, and seamless higher educational opportunities in Warren County."

The agreement will simplify transfers for Sinclair grads, offer them scholarships to complete bachelor's degrees at UC, and pave the way for future collaboration. For more information about the UC partnership programs, check the UC web site for undergraduate transfer students at www.uc.edu. ■



Sinclair Community College President Dr. Steven Lee Johnson with former Vice-President Al Gore at the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society's convention in Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Steven Lee Johnson Receives Phi Theta Kappa Gordon Award

■ Dr. Steven Lee Johnson, president of Sinclair Community College, has received the 2007 Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction from Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society of the Two-Year College.

Dr. Johnson was recognized for his support of the Phi Theta Kappa chapter at Sinclair Community College, and for his commitment to promote the society statewide and internationally.

Rod Risley, executive director of Phi Theta Kappa, presented Dr. Johnson the award at Phi Theta Kappa's International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Johnson supports the chapter by ensuring funding for chapter advisors and members to attend Phi Theta Kappa programs and meetings. He nominates students for the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship Program, All-USA Academic Team and the Coca-Cola Two-Year Scholarship Program. He speaks at his chapter's induction ceremony and has helped to secure Phi Theta Kappa Transfer Scholarships at senior colleges.

"We are pleased to recognize Dr. Steven Lee Johnson for his outstanding support of Phi Theta Kappa. His efforts on behalf of the Sinclair Community College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, and of our regional and international programs, have provided opportunities for excellence for numerous students and faculty members," said Executive Director Rod Risley. Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, headquartered in Jackson, is the largest honor society in American higher education with 1,200 chapters on two-year and community college campuses. ■



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DP&L Partners with Sinclair Foundation to Provide Grants

The Dayton Power & Light Foundation is now providing Access Grants for tuition and non-tuition expenses such as child care, transportation, tools, equipment, uniforms and licensure exams for eligible Sinclair students. The grants will be awarded in \$100 to \$500 amounts, depending upon individual circumstances. The grants will increase access to higher education for many students.

The DP&L Access Grant helped student Gloria Lane bridge the gap between her financial resources and actual college expenses. Says Gloria, "If it wasn't for this grant I would not have been able to continue taking classes towards my business degree last summer. I am extremely grateful for their generosity." Gloria is just four classes away from completing her degree.

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5 Days, 5 Meals: 1 Breakfast, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners

Highlights: Broadway Show, Greenwich Village, Wall Street, Tavern on the Green, Little Italy, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island.

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