Professor John T. Hickey initiated his relationship with Sinclair Community College in 1966 after successful teaching experiences at Xavier University in Cincinnati and at the University of Dayton.

Until the time of his retirement in 1988, Professor Hickey played a central role in the life and in the continuing development of the college. He chaired the Department of Humanities (later Intercultural Studies) from 1972-1980. During this period and thereafter he took a predominate leadership role in facilitating the dramatic expansion in the number of philosophy courses, as well as the increased coursework in the fields of religion and classical studies. He served as the catalyst for this vital growth; the curriculum that Professor Hickey and his colleagues established continues to the present to serve the academic needs of Sinclair students in this discipline in an excellent manner.

Professor Hickey was considered by his students and his colleagues alike to be an outstanding teacher who, due to the mastery of his subject area, was able to promote a high level of interest and learning in his classroom efforts.

Professor Hickey served the college well and in many capacities during his twenty-two year tenure. These activities, which were many in number and highly varied, included eight years of service on Faculty Senate and in addition encompassed membership and many contributions to, among others, the Interdisciplinary Studies, Faculty Personnel, Curriculum and Student Services Committees. When called upon, Professor Hickey would willingly take a leadership role in chairing or participating as an active committee member. His colleagues reliance on these skills were aptly demonstrated in his election as the first president of the Faculty Assembly.

Professor Hickey's colleagues and his students know him as a warm, gracious, thoughtful gentleman and an outstanding educator and hold him in the highest esteem.

On the basis of his many contributions to the quality, the growth and the excellence of Sinclair Community College, Professor Hickey richly warrants recognition and high praise. It further establishes him as a most worthy candidate for receipt of emeritus honors.