Professor Richard I. Erbaugh began his affiliation with Sinclair Community College in 1974. Dick was the first Department Chairperson of the Sinclair Automotive Technology Program and was instrumental in making the program nationally recognized. Through his leadership, the department grew from a student headcount of 24 to nearly 200 per quarter and has expanded from one to five full-time faculty members.

In 1983, he played the lead role in establishing the General Motors ASEP Program which is now considered to be in the top one percent of all 54 ASEP schools in the country. In 1990, he brought the Nissan PROCAP Program and in 1994 the Chrysler CAP Program to Sinclair Community College. All of these corporate programs were initiated and implemented by Professor Erbaugh.

In 1986, the Sinclair Automotive Technology Program went through an extensive certification process by NATEF (National Automotive Training and Education Foundation) and became the first college to be certified in the state and one of only 10 programs in the country to be certified in all eight categories.

In 1988, Professor Richard I. Erbaugh's leadership won the first Program Excellence Grant from the Ohio Board of Regents - totaling $145,000 for the Sinclair Automotive Technology Program.

Professor Richard I. Erbaugh is known for his high standards of integrity and professionalism. He set high standards for his students, faculty and himself. He has made a profound and pioneering effort in the development of the Sinclair Automotive Technology Program.

As a result of his many years of service as an esteemed faculty member/department chairperson and his many contributions to the developing quality and the culture at Sinclair Community College, Professor Richard I. Erbaugh richly deserves recognition and high praise. It further establishes him as a most worthy candidate to receive Professor Emeritus Honors.