Professor Percy O. Vera served as a faculty member at Sinclair Community College from 1967 to 1997. In 1975 he was appointed Program Director (renamed Department Chairperson) of Economics/Management by Dr. Clifford Peterson, former Vice President for Instruction, and he remained in that position until his retirement.

In a career that spanned thirty years, it is impossible to note all the accomplishments and contributions that Percy made to Sinclair. However, his most significant role was to nurture others—students, faculty, staff, and community.

In the classroom one would find Percy facilitating learning and “stretching” the minds of his students to become the self-directed learners that we often talk about in process education. He was an early adopter of alternative course delivery methods. He developed and taught three TV Sinclair economics courses. Percy also worked extensively with the College Without Walls program.

As a department chairperson/faculty member, Percy served as a mentor for faculty, helped to establish and implement the Hospitality Management program, and provided leadership to enhance the Marketing Management and Retailing programs by incorporating technology and up-to-date concepts for business applications. Percy served on many college committees over the years and received merit awards for his fine work at Sinclair. He is to be commended for his many years of service as committee chair for African-American History Month.

An example of his concern and love for young people was made evident by his participation as a charter member of the Concerned Christian Men, an organization that has focused on mentoring youth and young adult males in the minority community. On his 65th birthday; instead of receiving gifts, he requested that donations be made to the Young Men of Distinction program that encouraged and financially supported young males at Edison Elementary School to be able to attain their goal of attending college. That same type of care and support was exhibited by Percy as he supported the African-American Male Initiative at Sinclair Community College which has similar goals of mentoring males at risk.
He has also served on the Board of Trustees for Chaminade-Julienne High School and as a member of the Catholic Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

In the spirit of our mission as a comprehensive “community” college, Percy has indeed demonstrated through his various leadership roles the connectivity between Sinclair and the community. For example, he has served on the United Way Board, the Good Samaritan Mental Health Board, the Economic Forecasting Committee for the Chamber of Commerce, and the Health Levy Council of Montgomery County. A recognized authority in his field, he often served as a resource person for the community on economic related issues.

Percy has been known for his commitment and loyalty to the college, his willingness to serve, and the enormous generosity of his time. He is most deserving of the title, Professor Emeritus.