Professor Conrade C. Hinds served as a faculty member at Sinclair Community College from 1976 until his death in 1998. Dr. Hinds exemplified the Sinclair spirit of dedication to excellence by serving consistently as a leader and innovator. Not only did he work hard and effectively to implement new and more effective teaching techniques in his own classroom, but he also worked to assure the dissemination of those techniques throughout the College and beyond. Sinclair is a much different—and better—place because of his efforts. Particularly during the period from 1979 to 1990, Dr. Hinds was the clear leader of Physics at Sinclair, severing first as Acting Chair of the Physical Science Department, and then as Physics coordinator. One of his achievements was the implementation of major changes in the Technical Physics program. Dr. Hinds also served as the driving force behind the establishment of the Physics Resource Lab and a variety of other academic centers that have now become an important part of Sinclair’s transformation to new ways of teaching.

Dr. Hinds’s national activities included service from 1990 through 1993 as a member of the National American Association of Physics Teachers’ Committee on Minorities in Physics Education. He participated in several national conferences and workshops on minorities in science and engineering, and he was very active in disseminating and implementing ideas from these national benchmarks at Sinclair. Dr. Hinds was also an active leader in the National Science Foundation funded Project Discovery, which brought several groups of secondary science and math teachers to the Sinclair campus for six weeks of summer workshops.

Throughout his time at Sinclair, Conrade was actively involved in a variety of programs to recruit and retain minority student, including formal collaborations with the Dayton Public Schools, the Engineer’s Club, and others. He also met informally—but very consistently—on weekends and at other times to work with individual and small groups of students.

Dr. Hinds provided Sinclair with advanced notice about the National Science Foundation/Advanced Technological Education call for proposals, initiated an interdivisional collaboration under Neil Herbkersman to prepare a proposal that brought a $5,000,000 project to Sinclair.
As a result of his many years of outstanding service and contributions to Sinclair Community College and the Dayton community, Professor Conrade C. Hinds is most deserving of the title, Professor Emeritus, posthumously.