Professor Mary L. Navarro served as a faculty member at Sinclair Community College from 1976 to 1999. Dr. Navarro exemplified the Sinclair spirit of dedication to excellence by serving consistently as a leader and innovator. Not only did she work diligently and effectively to implement new and more effective teaching techniques in her own classroom, she also worked to assure the dissemination of those techniques throughout the college. Sinclair is a much different and better place because of her efforts.

In a career that spanned 23 years, it is impossible to note all of the accomplishments and contributions made to Sinclair by Dr. Navarro. However, her most important role was to nurture others -- students, faculty, and staff. She is still in touch with students she taught ten or fifteen years ago.

During her tenure at Sinclair, Mary demonstrated her leadership through many projects. While she was an Advisor to Phi Theta Kappa for twenty-one years, the Sinclair Chapter won over twenty national awards under her guidance. She was Phi Theta Kappa Coordinator for the State of Ohio from 1985-1995; and Founder/Director of the Sinclair Honors Program from 1986-1999. Professor Navarro also developed and served on the Board of Sinclair’s Leadership Development from 1992 until her retirement. Because of Dr. Navarro’s efforts, Sinclair is the only college to have had a winner in ten of eleven years for the Phi Theta Kappa/USA Today Scholarship. She also conducted many national and regional workshops relative to the topic, “How To Win Scholarships”.

Professor Mary L. Navarro has been known for her commitment and loyalty to the college, her willingness to serve, and the enormous generosity of her time. She is most deserving of the title, Professor Emeritus.