Professor B. Albert Friedman served as a faculty member at Sinclair Community College from 1972 to 1998. Dr. Friedman was instrumental in transforming the Computer Information Systems (CIS) Department into a multi-disciplined curriculum from its traditional programming-centric beginnings as the Data Processing Department.

Professor Friedman exemplified the Sinclair spirit of dedication to excellence by serving consistently as a pioneer, leader, and innovator. He was the first to use a PC projection device in a classroom. He was one of the first instructors to become involved in TV Sinclair, and he developed four TV courses: Introduction to Computers, PC Applications in Business, Introduction to Internet, and Systems Analysis. He was part of the effort that recognized the importance of computer literacy for the entire college, and developed what is now the CIS 119 course, which became the literacy foundation of Sinclair. Al was also one of the first to recognize the emerging importance of the Internet and World Wide Web. He developed the Introduction to Internet course (CIS 130), and also presented training seminars to the faculty on the use of the Internet during the spring of 1996 and at Fall Conference in 1996. His Internet seminar extended into the community (City of Dayton and other corporations) and into Centerville High School. His seminar “Development of a Video-Based Distance Education” was presented at the 3rd Annual Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education faculty retreat.

Dr. Friedman was instrumental in keeping the CIS curriculum current and relevant. Through his industry contacts and his active membership in professional organizations (ACM - Association of Computing Machinery, DPMA – Data Processing Management Association and ASM - Association for Systems Management), he was alert to the need for changes in courses and curriculum. In 1992, he conducted an extensive survey of fourteen League of Innovation Colleges, which assisted in understanding the relevance and importance of our CIS curriculum when matched with similar programs. Al was a key contributor to keeping our CIS department on the “cutting-edge”.

Sinclair’s image was enhanced by Al’s commitment to the community. He was a member of the Sinclair Speakers Bureau and was the Sinclair representative to the Research Committee of the Miami Valley Consortium for Information Technology Education. He has
presented at multimedia conferences, to DPMA local and student chapters, and to numerous organizations. He has worked with Corporate and Community Services to develop CIS training for K-12 science and math teachers, and Al continues to offer computer-consulting services today to many local non-profit organizations (mainly the YWCA -Young Women’s Christian Association).

As a result of his many years of outstanding service and contributions to Sinclair Community College and the Dayton Community, Dr. B. Albert Friedman is most deserving of the title, Professor Emeritus.