Professor Yvonne Stebbins has truly been the epitome of a college faculty member. She helped establish the culture of "the learning college" at Sinclair long before it was discussed in the literature. She was always student focused and eager to support learning and her students. She worked continuously with her students to provide them with enriching classroom experiences and real-world knowledge; she facilitated the students’ ability to understand and comprehend classroom discussions; had open office hours; and provided the day-to-day smiles and encouragement that the students need. Even after 40 years of employment, Yvonne demonstrates the passion and dedication of a professor who loves her calling and endeavors to positively affect the lives of students.

Yvonne provided leadership to the foreign language curriculum. There were no other full-time foreign-language faculty in Sinclair’s early years, and the challenge Yvonne faced was helping establish the breadth of curriculum that a community college was to offer. She developed and expanded the French and Japanese language curricula at Sinclair. Along with that, she provided countless hours of extra tutoring for students in English, French and Japanese over the years. Yvonne lent professional guidance and active involvement in the development of Sinclair's first language lab and the most recent total upgrade.

Among other accomplishments, Yvonne completed her Ph.D. work at Miami University while teaching here full-time; she developed and provided course offerings of "Search for Utopia" when Sinclair had a requirement for additional humanities courses, and was involved in the initial establishment of the International Education Committee, whose programs she supported for decades.

Yvonne was an early pioneer in developing and providing two-way interactive courses at Sinclair, and was an early pioneer in the development and providing of PACE (Program for Adult Continuing Education) courses. She was a primary editor of "Interface", the Humanities, Government and Modern Languages Department Journal for publishing Sinclair student writing in the humanities. Yvonne also served as a key member of Sinclair’s Diversity Committee.

Yvonne also developed and provided numerous specialized courses for Corporate and Community Services.
Over the years Yvonne received multiple awards for meritorious teaching, including the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (N.I.S.O.D) Excellence in Teaching Award in 2002 and the “Humanitarian Emeritus” Award.

Yvonne personified the concept of "servant leader" leading by example and doing whatever was needed to best serve our students as well as our language faculty. She combined expert knowledge of a wide array of subjects and disciplines with a real concern for the welfare and progress of each individual student.