Jack Bennett began his teaching career in the Elyria, Ohio, public schools, then at Montgomery County Joint Vocational School (MVCTC today). He taught as an adjunct in English at Wright State University and Sinclair, and as an adjunct in history, teaching African American History at the University of Dayton. He was hired as a tenure track English faculty member at Sinclair in 1990, and served as English Department Chair from 2006 to 2013. Helping others succeed has been Jack’s hallmark, very evident during his tenure at Sinclair, where he was popular with students and well known across the campus. The English Department celebrates the Annual Jack Bennett Young Writers Festival, established in his honor. Jack’s definition of community is all inclusive: He uses the term for the classroom, the college, the city, and the world. To that end, he is the founder of the NIA Awards (formerly Unsung Heroes). The focus originally was on under-recognized African Americans at Sinclair, but since being re-envisioned in 2001, under Jack’s leadership, they now extend to the entire community. In the community, Jack has served on the advisory board for the School of Art and Advertising. He is church historian at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. He is a kidney transplant recipient and advocates for organ donation. He and his wife sponsor the Jack and Frieda Bennett Annual Scholarship, a college scholarship for high school women, through Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Jack left Sinclair a legacy of inclusiveness, community building, and student-focused support.