Stephen L. Ash began as an instructor at Sinclair in 1976 and completed his tenure as a Professor and Department Chair of the Automotive Technology department. Under Steve’s leadership, the program focused efforts on providing high quality instruction, increasing corporate partnerships, and presenting student internship and career opportunities upon graduation. Steve Ash’s leadership brought Sinclair’s automotive program to a world class status during his tenure. His ability to lead and hire quality faculty and staff built a department that created partnerships with Chrysler, Ford, and Honda and a brand new state of the art facility (building 20). These partnerships have allowed students to obtain careers all over the Miami Valley. Professor Ash’s student focused leadership style led to the development of several scholarships (General Motor Scholarship Fund, ASE Scholarship Fund, Chrysler Fund, and Dayton Area Auto Dealers Association Scholarship) that helped students complete degree programs. Steve and current professor John Porter were instrumental in working with the “Special Wish Foundation of Dayton Ohio” to rally the automotive department to help rebuild and repair a 1983 Chevrolet truck owned by a 17 year old high school student who had a terminal illness. The truck had special meaning to the student because it was once owned by his grandfather. The automotive faculty and staff spent 41 days and hundreds of hours of intensive work on its restoration. Besides the donated labor, over $10,000 of donated parts and labor were obtained from outside businesses for the restoration. Steve was integrally involved in every aspect of the project. In his final four years of his career he was the lead investigator in a $750,000 NSF grant to train hundreds of automotive instructors from around the world on hybrid and electric vehicle technology.