

Aviation Trail, Inc. presents the 2015 Trailblazer Award to

The Aviation Technology Department at Sinclair Community College

Sinclair Community College's Aviation Technology Department is the recipient of Aviation Trail's 2015 Trailblazer Award to be presented Wednesday, April 15, in Dayton.

Held annually to honor an organization or individual who has advanced aviation in the Miami Valley, the award dinner this year will be held at the Sinclair Conference Center, Bldg. 12, on Perry Street. Aviation Trail's annual Trailblazer event marks the birthday of Wilbur Wright, April 16, 1867, in Eastern Indiana.

The social will begin at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:45. Tickets are \$50.00 a person.. Sinclair student tickets are \$35.00. Your check with dinner choice should be received no later than Friday, April 10. * Indicate your choice of Irish whiskey glazed flat iron steak, Chicken Marsala, or Vegetarian. Send to: Aviation Trail Inc., P.O. Box 633, Wright Brothers Branch, Dayton, Ohio, 45409.

Sinclair Community College is the only community college in the state—and one of the few in nation--with an aviation department that provides dispatcher, flight attendant, aircraft mechanic, unmanned aerial systems, and professional pilot training. The department was founded in 1999 and its Chairman is Clay Pittman.

Since 2004 over 2,400 pilots, mechanics, dispatchers, and flight attendants have graduated from Sinclair's aviation program. Those graduates now work for PSA, ABX Air, Net Jets, Aviation Sales, Inc. and many other businesses in the area and beyond. Its dispatcher graduates alone have a nearly 95% employment rate.

Community oriented, the department promotes aviation outreach through tours on campus and at Dayton-Wright Brothers Airport and the faculty, staff and students have been involved with numerous educational programs including STEM, for science technology, engineering and mathematics training,

The department was among the first in the nation to offer short-term certificates in Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) for precision agriculture, geographic information systems and first responders. Its assets for that effort include simulators and vehicles and it has begun construction of an indoor UAS flying pavilion.

Please join us as Aviation Trail, Inc. celebrates the Aviation Technology Department's achievements as a leader in educating future aviation professionals, providing avenues for employment of aviation students, and furthering community aviation outreach in the Miami Valley.