



# The Presidents Club

Dayton, Ohio

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**The Presidents Club of Dayton honors Thomas J. Lasley, II Ph.D with their community's top volunteer award.**

DAYTON, Ohio—The Presidents Club of Dayton is pleased to announce that Thomas J. Lasley, II Ph.D will be the 73rd recipient of the region's 2024 Citizen Legion of Honor Award. The award, given annually since 1951 (2020 COVID exception) is the oldest, most continuous and prestigious recognition of volunteer servant leadership in the Dayton region.

Dr. Lasley is Professor and Dean Emeritus at the University of Dayton School of Education and Health Services. Dr. Lasley received his bachelors, masters, and doctoral degrees at The Ohio State University. He currently serves as the Director, Policy and Advocacy for The Montgomery County Educational Services Center and Learn to Earn Dayton.

He founded or co-founded a number of organizations that are critical to the educational and social programming that is available for young people and adults in the Dayton region, as well as across Ohio. These include Dayton Early College Academy, the Ohio Early College Association, Air Camp, Inc, and others. He was the founder of our community's Learn to Earn Dayton.

Our recipient has served on a wide variety of local, state, and national boards over the past 30 years, including the Dayton Literary Peace Prize; Dayton Metro Library Foundation; National Council on

Teacher Quality; National Museum of the United States Air Force Foundation; Chaminade Julienne High School; Boonshoft Museum of Discovery; Air Camp, Inc; and the Special Wish Foundation.

Dr. Lasley is the recipient of numerous honors including the University of Dayton Alumni Award in Scholarship; the National Conference for Community and Justice's Humanitarian Award; the UD's Lackner Award; Knowledge Works' Visionary Leader Award; the Buckeye Association of School Administrators' Jerry Klenke Distinguished Service Award and StriveTogether's Cradle-to-Career Champion Award.

Veronica Bedell-Nevels, President of the President Club told the Selection Committee, how pleased she was of Dr. Lasley's selection. The organization will be honoring Dr. Lasley at its annual luncheon event on Thursday, October 3, 2024 at the Dayton Convention Center from 10:30am – 1:15pm. Sponsorship , tables, and tickets are available to honor Dr. Lasley by contacting Veronica Bedell-Nevels at 937-540-0088 or by emailing her at [president@presidentsclubdayton.org](mailto:president@presidentsclubdayton.org).

The proceeds from this event go toward sustaining the Presidents Club's four (4) scholarships at Sinclair Community College for active student volunteer leaders in our community.

**The Presidents Club of Dayton was founded in 1932 by a group of local business leaders who sought to support and stimulate volunteer servant leadership in the Miami Valley through citizens' active participation in service clubs, churches, schools, non-profit organizations and government. The organization's leadership and work of advocating and championing volunteer community service have continued without interruption for over 92 years.**

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