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The Presidents Club of Dayton Announces Dr. Steven Lee Johnson as the 2026 Citizen Legion of Honor Recipient.

DAYTON, OHIO — As the Presidents Club of Dayton prepares to celebrate the 75th anniversary of its Citizen Legion of Honor Award and Scholarship Luncheon, the organization is proud to announce **Dr. Steven Lee Johnson**, President of Sinclair Community College, as the recipient of the **75th Citizen Legion of Honor Award**.

For 75 years, the Citizen Legion of Honor Award has recognized individuals whose leadership, service, and commitment to the Dayton region have left a lasting legacy. Dr. Johnson joins a distinguished group of honorees whose contributions have helped shape the community's growth, prosperity, and future.



The 2026 Citizen Legion of Honor Award and Scholarship Luncheon marks a significant milestone in the history of the Presidents Club of Dayton, celebrating three-quarters of a century of honoring exceptional community leadership while supporting scholarships for future generations.

As President of Sinclair Community College, Dr. Johnson has provided visionary leadership while helping strengthen educational opportunities, workforce development initiatives, and economic growth throughout the region. His tenure has been marked by a steadfast commitment to student success, community partnerships, and innovation in higher education.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Dr. Johnson has devoted countless hours to volunteer service on local, state, and national boards and committees. His leadership has influenced community colleges, workforce development programs, educational organizations, and civic institutions across Ohio and the nation.

At the national level, Dr. Johnson has served in leadership roles with numerous organizations, including the League for Innovation in the Community College, the American Association of Community Colleges, the Center for Community College Student Engagement National Advisory Board, the Community College Apprenticeships Advisory Board, Community Colleges for International Development, and the Educational Testing Service National Community College Advisory Council.

At the state level, Dr. Johnson has played a significant leadership role within the Ohio Association of Community Colleges. As Chair of the Presidents Group and a member of the Executive Committee, he has become recognized as one of Ohio's most respected community college leaders. Notably, he is the longest-serving college president on the Ohio Association of Community Colleges Board.



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His commitment to service extends throughout the Dayton community. Dr. Johnson has contributed his expertise and leadership to organizations including AirCamp, the Dayton Business Committee, the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Dayton Daily News Community Advisory Board, among others.

"Dr. Johnson's leadership has strengthened not only Sinclair Community College but the entire Dayton region," said Veronica Bedell-Nevels, President of the Presidents Club of Dayton. "His lifelong dedication to education, civic engagement, and community advancement makes him an exceptionally deserving recipient of the 2026 Citizen Legion of Honor Award."

Through his work in education and public service, Dr. Johnson has demonstrated a rare ability to bring people together, build partnerships, and create opportunities that benefit generations of students, families, and employers. His influence continues to shape the future of the Dayton community and beyond.

The Presidents Club of Dayton will formally recognize Dr. Johnson during the 75th Annual Citizen Legion of Honor Award and Scholarship Luncheon on **Thursday, October 15, 2026**, at **Sinclair Community College's Great Hall in Building 12**. The **VIP reception** begins at 10:30 a.m., followed by the **luncheon and award presentation** at 11:15 a.m.

About the Presidents Club of Dayton

The Presidents Club of Dayton honors individuals whose leadership, integrity, and service have contributed significantly to the advancement of the Dayton region. Through its annual Citizen Legion of Honor Award and Scholarship Luncheon, the organization celebrates exceptional community leadership while supporting educational opportunities for future generations.

Sponsorships, tables, and individual tickets are available. To participate in honoring Dr. Steven Lee Johnson, please contact **Veronica Bedell-Nevels** at **937-540-0088** or email president@presidentsclubdayton.org.

Proceeds from the event support five (5) student leadership scholarships at Sinclair Community College, awarded annually to student volunteers demonstrating exceptional community engagement.

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