

# Sinclair College receives authorization to fly UAVs at Wilmington Airpark

## College to partner with community and industry

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(1/3)More air space to fly UAVs

DAYTON, Ohio (WDTN) - Sinclair College has received a Certificate of Authorization (CoA) from the Federal Aviation Administration which will allow Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) be flown at Wilmington Airpark, the college announced Aug. 1.

The authorization will enable Sinclair to partner with commercial and industry interests, enhancing the value of its Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) program.

"UAS is a key industry moving forward for the Dayton Region and for the entire nation," Sinclair President Steven Johnson said. "Our role as part of the UAS team here in Southwest Ohio is to serve as a convener and as a supplier of the workforce that this quickly developing industry will desperately need in the coming years.

Johnson said the partnership in Wilmington, along with the college's work at the Springfield-Beckley Airport and the school's regional investment in UAS, makes Southwest Ohio a player and a leader in the UAS industry.

"We appreciate the support of all our partners in government, business, and throughout the community and are very excited to start flying, training, and researching in Wilmington," said Johnson.

Sinclair is the first community college in Ohio to receive a CoA., and recently also allocated \$1.4 million in additional funding to advance the UAS program which is home to the only commercially focused UAS simulators in the state of Ohio.