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**SUMMARY: UA BOARD APPROVES NAMING WAYNE COLLEGE FACILITY
FOR THE J.M. SMUCKER COMPANY**

Akron, Ohio, April 25, 2007 — The University of Akron's Board of Trustees today approved naming a multi-purpose room in a Wayne College addition for The J.M. Smucker Company, which has committed \$500,000 to fund completion of the facility and the Paul H. Smucker Memorial Scholarship.

The J.M. Smucker Company Multi-purpose Room will feature a dividable space composed of a large room with seating for 200 and two classroom/instructional areas. When the college hosts larger events such as the annual Shakespeare Festival, the classrooms walls can be collapsed so that seating capacity increases to 450. It will be equipped with conference center-style technology for presentations and board meetings, including wireless Internet capability, professional-grade sound system, video projection equipment and a kitchenette area.

"We are indeed grateful for this generous gift from The J.M. Smucker Company and for their ongoing support of the mission and work of Wayne College," says Wayne College Dean Jack Kristofco. "The Smucker family and The J.M. Smucker Company have stood with the college from the very beginning, working to bring our branch campus to Orrville 35 years ago and helping to sustain and enhance our growth ever since. It has been an honor and privilege to work with such exceptional corporate and civic leaders."

Since 1972, The University of Akron has received nearly \$1 million from The J.M. Smucker Company and the related Willard E. Smucker Foundation. In addition to outright gifts, the company matches employee gifts to the university. Gifts from the company have supported Wayne College's Library and Learning Center, the Paul H. Smucker Memorial Scholarship and

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Orrville Campus Foundation Scholarship, as well as the university's College of Business Administration building. The company also established The J.M. Smucker Company Scholarship in 1995 to support the university's business students.

The J.M. Smucker Company, founded in 1897 by Jerome M. Smucker, produces jams, preserves, jellies, ice cream toppings, and similar fruit and vegetable products. The company has annual sales of more than \$2 billion and employs 2,700 people.

Wayne College is a regional campus of The University of Akron, and offers the first two years of general bachelor's degree courses for students who plan to complete their degrees at the Akron campus or other colleges and universities. The general education transfer program also leads to the associate of arts degree or the associate of science degree. In addition, Wayne College can prepare students for a variety of paraprofessional and technical careers in business, industry and public service by offering a range of occupational education programs. The campus is located at 1901 Smucker Road in Orrville.