

Non Profit	
Nominee	
Name:	Cathy Cox
Title:	President
Organization:	Young Harris College
Nominator	
Name:	Claire Frazier
Organization:	Community Volunteer

Give up to three examples of how this person demonstrates Integrity:

Cathy Cox displays the utmost levels of integrity on a daily basis. That integrity, seen through her work as Young Harris College President, was also demonstrated during her time as Georgia's Secretary of State. During that time, President Cox led Georgia to become the first state in the nation to deploy a modern, uniform electronic voting system after she documented the state's voting inaccuracies in the 2000 presidential election. For her efforts, Governing magazine named her one of its 2000 Public Officials of the Year, the first Secretary of State in the nation to receive this recognition. Academic studies have shown that she moved Georgia from the second worst voting accuracy rate in the nation to the second best.

Give up to three examples of how this person demonstrates Respect:

As YHC President, Cox constantly shows respect to the campus community and beyond. Whether it is a faculty member with a new idea for an academic program, or a student who would like to pick her brain about the political world, President Cox makes time to sincerely hear each individual out and fully respect the thoughts and ideas of others.

Additionally, President Cox has advocated women's rights across the board since the start of her career. From voting to education, Cox has been at the helm of the movement to make sure women are seen and heard. She made great bounds in her quest to show the ability of women when she became Georgia's first female secretary of state and held the position for two consecutive terms. She has shown her commitment to the betterment of women through work with societies such as the International Women's Forum and the DeKalb Rape Crisis Center. President Cox was named the Georgia Commission on Women's 2000 Woman of the Year.

Give up to three examples of how this person demonstrates Responsibility:

Cathy Cox has accomplished much over the course of her impressive career. From journalism to law and politics to education, her career has been one of great success. One of her most

prestigious honors came in 1998 when she was elected Georgia's first female secretary of state, where she served two terms until 2007. She had previously served two terms in the Georgia House of Representatives. After taking on the role of YHC President, Cox immediately began working to better the institution. Cox has spent her career working not for herself but for those around her and feels it is her responsibility to help make Georgia a better place to live, work and receive a quality education.

Please relate an incident or tell a story that shows how this person demonstrates Leadership Character. Examples may include professional or community involvement:

From her first day at Young Harris College, President Cox has been a symbol of excitement and revitalization for the College. Her combination of dignity and vitality as a leader during a time of change has been inspirational to the YHC community and her vision for the College has reignited a fire among the students, faculty, alumni and the surrounding community. Since becoming President of the College, Cox has developed, alongside the Board of Trustees, a 10-year strategic plan to guide the College's transition back to its original roots as a four-year institution. Under her guidance, YHC has seen record enrollment numbers, doubled the size of its faculty and hired additional staff to support the new academic offerings and student programming, and undertaken a multi-million dollar campus improvement program. President Cox has a vision for YHC to be one of the top four-year, private liberal arts colleges, not only in the state of Georgia, but in the nation and is well on her way to seeing that dream become a reality.