



Kathy Arnold Taft Award for Leadership in Education Policy Call for Nominations

The **Kathy Arnold Taft Award for Leadership in Education Policy** was established in honor and memory of Kathy Taft by her family in 2010. Kathy Taft had a lifelong passion for the democratizing impact of public education on society, and served as vice chairperson of the Pitt County Board of Education in Greenville, as a founding member of Pitt County Communities in Schools, and as a member of the Board of Governors of the Governor's Schools of North Carolina. In 1995 she was appointed by Governor Jim Hunt to the North Carolina Board of Education, and took pride in becoming the longest-serving member of that board. Her son Jonathan Taft was a public policy major at Carolina.

The Taft Award for Leadership in Education Policy will recognize a rising or graduating senior public policy major who has demonstrated a passion for and commitment to improving K-12 education. The award will recognize the contributions and achievements of the nominee as well as their potential to play a future leadership role in education policy.

The UNC Public Policy Undergraduate Affairs Committee seeks nominations for the Taft Award. The deadline for nominations is **March 24, 2021**. To nominate a recipient, faculty, staff or students at Carolina should send the following information to the Undergraduate Affairs Committee (c/o UNC Public Policy Student Services Specialist, jlama@email.unc.edu):

- A letter from the student nominee with a brief (500 word) description of the nominee's contributions, achievements, and future leadership associated with improving K-12 education;
- Resume and unofficial transcript
- Other relevant information supporting the nomination
- A letter of support from an internship supervisor, thesis advisor, or other professional educational policy mentor with a brief description of the nominee's academic background and extracurricular education-related activities related to improving K-12 education;

The Undergraduate Affairs Committee will review nominees and recommend a recipient to the faculty of the Department of Public Policy. The recipient will be recognized at our spring departmental commencement ceremony.