



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Public Policy

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.

Public Policy Faculty will nominate recipients to the Undergraduate Studies Committee using a departmental form. Nominees will be asked to submit a resume, unofficial transcript, and statement describing their contributions to K-12 education and plans for future leadership roles in education policy. The Undergraduate Studies Committee will recommend a recipient to the Chair of Public Policy and the recipient will be recognized at the spring departmental commencement ceremony.