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Celebrating A LEGACY OF **GIVING**
Cultivating A LEGACY OF **SCHOLARSHIP**

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear friends,

In lieu of a Fall/Winter edition of Echoes, Young Harris College wants to share this special giving publication with you to kick off our 135th anniversary year. Our College's longevity is due to the donors, friends, alumni, faculty, staff and students who've believed in the vision and mission of YHC for 135 years. Of course, the success of our next 135 years is contingent on your continued support for YHC and the intangible qualities that make our College one of a kind.

As you turn these pages, you'll get to know many donors, both past and present. Some desire to continue a loved one's legacy, while others want to pay forward the scholarship they received as students. One of the most endearing features shares a look at present donors and students who are currently benefitting from their gifts. We think it's important to see your donations in action.

If you are not a donor yet or are looking for new giving opportunities, there are many ways you can make a difference in the YHC community. If you're looking for a one-time gift opportunity, you can have a brick engraved on the campus plaza to honor a friend or loved one, organization or graduating class. Maybe you're interested in helping our Division of Fine Arts continue its excellent performances by joining Friends of the Arts. If you love Mountain Lion sporting events, you can donate to YHC Athletics. Or maybe you're ready to become part of the 1886 Young Harris Society and join the College's premier annual giving recognition circle. If you're looking for more long-term options, you may be interested in setting up an endowed gift or going through the steps to enact a planned gift, which provides long-lasting support for the College.

If you're an alum and you'd like to support the immediate needs of YHC students, the Class Scholarship Challenge is a great way to do so. During this annual competition, each alumni class is encouraged to raise \$1,000+ for student scholarships. There's power in numbers—if 100 members of your class give just \$10 each, your class will reach its goal! The scholarships are awarded every fall to current and incoming YHC students. By donating to the Class Scholarship Challenge, you can promote unity and spirit within your class while helping students benefit from the same outstanding experience you enjoyed at YHC.

Another giving opportunity that directly and immediately supports YHC students is the Bob and Carol Head Local Scholarship Campaign. Each year, more than 200 local students from Fannin, Gilmer, Pickens, Rabun, Towns and Union counties in Georgia and Cherokee and Clay counties in North Carolina receive support through this fund. You can read more about the impact of the Local Scholarship Campaign on page 10.

YHC's newest scholarship fund honors Ja'lessa Morris, '11, who passed away unexpectedly in October 2020. The Ja'lessa Morris Memorial Scholarship Fund is in place to help carry on Ja'lessa's vibrant, spirit-filled YHC legacy. Gifts received will be awarded to rising sophomore, junior or senior students of color who exemplify the Mountain Lion spirit. Any amount helps, and all the love we can give the Morris family is greatly appreciated.

It's no secret that we've been met with unprecedented times, and I am proud of the way our community has worked together through the highs and lows. You are part of that. It's because of generous friends like you that our students continue to make a difference on campus and in our communities.

Sincerely,

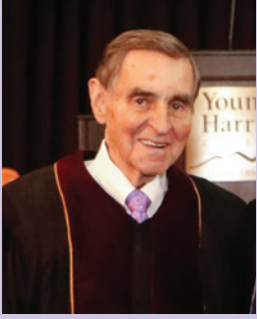
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Drew L. Van Horn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Drew L. Van Horn, Ph.D.

President

Young Harris College

GRATITUDE IS A RESPONSE



From my perspective, GRATITUDE is a response for the reception of a gift, favor, friendship or anything one receives from persons or institutions. For all of us who attended or graduated from YHC, we benefited from a gift made by someone else, and for most of us, we had no idea who gave the gift. The buildings, classrooms and facilities we used often had the name of the person who gave so that we could have these facilities. In January

2021, Young Harris College will begin a year-long celebration of its 135th anniversary. In the spirit of gratitude, this publication highlights six people we lost recently who gave their time, talents and gifts to help our College and its students.

I knew Randall, Paul, Doug, George, Bob and Clair personally. Their lives of service and giving are a testimony to the YHC spirit. To you who are reading this publication, we say “Thank You.” Those of you who contributed at the 1886 Young Harris Society level will find your names listed in the Honor Roll section of this publication.

During our 135th anniversary year, we have an opportunity to express our gratitude in a tangible manner. While we celebrate 135 years, we must also undergo the 10-year reaffirmation process for accreditation. A key component in the reaffirmation process is the ability for the College to show a balanced budget. While the College has had balanced financial audits for the past two years, the impact of the pandemic on our donors may end our positive streak. You may not know, but our alumni giving rate at YHC, which is less than 5 percent, is not very good compared to many other schools. This means many of us will need to give more and encourage others to give for the first time or to restart their giving.

I will tell you how my wife and I have been able to increase our giving dramatically during the past 10 to 12 years: We started giving from our retirement monies. While I am not one who talks about my personal giving, I do so now to challenge you. We started with giving \$10,000 each year. In some years, we have been able to increase up to \$20,000. The dividends from stocks and rising value of stocks over the past decade have kept our retirement value about the same. We were in our 70s when we started this level of giving, and I wish we had started years earlier. While we were able to start at a higher level, the most important thing is to give. Whatever you can give is greatly needed.

We hope you will enjoy reading about Randall, Paul, Doug, George, Bob and Clair, as well as the other donors and scholarship recipients featured in this publication. As you read and reflect, please remember what YHC did for you, and respond in GRATITUDE.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Don Harp, '61



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Celebrating A LEGACY OF GIVING

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF **PAUL BECKHAM, CLASS OF '63**

OCTOBER 28, 1943 – AUGUST 30, 2020

When his alma mater needed him the most, Paul Beckham was there.

A seasoned corporate executive from Turner Broadcasting and the founder of the distinguished public relations agency Hope-Beckham, he brought steady leadership and a calm presence to Young Harris College during his stint on its Executive Committee. He believed in the power of listening and the importance of finding common ground to bring resolution to even the most divisive of issues.

“He was very good about getting a consensus,” said Jim Johnston, '70. “He would contact everyone on the committee and ask for their feedback, and he never would move forward without a consensus. He would listen to people, and they trusted him. We were able to get through several tense times through his leadership.”

The transition to a four-year institution would definitely fit the definition for a “tense” situation as the College’s leadership grappled with the appropriate accreditation processes and worked to raise the necessary funds to renovate buildings and infrastructure.

“He was a calm hand in a time of change,” Johnston noted. “He knew how to adapt to change, and he was cool under pressure. He embraced change.”

Johnston said Beckham heeded the advice given by interim president John Wells—that YHC was “essentially selling black-and-white TVs in a plasma TV market”—and used his consensus-building skills to map out a course forward.

As chairman of the Board of Trustees during the transition, Beckham was responsible for identifying a permanent hire to lead the College. He tabbed Cathy Cox for the role.

Cox, who had served as Georgia’s Secretary of State, didn’t have experience in higher education, but Beckham recognized her ability to build those needed coalitions to guide the College through this chapter in its story.

It was a sense of perspective accumulated through a lifetime of leadership in the corporate world. He was selected by Ted Turner to manage the Goodwill Games



in 1990, served as president of Turner Broadcasting and contributed to the board of directors for various banks in the Atlanta area.

“Paul would stand his ground, which I’m sure was difficult to do at times, given that he worked for a strong personality like Ted Turner, but he would stand his ground when he felt it mattered,” said Ray Lambert, '77. “He always had that calming demeanor, and he would make sure to listen to everyone, but he could lead us in making a tough decision when he needed to.”

Beckham also was active in the life of the College, supporting the Clay Dotson Open and funding the Beckham Scholarship for several years. He also was active in supporting various capital campaigns, student scholarships and even resources for the campus police.

These investments of his time and resources stemmed from his deep love of the College, as well as his affection for the people who shared that love.

“Among his favorite things was kidding his friends with his pet zingers and receiving back more than he sent in good humor,” recalled Rev. Dr. Don Harp, '61. “He took much teasing about his mustache from yours truly and often said the only reason he kept it was to irritate me. That was Paul—never missed a chance to kid back because that meant he loved you.”

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF **DOUG MITCHELL, CLASS OF '61**

JANUARY 17, 1941 – FEBRUARY 28, 2020

For all of the accomplishments in his life, generosity truly defined Doug Mitchell.

A gentle spirit who cherished the giving of time, talents and resources, Mitchell leaves behind a rich legacy of kindness and compassion that remains today.

“It’s the Bible verse ‘to whom much is given, much is expected,’ and Doug felt blessed, and he wanted to pass those blessings along to others,” said Jerry Nix, a member of YHC’s Board of Trustees and the retired executive vice president and chief financial officer of Genuine Parts Company.

Nix isn’t alone in sharing that sentiment.

“His generosity was a hallmark of his love for YHC—that’s how the Doug and Anne Mitchell Scholarship was started,” said Rev. Dr. Don Harp, ’61. “He gave to many special fundraising opportunities, including the Clay Dotson Open and The Diamond Club.”

The Doug and Anne Mitchell Scholarship offers financial support to deserving students.

“He wanted the students to be the focus,” said Nix. “He wanted them to develop the same love and passion and have the same positive experience that he had when he attended YHC. The love, care and concern for others was there for them.”

Mitchell’s career was marked by success, as he was



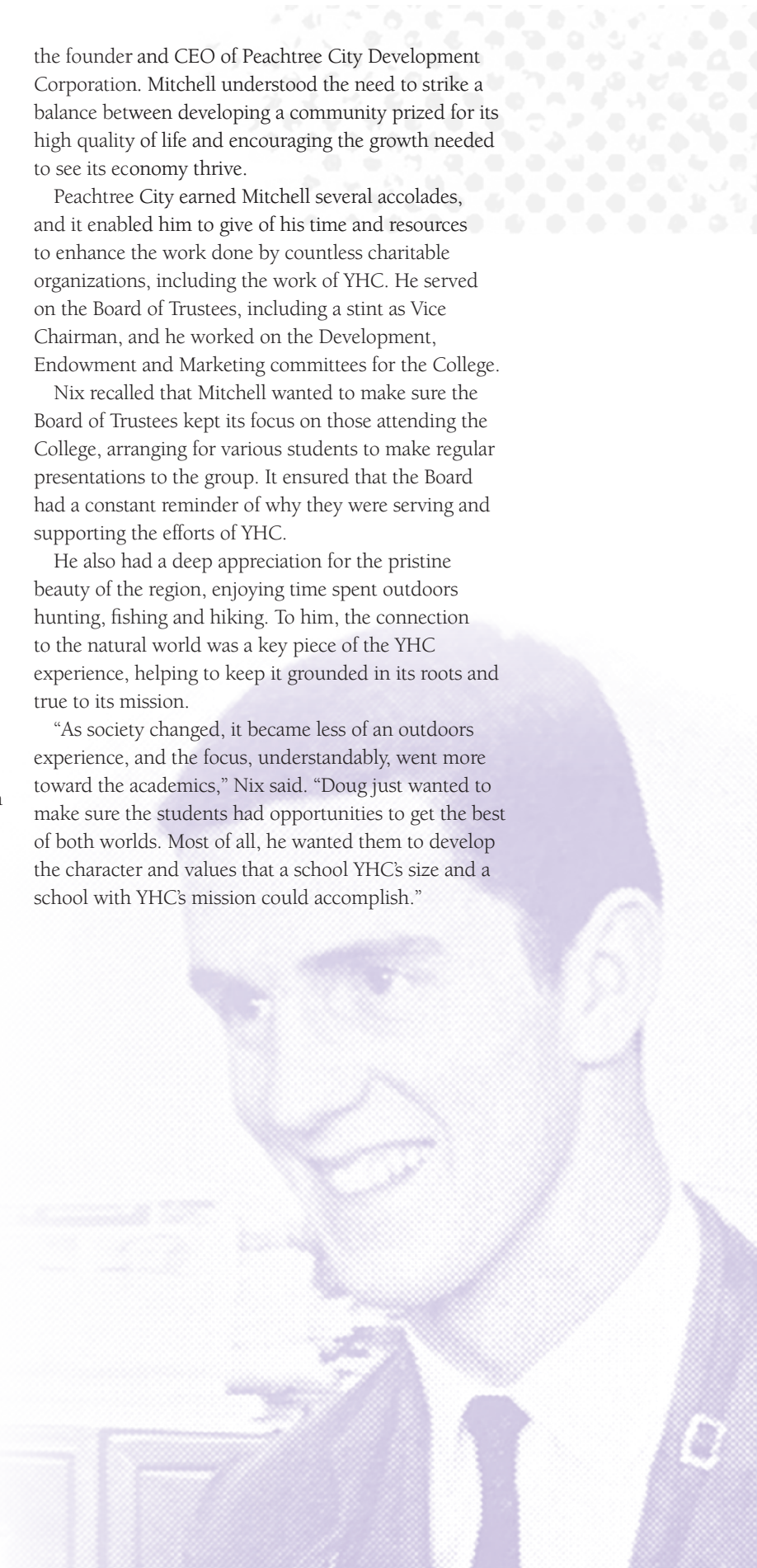
the founder and CEO of Peachtree City Development Corporation. Mitchell understood the need to strike a balance between developing a community prized for its high quality of life and encouraging the growth needed to see its economy thrive.

Peachtree City earned Mitchell several accolades, and it enabled him to give of his time and resources to enhance the work done by countless charitable organizations, including the work of YHC. He served on the Board of Trustees, including a stint as Vice Chairman, and he worked on the Development, Endowment and Marketing committees for the College.

Nix recalled that Mitchell wanted to make sure the Board of Trustees kept its focus on those attending the College, arranging for various students to make regular presentations to the group. It ensured that the Board had a constant reminder of why they were serving and supporting the efforts of YHC.

He also had a deep appreciation for the pristine beauty of the region, enjoying time spent outdoors hunting, fishing and hiking. To him, the connection to the natural world was a key piece of the YHC experience, helping to keep it grounded in its roots and true to its mission.

“As society changed, it became less of an outdoors experience, and the focus, understandably, went more toward the academics,” Nix said. “Doug just wanted to make sure the students had opportunities to get the best of both worlds. Most of all, he wanted them to develop the character and values that a school YHC’s size and a school with YHC’s mission could accomplish.”



REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF

DR. ROBERT OZMENT, CLASS OF '46

MAY 7, 1927 – MAY 27, 2020

Dr. Robert “Bob” Ozment lived a life that was larger and bolder than many, but it didn’t stem from a brash confidence. Instead, it was quietly fueled by a foundational faith that imparted unto him a peace that stirred the souls of those around him.

“He was the epitome of a Southern gentleman, and when you couple that with his spiritual depth, you got this combination of a man who would remind you of someone like a Mark Twain,” said Rev. Dr. Jim Ellison, ’88. “When he prayed, it was like a poem.”

Ozment pastored countless churches from Massachusetts to Cuba. It was in these small, rural churches that he began to learn and understand the importance of a well-rounded education grounded in the morality of Scripture.

“As a pastor, his first loyalty was to his local church, and a close second was always Young Harris College,” Ellison said. “Wherever he served, he was always pointing students to YHC and raising money for our school—he was a living advocate for the College.”

It was that educational foundation earned at Young Harris College that helped to prepare him for a life rich with diverse and meaningful experiences. In addition to his pastorships in local churches, including 25 years at the helm of the historic First United Methodist Church of Atlanta, Ozment taught theology at Emory University’s Candler School of Theology and incorporated television into his services, having them broadcast on WSB.

Additionally, Ozment, an alumnus of the YHC Class of 1946, was an accomplished writer, penning columns on Christian spirituality for nearly 20 newspapers in Alabama and Georgia, as well as “The Progressive Farmer” magazine. He also was the author of six books, including the well-known “But God Can.”

Recognizing what Young Harris College had given to him, Ozment made sure that he did his part to give back to the College. He is one of three individuals named as a Lifetime Trustee of YHC, joining the Honorable Zell Miller and Dr. W. Harry Hill. During his more than 30 years of service on the Board of Trustees, he gave of his time and talents on several committees, including Development, Endowments, Finance and Membership.

Perhaps the most valuable trait Ozment brought to the table for the College was his wisdom and grace.

“He was one of the voices on our Board who made sure there was accountability, from a Christian standpoint, and always serving as a moral voice,” said Ellison, who followed Ozment as senior minister at First



Rev. Dr. Robert V. Ozment, '46, was presented with the Artemas Lester Award from Young Harris College by Carol Chastain, '84.

United Methodist Church of Atlanta. “His voice was always pointing people toward a path where we made sure we honored God with what we did.”

Ozment believed in the power of a theological education, starting the Robert V. and Arah J. Ozment Scholarship for Religious Studies, in addition to his ongoing support of the Local Scholarship Campaign.

“In my experiences with him, he was not necessarily raising money for buildings or things like that,” Ellison said. “He was raising money for scholarships to support under-resourced students who wanted a shot at college. That’s who we are at YHC. That’s in our DNA, and it definitely was in his.”

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
CLAIR WOFFORD FRAZIER, CLASS OF '81

MAY 3, 1961 – DECEMBER 23, 2019

If there was one thing Clair Wofford Frazier was absolutely committed to, it was her desire to see what she referred to as “the Young Harris experience” live on for future generations.

Dating back to its origins as a small school serving the local communities scattered about the North Georgia mountains, Young Harris College has a long history of providing opportunity—and hope—to aspirational students from the surrounding areas. It has long meshed the hard work, strong ethics, and charitable service that are prevalent in the cultural makeup of the region with the educational experience at the College.

Frazier came from humble beginnings herself, and she forever regarded the opportunities afforded to her at YHC as transformational for her life.

“One of the things she was interested in was keeping the YHC experience alive for everyone,” said Jim Johnston, '70. “People came from mostly poor backgrounds, and the College would demand that you work hard to get through, but its faculty and staff were there to help you. They helped her, and she never forgot that.”

The kindness and support bestowed on her fueled her generous spirit, and she became an active member of the Young Harris College Alumni Association following her graduation in 1981, eager to do her part to help extend that kindness to others.

Named to the Board of Trustees in 2007, Frazier served as the chair of the Student Affairs Committee and was an integral member of the Academic Affairs, Development and Executive committees. She and her husband A.D. Frazier were significant benefactors for the Investing in the Future Capital Campaign, which brought needed, sweeping investments for new and renovated facilities and infrastructure across campus during YHC's transition to a four-year institution.



She established the Wofford-Frazier Scholarship to provide financial assistance for students attending the College and donated her personal collection of artwork from Emanuel Romano to YHC for display on its campus.

“She was a great fundraiser, and everyone who knew her loved her,” said Johnston. “She always had a real friendly face, and she was someone who cared for you.”

Frazier also was a supporter of the Clay Dotson Open, an annual golf tournament played in honor of longtime professor Dr. Clay Dotson.

“Clair came and played in the tournament a few times, and I suppose that's where we began to appreciate each other,” Dotson recalled. “Clair was such a sweet personality, and she always had a big smile, and I noticed it was the same smile you'd find in the yearbook from her days as a student.”

In honor of her contributions, the Board of Trustees named the executive board room at the Rollins Campus Center the Wofford-Frazier Board Room, and she was awarded the prestigious Susan B. Harris Award in 2008 for her faithful service to the College and her dedication to the community.

Even so, those gracious recognitions feel inadequate for a life defined by generosity—not only of her resources, but of her spirit.

As Johnston remembered fondly, “She was a great supporter, but even more so, she was a great person.”

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF **GEORGE BERRY, CLASS OF '57**

JULY 5, 1937 – SEPTEMBER 7, 2019

Despite a professional pedigree more than deserving of acclaim, George Berry eschewed public praise in lieu of hard work and a steadfast focus on his desire to leave the world better than he found it.

That said, it wasn't like people didn't try to honor Berry for this work. In fact, the Young Harris College Alumni Association put a lot of effort into trying to do just that.

"I remember personally calling George and trying to convince him to allow the Alumni Association to recognize him, and he declined on more than one occasion," said Hank Huckaby, '62, with a laugh. "He just felt that others had done so much more and that he did not deserve any recognition."

Berry's life was defined by service and sacrifice. He channeled his efforts into giving back to those communities, institutions and organizations that had given him so much, and Young Harris College was at the top of the list.

An alumnus of the YHC Class of 1957, he finished his collegiate education at Georgia State University before embarking on a career dedicated to public service and the advancement of opportunities for Georgia.

Berry worked for four Atlanta mayors, oversaw a significant expansion of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and served as the chair of the Metropolitan Atlanta Olympic Games Authority before working for Tom Cousins, a prominent real

estate developer in Atlanta, where he helped guide the revitalization of the East Lake community.

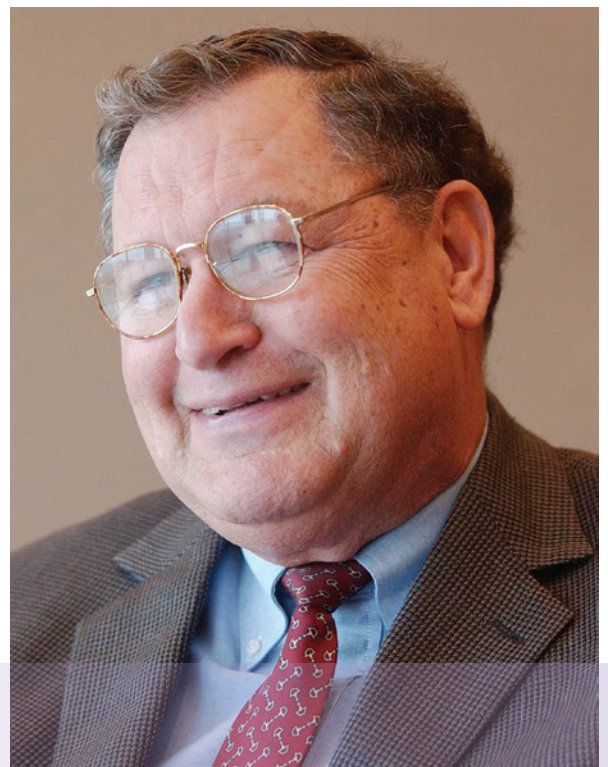
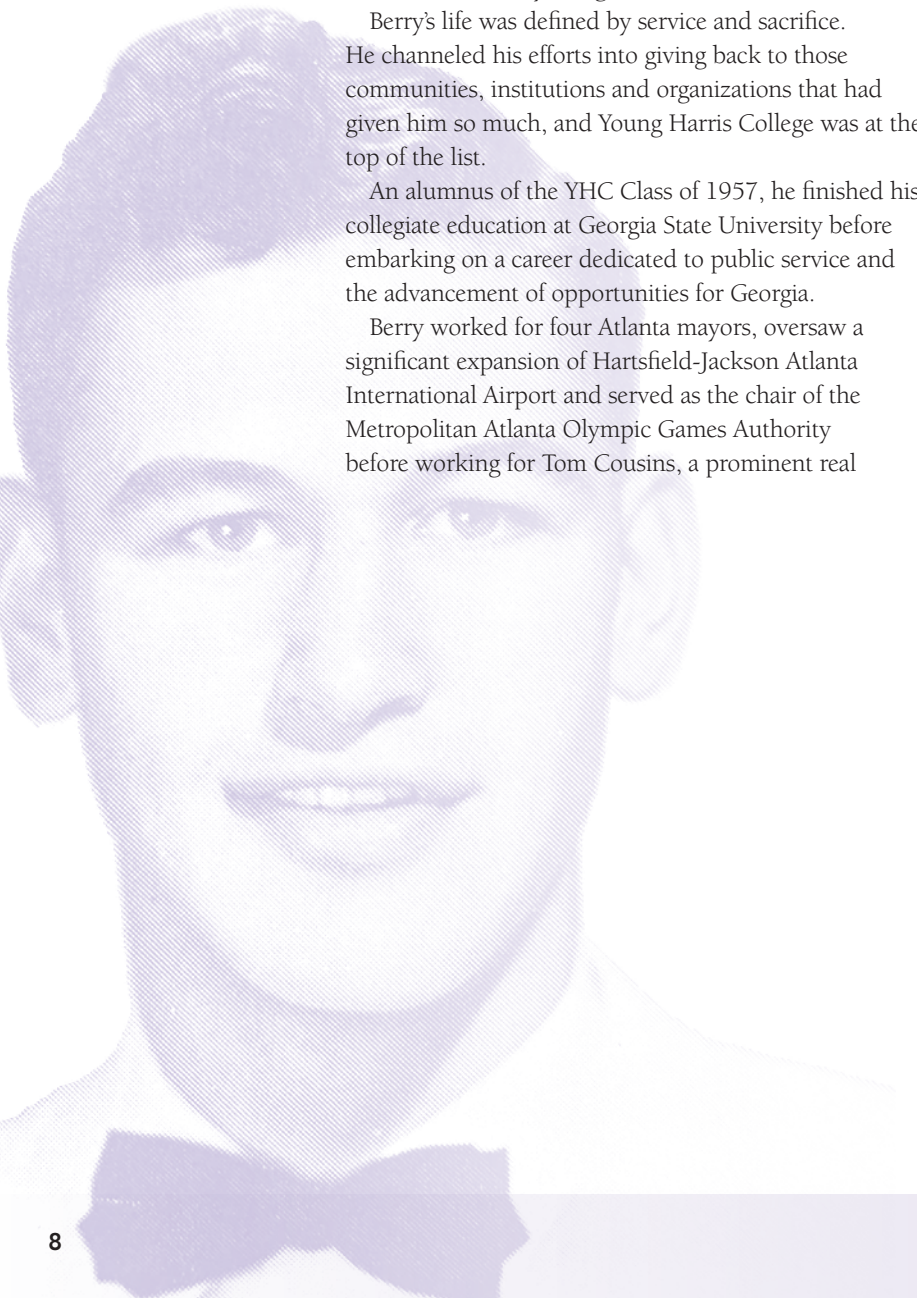
Service to the community was the central theme of his life's work, and that carried over to his passion and commitment to Young Harris College. He gave of his time and his talents to ensure the College could continue to enhance the lives of its students in the same manner it helped cultivate the foundation for his.

"It was part of his makeup and his personality and his values system," Huckaby said. "Like so many people who went to Young Harris College or grew up in the mountain area, he was very modest, and he went on to have a great career. I think he was thankful for the opportunities he had."

Berry served as a member of YHC's Board of Trustees for 24 years, including chairing its Development Committee for nine years. In that role, he helped raise funds to support scholarships, athletics and several capital campaigns to renovate facilities across the campus, drawing on his vast network of contacts and colleagues to help support those efforts.

In particular, he focused on garnering support for the Local Scholarship Campaign, which provides financial assistance for students in the surrounding areas. A native of Union County, Georgia, Berry wanted to make sure local students had the same opportunities he had.

"It just goes back to the high esteem in which he was held by so many," Huckaby said. "People knew of his reputation, and they knew the things he had done. He was a person of extremely high integrity, and he came in contact with a lot of people of influence and financial means, and they responded to him because of who George Berry was and how he lived his life and how he conducted himself."





REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF

R. RANDALL ROLLINS

NOVEMBER 5, 1931 – AUGUST 17, 2020

It doesn't take more than a casual, five-minute stroll across the campus to understand the profound impact of the Rollins family on Young Harris College. Framed by the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, building after building features some mention, some recognition of the family's compassion and commitment.

Among the buildings that bear the Rollins name are the Rollins Campus Center and Rollins Residence Hall. They are part of a series of tributes honoring all of the family's generous support, including that of R. Randall Rollins. While the recognition is appreciated, it wasn't necessarily sought.

That's because Rollins believed giving—and giving generously—was part of one's covenant with a just society.

"His generosity was another indication of how he lived his life," said Rev. Dr. Don Harp, '61. "Growing up in his early life without luxuries, he observed his parents still were very generous and was determined to live his own life in the same manner. History paints a picture of a man who was extremely generous to many causes. His offers to match gifts to a set amount became a great opportunity for groups to double their fundraising goals."

R. Randall Rollins's father, O. Wayne Rollins, had an uncle, J. Frank Rollins, Jr., who planted the seed for the family's deep relationship with YHC. Wayne Rollins wanted to attend Young Harris College following the example of his uncle Frank. Instead, appendicitis and a hail storm that damaged the family's farm left him without tuition. Despite his misfortune, Wayne and his wife Grace were married in 1931 at Young Harris. His uncle Frank, a ministerial student at YHC, presided over the wedding. This solidified the family's connection to the College for generations.

Born to humble beginnings, Randall Rollins often referred to himself simply as a farmer, even after a prodigious business career that included the growth of Rollins Communications, Rollins, Inc. (including Orkin Pest Control), and RPC Energy Services into expansive, successful companies.

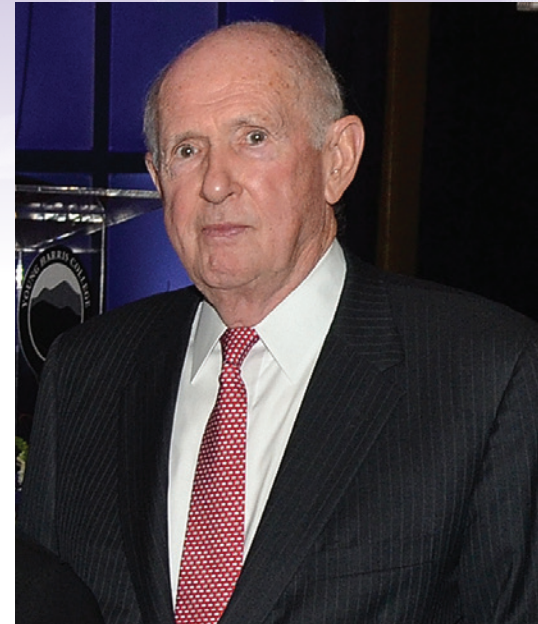
What truly motivated him, however, was a commitment to doing good. Driven by a strong moral compass and a deep, abiding love for his family, Rollins gave of his resources and his time to several institutions of higher education, including Young Harris College, Emory University and Berry College, as well as the Robert W. Woodruff Health Sciences Center Fund.

It was quite a gesture of support for learning from someone who, like his father, gained his education by doing, having never earned a college degree. Still, Rollins was an ardent supporter of educational causes, determined to leave the organizations and institutions he worked with better than he found them.

"Randall didn't get much of a formal advanced education," said Cathy Cox, past YHC president. "The leadership of that family made their own success the old-fashioned way—they worked hard, believed in doing things the right way, and were devoted to their family and their church. Giving back has clearly always been a part of what Randall Rollins and the whole Rollins family saw as their social obligations for their success."

Consider YHC's transition from a two-year school to a four-year college. Cox, who served as president at the time, noted the positive, enthusiastic support Rollins gave throughout the process. He was one of the first benefactors to make plans to support the financial obligations of the transition, while his daughter, Pam, served as the chair of the corresponding capital campaign.

"I learned what the family was interested in, and they had a definite interest in higher education," Cox noted. "It sprung from O. Wayne Rollins's interest in getting a college education that the economic circumstances of the time never allowed him to earn. But he understood the value of it, and the entire family wanted to support and give back to higher education so other students could earn an education."



Cultivating A LEGACY OF SCHOLARSHIP

HONORING THE SUPPORT OF THE LETTIE PATE WHITEHEAD FOUNDATION

Scholarship opportunities for young women preserve Whitehead's legacy and shape the next generation of female leaders

Defined by success and driven by charity, Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans devoted her life to breaking barriers and helping others. In 1934, she became one of the first women in the U.S. to be appointed to the board of directors for a major corporation when she was named to the board of The Coca-Cola Company, and she oversaw the Whitehead Realty Company and Whitehead Holdings, positioning her as one of the most influential business leaders in Atlanta.

Though her life was punctuated by loss and grief, she used these personal tragedies to steel herself to a broader mission of serving others. She kept a quote in her personal records that noted "any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now."



Caroline Abernathy, '22

The compassion rooted in that sentiment fueled the formation of the Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation, which is focused on advancing women in all endeavors, with a heavy emphasis on supporting academic pursuits. Embodying the same charitable spirit that defined Whitehead's life, it carries on her generous legacy by providing scholarship support to more than 10,000 deserving female students with financial need at more than 200 accredited colleges and universities across the Southeast.

At Young Harris College, the Foundation has provided opportunities for several students, including Caroline Abernathy, '22, a junior studying marketing.

"I am gifted with memories and experiences that will make me into the woman I want to become," said Abernathy. "This scholarship has given me the privilege of a higher education, and I refuse to take it for granted."

To learn more about the Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation, please visit lpwhitehead.org or view the video located at vimeo.com/311734248.

HONORING THE SUPPORT OF JASON NORTON, CLASS OF '02

A past recipient of the Bob & Carol Head Local Scholarship Campaign pays it forward

One of the hallmarks of Young Harris College is its longstanding mission to provide avenues to higher education for students from the areas surrounding its campus. It's something Jason Norton, '02, can appreciate.

Norton grew up in Young Harris, Georgia, and attended Hayesville High School in Hayesville, North Carolina. At YHC, he benefited from the Local Scholarship Campaign, which provides financial support to students from eight nearby counties. The education he earned at YHC, and later the University of West Georgia, put him on a pathway to success. Today, he is one of the top financial advisors with LPL Financial, having been named to the company's Chairman's Club, which recognizes the top five percent of the firm's approximately 16,000 advisors.

Norton believes this success stems from the foundation he received at YHC, which was made possible because of the Local Scholarship Campaign.



Jason Norton, '02, is pictured with his wife, Megan Lamb Norton, '02, and their three children.



Jason Norton, '02



Victoria Beck, '21

“The Local Scholarship Campaign is near and dear to my heart because I was a beneficiary of it when I attended YHC,” Norton said. “My attendance would have been quite impossible without it.”

It’s also why Norton wants to ensure the opportunity afforded to him through the program can be passed onto future generations. In addition to being a consistent and generous donor to the Local Scholarship Campaign, Norton recently joined YHC’s Board of Trustees and will contribute his financial expertise and deep knowledge of the Enchanted Valley to the College through his service. Norton’s generosity has helped countless students have the chance to pursue their dreams, including Victoria Beck, ’21. Hailing from Hayesville, North Carolina, Beck is a senior history major and the current president of YHC’s Student Government Association.

“Without the generosity from scholarship donors, I would not be able to attend Young Harris College,” Beck said. “Their willingness to give has allowed me to make YHC my home for the past four years, for that, I am very thankful.”

HONORING THE SUPPORT OF GERARDO OJEDA, CLASS OF '13

A passion for music propels Ojeda to give to students through YHC’s Friends of the Arts

Once you understand the passion Gerardo Ojeda, ’13, has for the creative energy that drives the arts, it’s no surprise why he decided to attend Young Harris College. He was taken by the beauty of the place, surrounded by the majesty of the Blue Ridge Mountains, and he knew the promise of spending four years in that environment was something he simply could not pass up.

During his time at YHC, he embraced the outdoors, drawing inspiration and sharing in fellowship as he soaked up all that he could.

“The best memories I have are going on a camping and kayaking trip with some friends,” he said. “It was planned by one of our friends for one of her outdoor leadership classes.”

Though he earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from YHC, Ojeda is a talented musician and minored in music to satisfy his artistic itch. It’s something he remains invested in today as a member of the College’s Friends of the Arts (FOTA) program. FOTA provides financial support to YHC’s Division of Fine Arts, which nurtures the creative development of YHC students and enhances the local cultural landscape.

“I give back to Young Harris College because I was fortunate enough to earn financial aid through scholarships made possible by donations,” Ojeda said. “It’s important to carry that legacy on, so I try to do my part to help give others the same opportunity.”

Montaeo Bailey, ’23, is a sophomore from Harris County, Georgia, who is studying musical theatre at YHC. Support from programs like FOTA enables students like him to have access to ample opportunities, including scholarships and financial aid for various initiatives like cultural history trips.



Gerardo Ojeda, '13, is pictured with his mom.



Gerardo Ojeda, '13



Montaeo Bailey, '23

“I came to Young Harris College to pursue my aspirations to become a performer in certain aspects of the entertainment industry,” said Bailey. “I believe acting gives me an outlet, and I can shine with the presence I bring. The scholarship has allowed me to gradually make my way through YHC without having that heavy burden of debt. I’ve constantly achieved my goals throughout each semester to bring me closer to my degree and the long-term goals I want to achieve.”

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