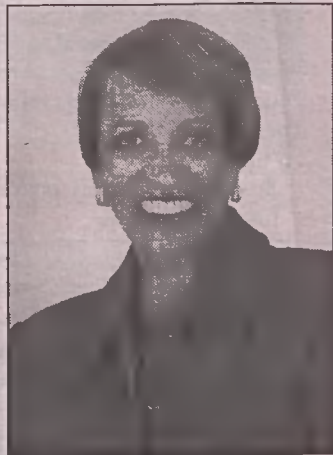


## Former Bennett College prez honored by HRC

Greensboro resident Johnnetta B. Cole receives Ally award

by Matt Comer • Q-Notes staff

Known for her outspokenness and candor, Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole, former president of both Spelman College and Greensboro's Bennett College for Women, was honored by the Human Rights



Campaign (HRC) at its Atlanta dinner on May 2, receiving the group's National Ally for Equality Award.

Cole is current chair of the Johnnetta B. Cole Global Diversity and Inclusion Institute at Bennett College. She is an immediate past chair of the United Way of America Board of Trustees and serves on the United Way of Greater Greensboro Board of Directors. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

At the dinner, Cole spoke out in favor of hate crimes legislation and marriage equality for same-sex couples.

"I take on the responsibility to educate and to push for legislation to end hate crimes," Cole said at the dinner. "I commit to speaking out, to educating and to calling for legislation for the rights of all people to marry."

She called on Martin Luther King, Jr., who said "we must educate, we must legislate and, where necessary, we must agitate" to create change. ▀

**online:**

See video of Cole's award speech at [q-notes.com/former-bennett-college-prez-honored](http://q-notes.com/former-bennett-college-prez-honored)

## Charlestonians honored

Insurance agent, politician are AFFA members

compiled by Q-Notes staff

Two Charleston residents were recently honored in the "40 Under 40" compiled by *Charleston Regional Business Journal*.

Colleen Condon, a Charleston County Council member and attorney, and Philip Bradley, who owns real estate and insurance agencies, were named among 40 young leaders and businesspeople. Both are members and supporters of the Alliance for Full Acceptance, Charleston's local LGBT education and advocacy organization.

Bradley, 39, is a board member of the Charitable Society of Charleston and the S.C. Battleground Preservation Trust, president of Friends of Charles Towne Landing and active with the Bradley Family Foundation.

"Ultimately, my professional goal is to retire comfortably and successfully," Bradley told the *Journal*. "I never want to be just known as a businessman. I believe you are more defined by what you do in life versus what you do for a living in life. But each day, week and year, I have goals that motivate me to be a better person and a better businessman."

"Always do the right thing," he said, was his personal mission statement.

He said his dad gave him the best career

advice he'd ever learned.

"My dad taught me that taking care of your employees is just as important as taking care of your customers. They both have to be a priority."

Condon, 38, serves on the Charleston County Council. As an elected official, she works hard to keep an open dialogue with constituents. Every Thursday at 8 a.m. at Sojourn Coffee, Condon holds "Coffee with Colleen." She uses the time to speak to community members, hearing concerns and taking feedback.

Condon is a member of the Rotary Club of Charleston, coaches her son's soccer team and volunteers with Blessed Sacrament School. She is a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church.

"My grandmothers and mother have all passed away, but I try to live by the volumes of advice they gave me," she said of her personal mission. "I know I wouldn't be where I am without their prayers, faith, hope and advice. If any action I take won't make my mother proud, then I shouldn't do it."

She said the best career advice she'd ever been given was to strive to have a job you truly enjoy.

As reported in *Q-Notes'* April 18 issue, AFFA is currently running their annual media campaign. This year's campaign focuses on LGBT rights and Civil Rights. ▀

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