As dean of students and vice president for student affairs at Grove City College, Nancy Paxton had the task of “parenting” more than 2,000 collegians each year: coordinating student housing, organizing special events, supervising student counseling and managing a wide range of campus activities for the student body. She devoted herself to the students of the College and to helping them develop not only academically, but also as men and women of character and integrity.

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