

**Georgia Historical Society Magazine  
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President and Co-Founder of X  
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X is president and cofounder of the X, the largest, most comprehensive nonprofit arts university in the nation, awarding degrees in more than 40 areas of study.

As president, Ms. X leads the university's academic programs, champions X signature events, promotes real-world learning opportunities, and garners awards and recognition. University events that X pioneered include the X Film Festival, which brings more than 40,000 people each year to X for a week of screenings, workshops, panels, and lectures; X, three days of conversation, networking, and recognition for television luminaries and X's vibrant community of students and faculty in Atlanta; and X Style, a weeklong celebration of style and design in X, Atlanta, and Hong Kong. X advances students' career-readiness by partnering students with real clients such as Georgia's own Chick-fil-A and Home Depot through the X Collaborative Learning Center.

As a lifelong learner and educator, X has initiated many of the university's

most innovative academic outreach programs and signature events, including Art Educators' Forum, the Rising Star pre-college program, and Summer Seminars.

An Atlanta native, X earned a B.A. degree from Furman University, and M.Ed. and Ed.S. degrees from Georgia State University. She has been named both an "Outstanding Georgia Citizen" by the Georgia Secretary of State and "Entrepreneur of the Year" by Ernst & Young, and has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the inaugural Elle Décor Vision Award and the W.W. Law Legacy Award, which recognizes extraordinary philanthropic service in urban communities.

Ms. X is a celebrated interior designer, has authored children's and interior design books, and is presently at work on her memoir. When not leading X, X spends time with her husband, X, and her four children.