



**GARY T. MCCOLLUM**

Senior Vice President and General Manager, Cox Virginia  
Cox Communications, Inc.

Gary T. McCollum is the senior vice president and general manager for Cox Communications' Virginia system, a position he was appointed to in February 2010. He is responsible for the day-to-day operations of all Cox services in Virginia, including Hampton Roads, Roanoke, Fairfax County and Fredericksburg, serving nearly 770,000 households and over 2,300 employees.

McCollum joined Cox Communications in 1989 as a manager trainee in Hartford, Conn., and was later promoted to a variety of management roles, including plant operations manager, director of network development, and vice president of customer care. McCollum went on to serve as vice president and general manager for Cox's Roanoke cable system, spearheading efforts to bring the Information Superhighway to all segments of the community, and in 2000, was promoted to vice president and general manager of Cox's newly acquired Northern Virginia system. In 2006, Gary was promoted to lead the Cox Hampton Roads system and then led the consolidation of all locations into one Virginia operation.

Gary was honored with the prestigious Vanguard Award for Cable Operations Management from the National Cable Telecommunications Association in 2003. The Cable World Magazine named the Cox Northern Virginia operation the "*Cable System of the Year*" under his direction. Gary has been inducted into the Virginia Commonwealth University's *Virginia Communications Hall of Fame* and the Virginia Cable Telecommunications Association *Virginia Cable Hall of Fame*. He is also the recipient of the Northern Virginia Community Foundation's *Community Leadership Award* and the

Fairfax County NAACP *Corporate Trailblazer Award*, and has appeared for six years on the CableFAX list of *Most Influential Minorities in Cable*.

Prior to joining Cox, McCollum served eight years on active duty as a military intelligence officer for the U.S. Army and is currently a major in the U.S. Army Reserves. During his active duty military career, he served with the elite U.S. Army Rangers.

Gary is active in community and industry-related projects. He currently is a member of or serves on the board of the following organizations: Virginia Chamber of Commerce, Blueprint Virginia, Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce (HRCC), and the Virginia Cable Telecommunications Association (VCTA), among others. In addition, he is the founding Chair of Elevate Early Education (E3), an early childhood education advocacy organization in Virginia.

Born in a housing project in Richmond, Va., McCollum was the first member of his family to graduate from college. He graduated from James Madison University with a bachelor's degree in Russian studies and political science, and earned an M.B.A. from the University of Connecticut, where he concentrated on telecommunications. Gary, a licensed Christian Minister, and his wife, Cookie, reside in Virginia Beach, VA, and have two daughters.