



**2016-2017 Ransome Prize Winner  
Ann Teaff**

Ann Teaff began her career in education at University School of Nashville. She then spent 18 years at Garrison Forest School in Maryland, serving as Chair of the History Department and as Head of Upper School and Assistant Head of School for ten years. From 1998 to 2014, Ms. Teaff was Head of School at Harpeth Hall School in Nashville. During her time at Harpeth Hall, Ms. Teaff transformed the school into one of the premiere independent girls' schools in the country. A gifted educator who led by example, Ms. Teaff encouraged others to reach for their personal best. Under Ms. Teaff's leadership, enrollment at Harpeth Hall increased significantly; the percentage of students of color more than doubled; the school completed successful capital campaigns raising nearly \$90 million; and the endowment grew from \$7.8 million to \$40 million.



As an educational innovator and convener, Ms. Teaff was especially committed to improving educational programs for girls in STEM fields. As one of three schools nationwide to receive an Educational Leadership Grant from the Edward E. Ford Foundation in 2010, Ms. Teaff secured major funding to establish the Center for STEM Education for Girls at Harpeth Hall. In 2009, Ms. Teaff led Harpeth Hall to found the Online School for Girls, now One Schoolhouse, with three other girls' schools. Through her enthusiasm, positive outlook, personal drive, humility, and understanding of how girls learn, Ms. Teaff inspired parents, trustees, faculty, and staff to do all they could to ensure girls have every opportunity possible to achieve their highest potential.

Ann Teaff served on the Board of Trustees for the National Coalition of Girls' Schools from 2006 to 2014, including as Governance Committee Chair and Vice President. Ms. Teaff has also been involved as both a member and board member with The Head Mistresses Association of the East and the Country Day School Headmasters Association. She currently serves as a board member of the NCGS member schools Baltimore Leadership School for Young Women and St. Paul's School for Girls.