



2014-2015 Ransome Prize Winner

Ann Pollina

Ann Pollina has been Head of Westover School since 1997, and has been a member of the School's faculty since joining its Mathematics Department in 1972. She continues to teach a class in AP Calculus at the School.

Mrs. Pollina has written extensively and frequently travels throughout the country to speak on education, school excellence, and gender equity in education. As a national speaker, consultant, and organizer of symposia on gender equity in education, Mrs. Pollina is recognized as an expert on ways to involve girls in math, science, and technology, and serves on the boards of directors for a number of regional and national groups that promote women's education.

Mrs. Pollina has served as President of the National Coalition of Girls' Schools (NCGS) Board of Trustees. She is on the Board of Directors and Strategic Planning Committee of the Maranyundo School in Nyamata, Rwanda, a middle school for girls with a focus on math and science, which she helped dedicate at its opening in 2008. She is Past President of the Headmistresses Association of the East. Mrs. Pollina has been a member of the Headmasters Association since 2001, and is a past President of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Association of Independent Schools. She is on the Commission of Independent Schools of the New England Association of Schools & Colleges.



In 1992, Mrs. Pollina helped found the Westover/Rensselaer W.I.S.E. (Women in Science and Engineering) Program, a collaboration between Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, which aims to encourage young women to pursue careers in math and science. She is also a past officer of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Academy for Education in Mathematics, Science & Technology.