National Coalition of Girls' Schools

2016-2017 H. William Christ Educator Prize Winner Sue Sadler

Sue Sadler has been an educator and administrator at Hathaway Brown School in Cleveland, Ohio, for the past 30 years. During her time at Hathaway Brown, she has served in many roles including as a science teacher, math department chair, Middle School Director for eight years, and in her current role as Senior Associate Head of School and Upper School Director. Ms. Sadler's teaching and leadership experiences span the early childhood through high school range, which helped her gain a broad understanding of the balance needed in coordinating curriculum and inspiring innovation.



Under Ms. Sadler's leadership as Director of Middle School from 2000 to 2008, the Middle School became a forward-thinking division, combining top-tier achievement, a warm and genuine sense of community, path-breaking programming, and a daily dose of fun. As Senior Head of School and Director of the Upper School, Ms. Sadler has led the division with great thoughtfulness, courage, and respect for others. She managed three significant facilities upgrades: a cutting-edge IDEA lab maker space, an updated collaborative Learning Commons, and an IT Hub to consolidate and centralize IT resources and support. Ms. Sadler also helped launch and refine Hathaway Brown's Center for Leadership and Well-being to help students build strong and healthy resources to become leaders in their own lives. Ms. Sadler was recognized for her excellence in teaching by an alumna donor, who created the Sadler Promise in Education Award.

Sue Sadler has been at the forefront of Hathaway Brown's successful efforts to cultivate a culture that embraces both excellence and innovation with a loving sense of community. Ms. Sadler was recently appointed as the tenth Headmistress at the Bryn Mawr School in Baltimore, Maryland, effective July 1, 2017.