



## **2017-2018 Ransome Prize Winner Trudy Hall**

Trudy Hall began her career in education in Kingston, Jamaica, which ensured her global commitment to quality education. However, she was fortunate to discover the world of independent education nearly 40 years ago when she became a counselor at the Culver Girls Academy in Culver, IN. From that moment, her passion for girls' education, integrated with a global perspective, became a career trajectory. With professional opportunities as the Dean of Culver Girls Academy, Dean of Faculty at Culver Academies, Dean of Students at Stoneleigh-Burnham School, Head of Miss Hall's School, and Associate Head of Hutchison School, her focus has been primarily on girls, how they learn and lead, and how educators can create environments in which girls thrive. Her pursuits led her to accept the role of Head of Emma Willard School in Troy, NY, where she served from 1999-2016. This capstone role gave her innumerable opportunities to visit girls' schools and educators around the world, deepening her belief in the transformative environments created by girls' schools.



Trudy received an M.A.L.S. from Duke University with a focus on studying the history of feminism, an M.Ed. in counseling and consulting psychology from Harvard Graduate School of Education, and a B.S. in psychology and sociology from St. Lawrence University, where she was named to the Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society.

Serving on the Board of Trustees for the National Coalition of Girls Schools since 2002, she held the role of President from 2012-2016. She is currently the President of the Board of Leadership +Design, a non-profit that designs experiences for the educators creating the future of learning. In addition, Trudy has served on the boards of the New York State Association of Independent Schools, Nightingale-Bamford School, Robert C. Parker School, YWCA of the Capital District, Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce, and Head Mistresses Association of the East.

Now a consultant for girls' schools, Trudy has most recently finished as the Director of Strategic Initiatives at the Forest Ridge School of the Sacred Heart and continues to travel extensively in her pursuit of new and distinctive girls' school opportunities and experiences.