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2019-2020 Ransome Prize Winner Patricia Hayot



Patricia Hayot, Ph.D., a consummate educator with more than 40 years of experience, was appointed as the sixth head of Chapin in 2003. She has taught in the United States; Geneva, Switzerland; and Paris, France. She has served as head at both the International School of Paris, a K–12 school offering the International Baccalaureate, and Columbus School for Girls.

Dr. Hayot has held leadership positions in many independent school associations, including the National Coalition of Girls' Schools (NCGS), Independent Schools Admissions Association of Greater New York (ISAAGNY), Country Day Schools Headmasters Association (CDSHA), and European Council of International Schools (ECIS). She was most recently elected to the Robert College Board of Trustees, for which she serves on the Governance and Executive Committees.

A former Klingenstein Fellow at Teachers College, Dr. Hayot earned a Ph.D. in educational psychology from the University of Michigan and bachelor's and master's degrees from Marquette University.

She and the late Fernand Hayot, a professor of neurobiology at The Mount Sinai School of Medicine, have two grown children, Eric and Danielle, and two children-in-law, Lea and Scott. Eric is the author of five books, the most recent of which is *The Elements of Academic Style: Writing for the Humanities*. He is a Distinguished Professor of Comparative Literature and Asian Studies and the Director of the Center for Humanities and Information at the Pennsylvania State University. Danielle is an administrative judge with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Washington D.C.'s field office. Lea and Scott are an Assistant Professor of German at Stanford University and the Director of Knowledge and Engineering at Expert Systems, respectively. The Hayots' grandchildren—Frankie, Lola, Jules, and Tristan—fill every family reunion with joy.

Among Dr. Hayot's favorite quotations is this from Eleanor Roosevelt: "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." At Chapin, she cherishes countless opportunities to experience the beauty of the dreams of her colleagues, students, and families.