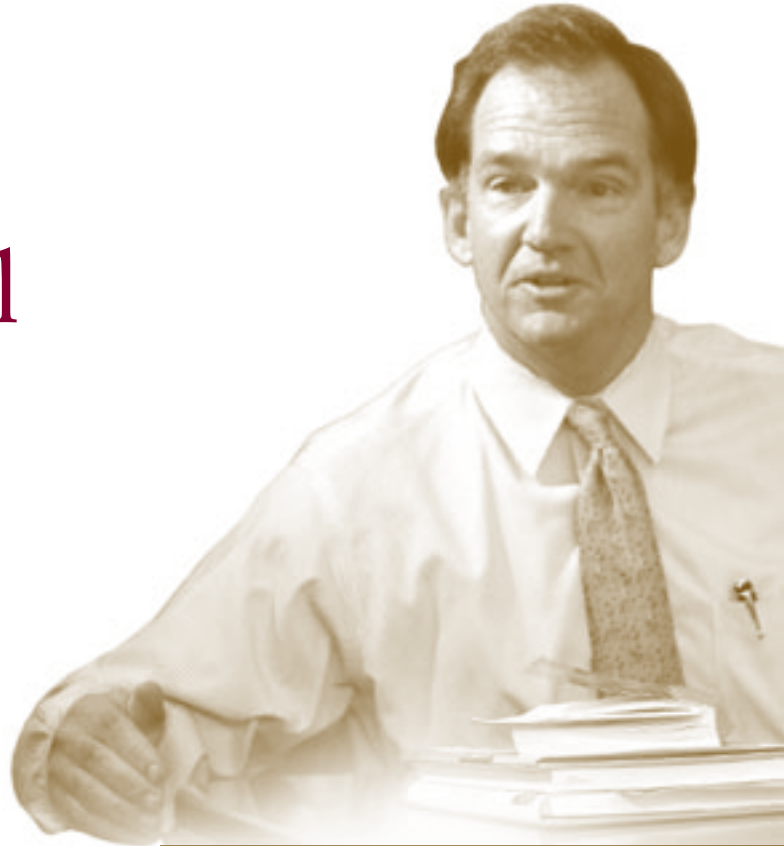


Head of School Achieves National Recognition



There are over 1,100 independent schools in the country, but only 20 of them found their leaders on the list of “Outstanding School Heads” created by Columbia University’s Klingenstein Center for School Leadership. This select group of educators was chosen by their peers based on their highly effective and transformative leadership capabilities.

When **Bill Christ** learned his name was on that list, he joked that “it was another instance of Hathaway Brown making somebody look good.” Two educators pursuing graduate studies at the Klingenstein Center who visited HB in December to “shadow” Christ as a part of their curriculum disagreed. “He has a magnificent blend of natural intuition which sort of steers him,” said Mark Devey, head of the Middle School at The Episcopal Academy in Merion, PA. “And he also has a strong knowledge of people, how they interact and how decisions may cause ripple effects. He’s able to anticipate what those effects are before taking an action.”

Watching one of the outstanding heads on the Klingenstein list in action is a capstone requirement for professional enrollment in The Klingenstein Center’s Leadership Academy, a two-year Master’s Degree program in educational leadership at Columbia’s Teacher College, for current teachers and administrators interested in pursuing leadership roles in independent schools. Devey and Chris Gorycki, head of the Middle School at Montgomery School in Chester Springs, PA, spent two days at HB, observing and interviewing Christ, whom Gorycki called “a master of the craft.”

Both visitors felt that Christ’s focus on innovation has allowed the School to become more than just another excellent independent school. “I like the energy focused on innovation because it’s always forward thinking,” Devey said. “And I like how you feel that innovation and excellence everywhere, even in just the music of the hallways, the chatter, the buzz.”

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Christ attributes this energy to the culture of the School and the people who occupy it. "It's about the quality of the people we've been able to attract," he said. "And it's about figuring out how to leverage the passion and imagination of a lot of very talented people."

Christ also sees the School's mission as integral to its ability to reinvent itself while remaining true to its core values. He says that "we're not just trying to run a very good school; we're really trying to change the world. We're trying to give women a new future and that gives a whole new cast to society. We're all part of something even bigger than ourselves. This is unprecedented work, literally."

The Klingenstein visitors are not the only ones to notice Christ's ambition and dedication to the School. "Bill cares deeply about Hathaway Brown, the students, the faculty and staff, and our greater community," notes Merry McCreary,

President of HB's Board of Trustees. "His enthusiasm and passion for this place are infectious, but it is his dedication and determination that enable him to turn our visions into reality."

Christ felt honored to be named an outstanding leader, just as he feels flattered to serve on the board of two top girls' education associations and to have been recognized this summer by the Athena Foundation for his work on advancing women's leadership. Still, he sees himself more as a product of Hathaway Brown than its visionary leader.

"I've gotten more out of a Hathaway Brown education than anybody," Christ said. "Whatever it is I know about leadership, I learned at HB." And he's grateful that everyday he gets to come to work and feel the energy and power of the School and his job. "I often think of what a privilege it is to be at this place at this time, blazing new trails in women's education. Few people are given the opportunity to do something so important."

Faculty + Administration



Patricia K. Hunt, director of the Student Research Program and a member of the Upper School's science department, was named one of America's "Top 20 Teachers" by the USA Today. She was the only teacher in Ohio to be recognized this year and the first ever from an all-girls school. HB is the only school in the country ever to have students on the USA Today Academic Team and a teacher named to USA Today's "Top Teachers" list. Hunt also

is the only high school teacher in the country to be invited to serve on the education advisory board of the Siemens Foundation.

Diversity Coordinator, **Diane Nichols**, received a prestigious appointment as a member of the faculty of the Student Diversity Leadership Conference at the People of Color Conference, the National Association of Independent Schools leading forum for diversity education. In December she traveled to Miami for the conference with several other Hathaway Brown faculty and students. Upper School English Teacher, **Beth Armstrong**, and *Aspire's*, **Koyhen Shah**, made presentations at the conference as well.



Sarah Liotta Johnston, HB's Director of Admission and Financial Aid, and Upper School Director, **Terry McCue**, have been invited by the National Coalition of Girls' Schools to present at the National Association of Independent Schools' Annual Conference in San Diego in February. Johnston will participate in the "Women's Ways of Leading" session, which will focus on women leaders, and McCue will share Hathaway Brown's work in "Educating Girls to be Global Citizens."

In October, a number of teachers and administrators presented at the Ohio Association of Independent Schools annual conference in Columbus:

Beth Armstrong and Joon-Li Kim: A Different Approach to Ninth Grade English: Adapting Elements of the College Composition Model

Terry Dubow: Media Literacy: Reading Our World

Phyllis Harper and Sheila Santoro: Teacher-Teacher-Librarian Collaboration: Triple Threat

Phyllis Harper: Power Up Your Morning Meeting and Assemblies

Diane Nichols and Sue Sadler: That Wasn't My Intention: Why Are You So Angry?

The HB English Department has been named a Center of Excellence by the National Council of Teachers of English.

Primary School music teacher and HB alumna **Laura Webster '91** released her first album, "Coming Home," this fall. Cleveland's Scene magazine jokes that "if she keeps writing songs as pleasant as the five on her debut CD she just might have to vacate her job as music instructor at Hathaway Brown School and do this nonsense full time."



Don Southard, head of the Upper School science department was invited to speak at the Zonta Club of Cleveland about HB's science program. The Zonta Club is the local affiliate of Zonta International, an organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women.

Roger Sams, Early Childhood and Middle School music teacher, taught training courses in Orff Schulwerk at Cleveland State University and the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN. Sams also presented at the national Orff Schulwerk conference in November. Orff Schulwerk is a movement in music instruction that encourages students to create their own music through play and composition. Additionally, this fall Sams published a book of rounds called "A Round My Heart: Rounds and Partner Songs."

Terry Dubow, Director of the Osborne Writing Center, will have short stories published this spring in Natural Bridge, The MacGuffin and Paper Street.