



## ADMINISTRATOR PROFILE

### Bonny Smith

As Dean of Students and Director of Resident Life, my first priorities are to ensure the safety and well-being of our students and to foster a sense of community and school spirit to support the students throughout their time at NCA. I am very proud of our Resident Life team members who work hard to create a caring environment that offers fun activities as well as the needed rules and expectations that provide boundaries to our students. Our Student Council, Teen Leadership Academy, community volunteering, and various guest speakers and workshops focusing on health, the environment, poetry, communication, culture and many others all provide opportunities for leadership development and team building.

I graduated from Trent University with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and hold a Bachelor of Education degree from Queen’s University in Canada and several M.Ed graduate hours with the University of Alabama. I have been a teacher, school counselor, science department chair, soccer coach, curriculum writer, and administrator for 30 years. I was awarded Teacher of the Year in 2014 from Yavapai County in Arizona. My career has provided wonderful opportunities to work in diverse, international communities starting at the American School in El Salvador, followed by posts at American International Schools in Guatemala, Bangladesh, and Panama. I have also taught in both private and public schools in Canada, Arizona, and New York, which, together with my international teaching, has formed my educational philosophy that all students need to be seen as unique individuals deserving of a caring and stimulating environment in order to develop intellectually, emotionally, physically, and socially. My hope is for all our students to take advantage of the varied cultures and views of our international student body to expand their thinking and promote respect for others.



I enjoy the energy of our students and am so fortunate for the challenges they provide me and our staff to work hard and make each day count.

Outside of school, I enjoy traveling, playing guitar, baking, scuba diving, boating, reading, hiking, and spending time with friends and my family – our dog Bernie, my NCA sophomore son, Aiden, my college sophomore daughter, Sophia, and my husband, Mr. Donald Smith, NCA’s Executive Director.

