

Molly Simmons

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Molly is Co-Founder of Bald Mountain Meadow and will serve as GCI's 2025 Summit Director in St Andrews, Scotland. Molly worked with GCI as a Harkness® faculty member in Cambridge, MA in 2017 and 2018, and then again at the Tokyo Summit in 2019. She also served as Director of the Teacher Cohort in 2023 and as Summit Director in 2024.

Molly hails from a family of teachers and spent her childhood blending life and learning on boarding school campuses throughout New England. She has familiarity with more teaching contexts than most, working as an educator and administrator in a variety of settings—from rural schools in Botswana and urban public charter schools in California, to private independent schools in New England and California and expeditionary programs like Tall Ships Academy and Maine Coastal Studies for Girls. In 2013, Molly joined the English Department at Phillips Exeter Academy where she developed her skills as a Harkness® teacher to explore another realm of student-led learning.

In 2020 Molly moved into the world of executive coaching where she worked as the Director of Operations and Sales at the Handel Group while coaching individuals to recognize the power, opportunity, and choice available in their lives. More recently, Molly transitioned to the field of Advancement, working for Colby College in 2023 before moving back to Phillips Exeter Academy where she currently serves as a Major Gift Officer. As you can see, Molly has followed her heart on a wending educational path and the throughlines are clear: adventure, joy, curiosity, and place—touchstones that shape her vision for Bald Mountain Meadow and its programs, including GCI.

Molly has a BA from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and an MST from the University of New Hampshire.



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