

# OLIVER SCHOLARS GALA



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WENDY VAN AMSON

Wendy A. Temprow Van Amson has been a self-employed, registered dietitian/public health nutritionist over the past 36 years, currently working as a consultant with multiple Head Start and daycare centers. Wendy serves on the board of Bank Street College of Education, FPWA (formerly Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies), and Diversity Awareness Initiative for Students (DAIS). She is a former board member of The Nightingale-Bamford School.

A native Brooklynite, Wendy graduated Midwood High School, received her BS in nutrition from New York University, and MPH from Columbia University School of Public Health. She is a mother of three children who completed their education at five different independent schools, yet all chose the same college – Columbia University. (Alexandra C. Van Amson – CC’13, Victoria T. Van Amson - CC’15, and G. Schuyler Van Amson – CC’17). Wendy has been happily married to George for 33 years.

Wendy has held multiple parent leadership positions in each of her children’s schools, and, as a direct result of those experiences, Wendy founded the Independent School Diversity Network (ISDN) along with Esther Hatch in 2003. ISDN is an alliance of parents and educators dedicated to enhancing the development of environments that are welcoming, inclusive and equitable for students and their families. By establishing a strong network, ISDN seeks to strengthen collaborative efforts through programming, dialogue and improved interschool communication. ISDN is a 501c3 non-profit organization.

Wendy has always been dedicated to community service and building agency with those that may find it difficult to find their voice. She credits her success to having learned at an early age how to navigate “between two worlds” since she grew up in the Bedford Stuyvesant area and was “bused” to Flatbush for her education.