



THE PENNINGTON SCHOOL

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PENNINGTON, N.J., Nov. 11 --- The Pennington School is delighted to announce it has received a STEM grant from the Toshiba America Foundation (TAF). Susan Wirsig, director of Pennington’s Applied Science Certificate Program and a teacher of design engineering and mathematics, received the \$4,590 grant from TAF in support of a technology project designed to bring iPad technology and resources to children living in the Dzaleka Refugee Camp in Malawi, Africa.

Pennington students have been busy all fall refurbishing broken iPads to deliver to the children personally when they travel during their spring break in March 2020 to the Dzaleka Refugee Camp in Malawi. The iPads will be like new, and be pre-loaded with education apps, books, and other learning tools tested and selected by the group of Pennington students. Each iPad will also be enclosed in a dust and waterproof case to ensure the technology tool will hold up in the harsh environment. Dzaleka students of all ages will use the iPads for learning a host of subjects and skills. iPads are well-suited for educational purposes in the camp due to their long battery life, durability, and ease of use. In addition to the iPads, Pennington will also donate a solar charging cart for the iPads. The cart and solar energy system were designed by Trevor Belinsky '19 of Yardley, Pa. for his senior year Horizon project.

This project began during the 2018-19 school year and has grown to include 50+ current students working on several technology initiatives to serve the refugees in Malawi. This innovative program allows Pennington students to use their STEM skills to make a significant impact on the learning of their peers in Africa.

Toshiba America Foundation’s grants fund projects designed by individual classroom teachers. This “direct-to-teacher” approach can bring immediate results. Teachers are able to change the way they teach science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) because the grants support equipment for hands-on experiments and inquiry-based approaches to the curriculum.

About Toshiba America Foundation

Founded in 1990 with support from Toshiba Corporation and the Toshiba America Group Companies, Toshiba America Foundation (TAF) is a non-profit grant making organization dedicated to helping classroom teachers make STEM learning fun and successful for kindergarten to Grade 12 students in U.S. schools. TAF grants support public and nonprofit private schools throughout the United States. For more information, please visit: www.toshiba.com/taf.

About The Pennington School

The Pennington School is an independent coeducational school for students in grades 6 through 12, in both day and boarding programs. The curriculum is college preparatory, with an emphasis on individual excellence, fostering the development of the whole student through academics, athletics, community service, and the creative and performing arts.

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