



THE PENNINGTON SCHOOL

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PENNINGTON, N.J., May 2022 --- Several students at The Pennington School have ranked nationally in the 87th annual *Le Grand Concours*, the national competition sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French. Students were evaluated for their written, oral, and listening comprehension skills. This year's competition had nearly 43,000 participants from all fifty states.

Two AP French students, ninth-grader Sarah Gastelbondo-Le Metayer and tenth-grader Rishi Duggal, took the level 5 contest and earned Silver medals, scoring in the 91st percentile in the nation. Five students, Maria Esparza-Pizano, Nina Feder, Shinyi Li, Chloe McKain, and Bacary Tandjigora, earned Bronze medals. Eleven students earned Honorable Mentions: Marie Ancil, Corsin Casty, William Cooper, Ben Gibson, Amélie Halgan, Haichuan He, Shreya Mookherjee, Mar Ndiaye, Lucas Sweetman, Xiaona Zhu, and Moyang Zou. The students are in levels ranging from French 1 through AP French.

Students are listed below, arranged by state or country and hometown, followed by their grade level.

NEW JERSEY

Lawrenceville: William Cooper, 12

Pennington: Marie Ancil, 9; Shinyi Li, 10; Shreya Mookherjee, 9; Lucas Sweetman, 10

Princeton: Nina Feder, 9

Skillman: Rishi Duggal, 10

Stockton: Ben Gibson, 9

Trenton: Chloe McKain, 11

BERMUDA

St. George's: Amélie Halgan, 11

CHINA

Nanjing: Xiaona Zhu, 9

Shanghai: Haichuan He, 10; Moyang Zou, 9

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Santo Domingo: Sarah Gastelbondo-Le Metayer, 9

MEXICO

Mexico City: Maria Esparza-Pizano, 9



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SENEGAL

Thies: Mar Ndiaye, 10; Bacary Tandjigora, 9

SWITZERLAND

Bern: Corsin Casty, 11

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.

Caption for photo: Several students at The Pennington School ranked nationally in *Le Grand Concours*.