



## THE PENNINGTON SCHOOL

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**PENNINGTON, N.J., June 1, 2022** --- Dr. William S. Hawkey, head of school, announces that, following a national search, Adam Materasso will be joining The Pennington School as Director of College Counseling, effective July 1, 2022. Materasso arrives at Pennington after a 19-year tenure at Ranney School in Tinton Falls, NJ, where his most recent role was Dean of Enrollment Management and College Counseling. He was a member of that school's senior leadership team and board of trustees, responsible for the enrollment, recruitment, and retention of students. Previously he served as associate head of upper school, dean of students, and as a college counselor. He also worked as director of student activities, associate director of summer programs, class dean, and as an upper school Spanish teacher. Adam was a key member of Ranney's strategic planning committee, and he was a member of the school's academic council. At one time or another, he was involved in almost every aspect of that institution.

Materasso attended Drew University, where he graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. in Spanish. He earned his master's degree in private school leadership from the Klingenstein Center at Teachers College, Columbia University. He is also fluent in Spanish, French, and Italian.

Materasso writes, "I am thrilled to be joining the Pennington community during such an exciting time. My first goal is to get to know the entire school community. Forging close relationships is critical to the work I do as a college counselor."

Materasso's appointment is a result of an important strategic decision to expand Pennington's college counseling office at this time in order to better serve all of its Upper School students. Four other members of Pennington's college counseling office will report to Materasso, who reports directly to the head of school as part of the senior leadership team.

Dr. Hawkey says, "Due to an increase in enrollment at The Pennington School, we believe that it is important to increase the focus on our college search process, and Adam's deep experience as a school leader as well as his involvement in the Association of College Counselors at Independent Schools (ACCIS) will guide us as we strengthen our program further. It is evident to me that he is highly respected by his independent school peers, and I am delighted about the many ways in which Adam will help us continue to elevate our programming."

Materasso's appointment at The Pennington School is effective July 1, 2022.

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:** Adam Materasso will be joining The Pennington School as Director of College Counseling.

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