



THE PENNINGTON SCHOOL

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PENNINGTON, N.J., October 18, 2022 --- Twelve Pennington School seniors were inducted as student members of the School's chapter of the Cum Laude Society on October 18. Students inducted are within the top ten percent of their class, as determined by grade point average, and the School views selection for membership as one of the highest honors it can confer.

The Cum Laude Society is an international organization dedicated to recognizing academic achievement in secondary schools. There are 382 institutions in the Society; most are independent schools.

The new members of Pennington's chapter of Cum Laude are Isabel Adams, Yuda Li, Benjamin Clabbers, Gloria Liu, Isabella Fermo, Chloe McKain, Gordon Grandbouche, Kyle Meinhart, Jinze Hong, Francesca Pendus, Beatrix Kim, and Dailan Xu.

The induction ceremony was held in Pennington United Methodist Church. After an invocation from the Reverend David Hallgren, Head of School William S. Hawkey, Ph.D. gave a welcome speech. Teacher of Music Donald Dolan provided information about the Cum Laude Society's history and motto, and Dean of Academic Affairs Scott Peeler introduced the faculty members in Pennington's Cum Laude chapter. Teacher of Spanish Lida Castro introduced the event's speaker, Assistant Director of Residence Life and Teacher of Latin and English Peter Secrest. Cum Laude Chapter President Lisa L. Houston then formally inducted the students.

A list of the fall Cum Laude inductees, arranged by state or country and hometown, follows.

NEW JERSEY

Pennington: Isabel Adams

Princeton: Gordon Grandbouche

Princeton Junction: Yuda Li

Skillman: Beatrix Kim, Gloria Liu

Trenton: Chloe McKain

PENNSYLVANIA

Langhorne: Benjamin Clabbers

Yardley: Isabella Fermo, Kyle Meinhart, Francesca Pendus

CHINA

Beijing: Dailan Xu

Hangzhou: Jinze Hong

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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