



## THE PENNINGTON SCHOOL

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**PENNINGTON, N.J., APRIL 2023** --- The Better Kitchen Sink club at The Pennington School has been working to supply people in Malawi with a water filtration system for use in communities with limited access to clean water. Led by 2022 graduates Avery Sichel and Max Gibbard, eleventh-grader Ishan Gupta, and ninth-grader Shubh Gangrade, the team recently submitted their project to the World Series of Innovation Competition, presented by Citi Foundation. Global education nonprofit Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) selected the top three groups for ten categories out of more than one thousand international entries. The Better Kitchen Sink team was awarded the second-place prize in the Fresh Water Action Challenge category, earning \$600 to continue the work on their filter.

In addition to the current students and recent alumni leading the project, Robert White, Pennington Class of 1997 and sales manager at SB&W, has been mentoring the team through the process of getting a mold made of the sink part of their filtration invention. With his professional support, sinks are being completed in China and should be ready to take to Malawi for testing in June. Mewburn Ellis LLP, an IP firm in the United Kingdom, is providing the funding for the production of the mold and sink.

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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