



THE PENNINGTON SCHOOL

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PENNINGTON, N.J., MAY 2023 --- Several World Languages students at The Pennington School have earned recognition for their scores on *Le Grand Concours*, the National German Exam, the National Latin Exam, and the National Spanish Exam.

Le Grand Concours is a national competition sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French. Over 43,000 students from across the United States participated in the event. Junior Lucas Sweetman placed above the 85th percentile, earning a Silver Medal. Senior Chloe McKain, junior Shinyi Li, and sophomore Nina Feder placed above the 75th percentile, earning Bronze Medals. Mofei Shen, a senior, earned an Honorable Mention, placing in the top fifty percent of participants.

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

NEW JERSEY

Pennington: Shinyi Li, 11, Bronze; Lucas Sweetman, 11, Silver

Princeton: Nina Feder, 10, Bronze

Trenton: Chloe McKain, 12, Bronze

CHINA

Beijing: Mofei Shen, 12, Honorable Mention

The National German Exam is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of German. Winners of Gold Medals, placing above the 90th percentile in Levels 2, 3, and 4 may apply for one of fifty-five travel awards. Sophomore Siyi Yang earned a Gold Medal on the Level 2 exam, and junior Maya Meehan-Ritter earned a Gold on the Level 4 exam.

Four students earned Silver Medals: Nikolas Chase, Ben Graziano-Kastner, Zara Meehan-Ritter, and Kyle Meinhart. Gabriella DiRusso, Suhani Gharia, and Gloria Liu earned Bronze Medals for their scores. Four additional students placed in the top fifty percent of participants, earning an Achievement: Zoe Eaton, Jinze Hong, Jose Ponce De Leon, and Matthew Sanderson.

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MASSACHUSETTS

Cambridge: Siyi Yang, 10, Gold

NEW JERSEY

Monroe Township: Suhani Gharia, 12, Bronze

Pennington: Nikolas Chase, 12, Silver; Zoe Eaton, 12, Achievement; Jose Ponce De Leon, 10, Achievement

Princeton: Ben Graziano-Kastner, 11, Silver; Maya Meehan-Ritter, 11, Gold; Zara Meehan-Ritter, 9, Silver

Princeton Junction: Gabriella DiRusso, 11, Bronze

Skillman: Gloria Liu, 12, Bronze

PENNSYLVANIA

Newtown: Matthew Sanderson, 10, Achievement

Yardley: Kyle Meinhart, 12, Silver

CHINA

Hangzhou: Jinze Hong, 12, Achievement

The National Latin Exam is sponsored by the American Classical League and is offered to students on seven levels. Over 100,000 students take the exam internationally. *Summa Cum Laude* is considered a Gold Medal, and *Maxima Cum Laude* is a Silver Medal achievement. Students ranking in third place receive *Magna Cum Laude* recognition, and fourth place receive *Cum Laude*.

Three Pennington students — Caleb Collins, Aurora Hu, and Helena Roque Cohen — earned *Summa Cum Laude* scores. Seven students received *Maxima Cum Laude* scores: Layten Hoffman, Deethya KarthikVatsan, Jai Raman, Nashka Vyas, Ciaran Walsh, Lisa Wang, and Yanxin Wu.

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NEW JERSEY

Belle Mead: Lisa Wang, 10, *Maxima Cum Laude*

Columbus: Ami Ly, 9, *Magna Cum Laude*

Lawrenceville: Caleb Collins, 10, *Summa Cum Laude*

Monmouth Junction: Jai Raman, 11, *Maxima Cum Laude*

Pennington: Lili Flink, 8, *Magna Cum Laude*; Deethya KarthikVatsan, 10, *Maxima Cum Laude*; Dhruv Ramaswamy, 10, *Magna Cum Laude*; Daniel Tracy, 9, *Magna Cum Laude*; Ciaran Walsh, 9, *Maxima Cum Laude*

Princeton: Yanxin Wu, 9, *Maxima Cum Laude*; Dingtong Zou, 10, *Magna Cum Laude*

Stockton: Connor Tirendi, 9, *Cum Laude*

PENNSYLVANIA

New Hope: Michela McCagg, 10, *Cum Laude*; Sasha Morgan, 9, *Magna Cum Laude*

Yardley: Garrett Hardt, 11, *Magna Cum Laude*; Benjamin Pearlberg, 10, *Cum Laude*; Nishka Vyas, 9, *Maxima Cum Laude*

Washington Crossing: Layten Hoffman, 10, *Maxima Cum Laude*

CHINA

Ningbo: Yingying Peng, 11, *Cum Laude*

Shanghai: Jinxuan Qi, 10, *Magna Cum Laude*; Hengchao Xia, 11, *Cum Laude*

ITALY

Rome: Aurora Hu, 12, *Summa Cum Laude*

MEXICO

Naucalpan: Helena Roque Cohen, 8, *Summa Cum Laude*; Mauricio Roque Cohen, 9, *Magna Cum Laude*

The National Spanish Exam is sponsored by the American Associations of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. Three Pennington students received Silver Medals for earning scores above the 85th percentile: juniors Caleb Li and Nana Miller, and sophomore Arden Galvelis. Sophomore Lucas Medina earned a Bronze Medal for his score above the 75th percentile. Eleven other students received Honorable Mentions for placing in the top fifty percent of participants. All students who took this exam are enrolled in Spanish III Honors for the 2022-23 academic year.

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NEW JERSEY

Ewing: Lia Brunetti-Carroll, 10, Honorable Mention; Madeleine Carr, 10, Honorable Mention

Lawrenceville: Olivia Cano, 10, Honorable Mention

Pennington: Simonne Blunt, 10, Honorable Mention; Declan Karp, 10, Honorable Mention; Lucas Medina, 10, Bronze Medal; Rishabh Ramaswamy, 9, Honorable Mention; Lucas Sweetman, 11, Honorable Mention

Princeton: Nana Miller, 11, Silver Medal; Felix Shapiro, 11, Honorable Mention

Stockton: Evan Glassner, 10, Honorable Mention; Sophia May, 10, Honorable Mention

PENNSYLVANIA

Langhorne: Arden Galvelis, 10, Silver Medal

Newtown: Gavin Leeds, 11, Honorable Mention

Washington Crossing: Caleb Li, 11, Silver Medal

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.