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The Pennington School held its 182nd Commencement Exercises on Saturday, June 3. Head of School William S. Hawkey, Ph.D. granted diplomas and certificates to the 114 members of the Class of 2023, which includes students from six states and seven countries or territories outside the United States. The Commencement speaker was Michelle King P'13 '14 '16 '21 '23. Senior prizes were awarded on June 2. Francesca Pendus of Yardley, PA and Dailan Xu of Beijing, China were valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively.

Pendus earned senior prizes for excellence in Spanish and computer science. As well as earning a certificate in applied science, she earned one of two awards given for Distinguished Achievement in Applied Science. Pendus will attend Northeastern University in the fall.

Xu received senior prizes for excellence in both English and vocal performance. She will be attending Harvard University.

Gateway Prizes, which are given to the students who best exemplify Pennington's core values of honor, virtue, and humility, were awarded to six seniors: Isabella Fermo of Yardley, PA; Caleb Hibbert of Somerset, NJ; Grace Irizarry of Pennington, NJ; Yuda Li of Princeton Junction, NJ; Chloe McKain of Trenton, NJ; and Patrick Powichrowski of Lawrenceville, NJ.

Several teaching prizes were presented to members of the faculty. The Henry and Selma Otte Distinguished Teacher Award, given annually to a full-time teacher with at least five years of teaching experience at The Pennington School, was given to Wendy Morris, teacher of Latin. Teacher of Compensatory Skills Laurie Volpe was presented the Robert E. Martini Award for Distinguished Teaching, given to one whose teaching takes students' individuality into account and who makes a significant impact on students' lives. Teacher of Mandarin Zuyi Wang was given the Kie and Hija Ahn Award for Peace and Global Understanding, and Nancy Brunner, teacher of mathematics, earned the United Methodist Church Exemplary Teacher Award.

The members of the Pennington School Class of 2023 (alphabetical order):

Charles R. Adams, Isabel G. Adams, Reagan T. Amberson, Ahja S. Bates, Lana Beck, William J. Bercaw, Siddharth Bhanote, Tyler J. Bock, Juan D. Borges, Alexander Botero II, Ava M. Brass, Tate M. Buccellato, Isabel H. Cahn, Gavin C. Calhoun, Nikolas J. S. Chase, Quyen Quyen Chia, Benjamin N. Clabbers, Maggie E. Clarke, Kate E. Coakley, Conor M. Coyne, Stella I. Davino, Lauren A. Decker, Christopher A. DeLellis, Elias Di Bello, Piper Z. Dubow, Zoe C. Eaton, Dawson G. Ennis, Jacob W. Ernst, Nadia C. Espinoza, Isabella G. Fermo, Joshua N. Finkle, Marcus K. Gaffney, Suhani Gharia, Abigail M. Goodrich, Charlotte C. Granato, Gordon J. Grandbouche, Latajah E. Grant, Leanne T. Griffiths, Sofia E. M. Gruson, Amelie C. Hagan, Thea E. A. Hardeberg, Shanti W. Hastings-Kimball, Jonah D. Heimann, Caleb J. Hibbert, William C. Hirsch, Jinze Hong, Aurora Hu, Jiayi Huang, Ian C. Huizer, Sung Min Hwang, Grace W. Irizarry, Mary A.

Jacob, Yeunsoo Jung, Grace M. Kantra, Charles N. Kempe, Jr., Beatrix S. Kim, Claire C. King, Ryan C. Knab, Palmer C. Koesterich, Drayton T. Kolaras, Zoe L. Latorre Rodriguez, Julia E. Levine, Evan P. Levy, Yuda Li, Gloria Y. Liu, Anne S. Long, Garren G. McCauley, Chloe C. McKain, Margaret G. McKee, Kyle W. Meinhart, Corey J. Miller, Nicholas E. Moran, Elena S. Nechay, Anh C. Nguyen, Samantha L. Panfili, Summer C. Partridge, Simon S. Patel, Francesca B. A. Pendus, Aidan J. Petolillo, Michael P. Petrane, Jr., Linh G. Pham, Camrie V. Plummer, Enrique M. Porras, Jr., Patrick R. Powichrowski, Leah A. Reichert, Patrick M. Riley, Harris A. Roberts, Macayla J. Rodriguez, Evin C. Roldan, Andrew A. Rosa, Philip R. Ross, Perri A. Rubin, Alexis A. Samano, Kaylie R. Schneider, Maygala Selvisudhakar, Mofei Shen, Christopher T. Sirolly, Elena Sperry-Fernandez, Sean T. Sprague, Amelia L. Stevenson, Naseer J. Stevenson, Avery J. A. Territo, Zachary C. Tomlinson, Heidi A. Vander Schaaff, Ava M. Vecchione, Melina B. Verma, Nathaniel J. Wallace, Gracen S. Ward, Thomas J. Weaverling, Sydney A. White, Sadie J. Wright, Dailan Xu, Joseph V. Youngblood III, Zhengkun Yue

The members of the Class of 2023 (by state or country of residence and hometown):

COLORADO

Cherry Hills Village: Palmer C. Koesterich

FLORIDA

Key Biscayne: Juan D. Borges

Sarasota: Andrew A. Rosa

INDIANA

Indianapolis: Nathaniel J. Wallace

NEW JERSEY

Belle Mead: Tate M. Buccellato, Alexis A. Samano, Ava M. Vecchione

Bordentown: Abigail M. Goodrich

Brick: Corey J. Miller

Brielle: William C. Hirsch

Columbus: Marcus K. Gaffney, Nicholas E. Moran, Naseer J. Stevenson

Crosswicks: Samantha L. Panfili

East Orange: Sydney A. White

East Windsor: Enrique M. Porras, Jr.

Ewing: Conor M. Coyne, Sofia E. M. Gruson, Garren G. McCauley, Thomas J. Weaverling

Flemington: Nadia C. Espinoza, Maygala Selvisudhakar

Franklin Park: Camrie V. Plummer

Hamilton: Evin C. Roldan

Hillsborough: Drayton T. Kolaras, Julia E. Levine

Hopewell: Ryan C. Knab, Sean T. Sprague

Jamesburg: Zoe L. Latorre Rodriguez

Lambertville: Gavin C. Calhoun, Shanti W. Hastings-Kimball

Lawrenceville: Leanne T. Griffiths, Claire C. King, Patrick R. Powichrowski, Heidi A. Vander Schaaff

Maplewood: Avery J. A. Territo

Millstone Township: Stella I. Davino

Monroe Township: Suhani Gharia

Plainsboro: Kaylie R. Schneider

Pennington: Isabel G. Adams, Ava M. Brass, Nikolas J. S. Chase, Kate E. Coakley, Zoe C. Eaton, Dawson G. Ennis, Jacob W. Ernst, Grace W. Irizarry, Mary A. Jacob, Anne S. Long, Christopher T. Sirolly, Elena Sperry-Fernandez, Gracen S. Ward

Princeton: Siddharth Bhanote, Lauren A. Decker, Piper Z. Dubow, Charlotte C. Granato, Gordon J. Grandbouche, Jonah D. Heimann, Margaret G. McKee, Elena S. Nechay, Simon S. Patel, Macayla J. Rodriguez

Princeton Junction: Yuda Li, Summer C. Partridge

Robbinsville: William J. Bercaw, Patrick M. Riley

Skillman: Beatrix S. Kim, Gloria Y. Liu, Michael P. Petrane, Jr.

Somerset: Caleb J. Hibbert

Titusville: Alexander Botero II, Harris A. Roberts, Joseph V. Youngblood III

Trenton: Ian C. Huizer, Chloe C. McKain, Sadie J. Wright

Westfield: Melina B. Verma

NEW YORK

Bronx: Ahja S. Bates,

New Paltz: Isabel H. Cahn

New York City: Latajah E. Grant, Philip R. Ross

PENNSYLVANIA

Bensalem: Perri A. Rubin

Langhorne: Benjamin N. Clabbers

New Hope: Reagan T. Amberson, Maggie E. Clarke, Evan P. Levy

Newtown: Tyler J. Bock, Christopher A. DeLellis, Joshua N. Finkle, Grace M. Kantra, Aidan J. Petolillo

Yardley: Charles R. Adams, Lana Beck, Isabella G. Fermo, Kyle W. Meinhart, Francesca B. A. Pendus, Leah A. Reichert, Amelia L. Stevenson, Zachary C. Tomlinson

BERMUDA

St. George's: Amelie C. Halgan

Warwick: Charles N. Kempe, Jr.

CHINA

Beijing: Jiayi Huang, Mofei Shen, Dailan Xu, Zhengkun Yue

Hangzhou: Jinze Hong

HONG KONG

Kowloon: Quyen Quyen Chia, Sung Min Hwang

ITALY

Rome: Aurora Hu

Sasso Marconi: Elias Di Bello

SOUTH KOREA

Seongnam: Yeunsoo Jung

SWEDEN

Lidingo: Thea E. A. Hardeberg

VIETNAM

Hanoi: Anh C. Nguyen, Linh G. Pham

The members of Pennington's Class of 2023 will be attending the following colleges and universities: American University, Belmont University, Bentley University, Boston College, Boston University Brandeis University, Bucknell University, Butler University, Champlain College, Connecticut College, Cornell University, Dickinson College, Drew University, Eckerd College, Elon University, Endicott College, Fordham University, Georgetown University, George Washington

University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Gettysburg College, Glion Institute of Higher Education, Goucher College, Hampton College, Harvard University, Harvey Mudd College, High Point University, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, IE University, Ithaca College, Kenyon College, Middlebury College, Monmouth University, Montana State University, Morehouse College, Muhlenberg College, Northeastern University, Oberlin College, Ohio University, Oklahoma State University, Pennsylvania State University (University Park), Pepperdine University, Princeton University, Providence College, Purdue University, Rutgers University (New Brunswick), Rutgers University (Newark), Saint Louis University - Madrid, San Diego State University, Savannah College of Art and Design, School of Visual Arts, Seton Hall University, Skidmore College, Smith College, Southern Methodist University, Spelman College, Stevens Institute of Technology, Stockholm School of Economics, Susquehanna University, Swarthmore College, Syracuse University, The College of New Jersey, The University of Tampa, The University of Texas at San Antonio, Towson University, Trinity College, Trinity College Dublin, Tufts University, Tulane University, United States Air Force Academy, University of Arizona, University of California (Irvine), University of Colorado Boulder, University of East Anglia, University of Florida, University of Maryland (College Park), University of Miami, University of Mississippi, University of Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburgh, University of South Florida, University of Toronto, University of Virginia, University of Washington (Seattle), Villanova University, Wake Forest University, Wellesley College

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: The Pennington School Class of 2023