



## THE PENNINGTON SCHOOL

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**PENNINGTON, N.J., October 2023** --- Eleven Pennington School seniors were inducted as student members of the School's chapter of the Cum Laude Society on October 17. 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 Sophia Farajallah, Polaris Hayes, Qingcheng Li, Shinyi Li, Maya Meehan-Ritter, Shayna Mehta, Natsuki Miller, Edward Molner, Nkechinyelum Nwoye, Hengchao Xia, and Zixi Yu.

The induction ceremony was held in Pennington United Methodist Church. After an invocation from the Reverend David Hallgren, 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. Chair of the Science Department Dr. Stephanie Heyeck introduced the event's speaker, Teacher of Mathematics and Computer Science Len Leib. 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**

**Belle Mead:** Zixi Yu

**Flemington:** Shayna Mehta

**Pennington:** Shinyi Li

**Piscataway:** Nkechinyelum Nwoye

**Princeton:** Maya Meehan-Ritter, Natsuki Miller

**Robbinsville:** Sophia Farajallah

**Trenton:** Polaris Hayes

### **NEW YORK**

**New York:** Edward Molner

### **CHINA**

**Hangzhou:** Qingcheng Li

**Shanghai:** Hengchao Xia

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:** Top row: Shinyi Li, Sophia Farajallah, Natsuki Miller, Zixi Yu; Middle Row: Polaris Hayes, Maya Meehan-Ritter, Qingcheng Li; Bottom Row: Edward Molner, Nkechinyelum Nwoye, Shayna Mehta, Hengchao Xia

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