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## **PENNINGTON, N.J., October 27, 2023 – The Pennington School Announces Historic Comprehensive Campaign**

An event at Jasna Polana in Princeton, NJ on Thursday, October 26, marked the official launch of the *Forever Pennington* campaign, the most ambitious campaign in Pennington's history to date. With a \$50 million goal, the *Forever Pennington* campaign builds on the School's core strengths and harnesses the momentum experienced in recent decades, allowing future generations of students to benefit from Pennington's transformational education.

The *Forever Pennington* campaign embodies two key pillars which emerged from the School's recent strategic plan: the student experience and faculty excellence. These pillars translate into campaign priorities that will ensure The Pennington School's continued success in inspiring students to reach for their dreams and develop individual excellence.

The student experience is front and center at The Pennington School, and donations to the *Forever Pennington* campaign will bolster funding for financial aid and student assistance, signature academic and student leadership programs, and renovations to student housing. "We have seen firsthand the impact that a Pennington education has on young people—our sons thrived and developed here in ways we thought we could only imagine," said Pennington board of trustees member and *Forever Pennington* campaign co-chair Kathy Rosa P'21 '23. "Scholarships help create the dynamic, diverse community that is essential to this experience; and every family, every deserving student, should have access to these opportunities. We can't think of a more important way to give back to Pennington."

Faculty excellence is a critical element in Pennington's community of learners, and the *Forever Pennington* campaign includes priorities focused on attracting and retaining the very best teachers. Board member and *Forever Pennington* campaign co-chair Jordan Gray '91 P'22 '26 said, "I wouldn't be where I am today without the teachers and coaches I had at Pennington. The care, attention, and support each student is given is unequalled by other schools. We owe it to our faculty members to help them thrive professionally and as members of the Pennington community." That includes upgrades to faculty compensation, professional development opportunities, residential housing renovations, and new and updated experiential learning spaces.

The *Forever Pennington* campaign aligns with the School's master plan and will build upon its safe, beautiful, and community-centered campus to create an inspiring learning environment for

students and teachers. “From our strategic plan and landscape master plan, we identified the importance of creating a pedestrian campus at Pennington,” said board of trustees chair Peter Tucci ’79 P’16 ’16. “Defining spaces that will bring our community together and create inspiring, collaborative learning environments is essential for realizing our vision.” Priority campaign projects include renovations and expansion of the Old Main plaza, O’Hanlon Green, the School’s Makerspace, its small gym, and a new center for teaching excellence.

At the heart of the *Forever Pennington* campaign is a bold vision for the future that can guarantee that exceptional academic programs, inspiring spaces and experiences for students, and the growing and evolving physical campus remain financially sustainable for generations to come. Head of School William S. Hawkey reinforced this message. He said, “The *Forever Pennington* campaign calls for each member of our community to be as bold as the School’s founders and as generous as those who first believed in and supported their vision. We aim to create an enduring future for Pennington, honoring our history, values, and traditions, and supporting our mission to develop individual excellence in every student.”

Having distinguished itself as an extraordinary institution, The Pennington School is now poised to provide an even richer educational experience for future generations of students. “*Forever Pennington* is about being stewards of a legacy,” said Assistant Head of School for Advancement and Strategic Initiatives Charlie Brown. “We are inviting every member of our community—Pennington alumni, parents, and friends—to join together and be part of this historic moment in the School’s history.”

*For additional information on the campaign, please visit [www.pennington.org/foreverpennington](http://www.pennington.org/foreverpennington).*

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.