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PENNINGTON, N.J., January 19, 2024—The Pennington School recognizes exceptional achievement in world languages and the arts

Pennington School families and faculty gathered in Wesley Forum on Monday, January 8, to recognize the exceptional eleventh- and twelfth-grade students being inducted into seven different societies of distinction. Comprising the inductions were World Language Honor Societies: French National Honor Society, German National Honor Society, Latin National Honor Society, and Spanish National Honor Society; and Arts Honor Societies: National Art Honor Society, International Thespian Society, and Tri-M Music Honor Society.

Following a welcome address from Head of School Bill Hawkey to open the program, Scott Peeler, dean of academic affairs, gave a brief overview of the requirements for membership to these prestigious societies. A special instrumental performance helped punctuate the evening's celebration. Moyang (Eliza) Zou '25 and Xiaona (Jenny) Zhu '25 performed a duet, each playing an erhu, a Chinese two-stringed bowed musical instrument similar to a fiddle.

Congratulations to all the new honor society inductees on being recognized for their achievements!

A list of the inductees, arranged by state or country and hometown, followed by their grade level and honor societies, follows.

CALIFORNIA

Fremont: Maryam Darwish, 12, Art

NEW JERSEY

Belle Mead: Lisa (Nico) Wang, 11, Art

Bordentown: Anirudh (Anir) Suren, 11, Spanish

Ewing: Micah Bowser, 12, Thespian

Hillsborough: Mykaela (Kae) Sanders, 11, Thespian

Lawrenceville: Olivia Cano, 11, Spanish; Sophia Murphy, 12, French

Pennington: Simonne Blunt, 11, Spanish; Dustin Liu, 11, Spanish; Lucas Medina, 11, Music; Shreya Mookherjee, 11, French, Art, and Thespian; José Ponce de León, 11, German and Spanish; Dhruv Ramaswamy, 11, Music; Lucas Sweetman, 12, Spanish; Shreya Mookherjee, 11, French, Art, and Thespian

Princeton: Maya Brooke, 12, German; Nina Feder, 11, French; Mari Grandbouche, 11, Thespian; Alexander Marinzoli, 11, Thespian; Natsuki (Nana) Miller, 12, Spanish and Music; Jinxuan (Ethan) Qi, 11, Latin; Alice-Mithali Singh, 11, Thespian; Xiaona (Jenny) Zhu, 11, Music; Dingtong Aimee Zou, 11, Latin

Princeton Junction: Gabriella DiRusso, 12, German, Music, and Thespian



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Stockton: Elwyn Evans, 11, Art; Evan Glassner, 11, Spanish; Sophia May, 11, Spanish; Matthew Passalacqua, 11, Music

Washington Crossing: Layten Hoffman, 11, Music

PENNSYLVANIA

New Hope: Christopher (Topher) Kelley, 11, French

Yardley: Benjamin Pearlberg, 11, Latin

CHINA

Guangzhou: Helmut Haolun Chen, 12, German

Beijing: Yufei (Rain) Piao, 11, Music

Ningbo: Yingying (Ulrica) Peng, 12, Music and Thespian

Shanghai: Moyang (Eliza) Zou, 11, Music

GERMANY

Eichelsbach: Lina Ballmann, 12, French

MEXICO

Ciudad de México: Axel Sandin Orea, 11, French

SENEGAL

Thies: Bacary Tandjigora, 11, French

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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