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PENNINGTON, N.J., April 15, 2024—Pennington Students Earn Medals and Certificates of Achievement on National German Exam.

The American Association of Teachers of German (AATG) has released the results of the National German Exam (NGE) for Levels 2, 3, and 4. Now in its 64th year, the NGE is administered online annually to over 15,000 high school students of German. The following Pennington School students were recognized:

Gold Medals, for finishing in the 90-99th percentiles, go to Henry Armstrong (Level 2); Katharina Koppenhofer (Level 2); Tuuli Sipila (Level 3); Siyi Yang (Level 3); and Zara Meehan-Ritter (Level 4).

Silver Medals, for finishing in the 80-89th percentiles, go to Ishaan Khetarpal (Level 3); Yongjia “Kelly” Liu (Level 3); Gabriella DiRusso (Level 4); and Ben Graziano-Kastner (Level 4).

Bronze Medals, for finishing in the 70-79th percentiles, go to Elliot “Elias” Sciaraffo (Level 2); Maya Brooke (Level 3); Xinran “Grace” Li (Level 3); and Tomaš Ludvik (Level 4).

Achievement Certificates go to those students who finished in the 50-69th percentiles. They are Bryson Chase (Level 2); Sasha Hanewald (Level 2); Tess Hanewald (Level 2); Sagan Tighe (Level 2); and José Ponce De Leon (Level 4).

The NGE rewards students through an extensive regional and national prize program and provides individual diagnostic feedback. The Level 1 exam is administered separately from levels 2-4, toward the end of the school year. The mission of the AATG is to “promote the study of the German-speaking world in all its linguistic, cultural and ethnic diversity, and endeavors to prepare students as transnational, transcultural learners and active, multilingual participants in a globalized world.” Results for medalists can also be found at the following website: <https://www.aatg.org/nge-results-and-honor-roll>.

Pennington students receiving National German Exam honors are listed below, by state or country and hometown, followed by their grade level in 2023-24:

MASSACHUSETTS

Cambridge: Siyi Yang, 11

NEW JERSEY

East Brunswick: Ishaan Khetarpal, 10

Lawrenceville: Katharina Koppenhofer, 9

Hopewell: Sagan Tighe, 8

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Pennington: Bryson Chase, 9; José Ponce De Leon, 11

Princeton: Henry Armstrong, 10; Zara Meehan-Ritter, 10; Ben Graziano-Kastner, 12; Maya Brooke, 12; Sasha Hanewald, 11; Tess Hanewald, 11

Princeton Junction: Gabriella DiRusso, 12

Rocky Hill: Elliot “Elias” Sciaraffo, 9

CHINA

Shanghai: Yongjia “Kelly” Liu, 9; Xinran “Grace” Li, 11

CZECH REPUBLIC

Praha: Tomáš Ludvik, 11

FINLAND

Helsinki: Tuuli Sipila, 10

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.