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PENNINGTON, NJ, September 18, 2024—The Pennington School Welcomes New Faculty and Staff for the 2024-25 School Year

PENNINGTON, NJ —This fall, The Pennington School welcomed nine new faculty members: Alexander Ahn, Carleigh Alpert, Katherine Cormier, Laura Cunningham, Jennifer Fava DeLorenzo, Jaclyn Kephart, Lauren Laureau, Jacqueline Rivera, and Jenna Vecchione. Additionally, Kate Bowman and Alonzo Dunagan have joined the staff.

Alex Ahn first came to The Pennington School last January as a maternity replacement in the School's math department. Ahn graduated Swarthmore College with a bachelor's degree in biology; he then went on to Temple University to earn a master's in mathematics.

Carleigh Alpert joins Pennington as a new teacher of compensatory skills in the Cervone Center for Learning. She earned her bachelor's degree at Rutgers University and is a certified English and special education teacher. She will have her master's in psychology by December of this year. Her background includes student teaching and working for ten years in the Bordentown Regional school district.

Kate Bowman '03 is the newest addition to the advancement office and serves as Pennington's assistant director of alumni relations. Bowman received her communications degree from Chapman University and a master of education degree in San Diego. She has worked as both a school counselor and as a teacher, including here at Pennington.

Katherine Cormier, a former elementary school counselor from Vermont, comes to Pennington to serve as a teacher of compensatory skills. Cormier has worked as an educator in six states over her career and started her professional life as a learning skills teacher at Proctor Academy. Most recently, she has worked as a substitute teacher at both Princeton Day School and Princeton Middle School.

Laura Cunningham steps into the role of school librarian/media and information specialist at Pennington. Cunningham obtained her undergraduate degree in English literature from Fordham University and her master of information in library science from Rutgers University. For the past five years, she has worked at The Lawrenceville School as their outreach librarian.

Jennifer Fava DeLorenzo brings 31 years of classroom experience into her new position as a teacher of compensatory skills at Pennington. A Trenton State College graduate, Fava DeLorenzo went on to earn her master of education from Gratz College. Previously, she taught at Hillsborough Middle School and Crossroads North Middle School in South Brunswick.

Alonzo Dunagan joins the School's Operations department as a groundskeeper/maintenance mechanic. Dunagan was born and raised in Trenton, NJ. His previous employers include Rezkom Enterprises and S&M Landscaping Lighting. In addition to his responsibilities at Pennington, Dunagan is studying to be an aviation mechanic.

Jaclyn Kephart joins the Cervone Center as a teacher of compensatory skills. Kephart is a graduate of The College of New Jersey, where she earned her BS in special education and English with a minor in speech



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pathology and audiology and her MAT in special education. She has worked with students of all ages, with her most recent position being at the middle school level.

Lauren Laureau is a teacher of compensatory skills. Laureau attended McGill University for two years before wrapping up her degree in psychology at Florida International University in 2003. She later obtained her master's degree at the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Education. Previously, she both taught and coached at the George School in Newtown, Pennsylvania.

Jacqueline Rivera serves as Pennington's new director of diversity, equity, and inclusion and as a teacher of academic skills tutorial classes. Rivera earned her bachelor's degree from Rutgers University and her master of education from the University of Pennsylvania. She began her career at Christina Seix Academy and most recently worked in the admission and DEI offices at the Peddie School.

Jenna Vecchione joins the School as a new teacher of compensatory skills. Vecchione completed her undergraduate studies in secondary education and history at Rider University and achieved her master's degree in special education from Kean University. She previously worked as a special education teacher at Columbia High School and then, more recently, at Hunterdon Prep School.

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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Photo Caption: 2024-25 faculty and staff of The Pennington School