



# THE PENNINGTON SCHOOL

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## **PENNINGTON, NJ, January 14, 2025—The Pennington School Recognizes Exceptional Achievement in World Languages and the Arts**

Pennington School families and faculty gathered in Wesley Forum on Monday, January 13, to recognize the exceptional eleventh- and twelfth-grade students being inducted into eight different societies of distinction. Comprising the inductions were World Language Honor Societies: Chinese National Honor Society, 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 William S. Hawkey, PhD to open the program, Scott Peeler, dean of academic affairs, gave a brief overview of the requirements for membership to these prestigious societies. Nishka Vyas '26 introduced a special reading entitled "A Poem Across Languages," which featured the poem "Ithaka" by C. P. Cavafy, as read by the following students: Brett Sirolly '26 (English); Ciaran Walsh '26 (Latin); Moyang (Eliza) Zou '25 (French); Tomáš Ludvik '25 (German); Anna-Kaisa Hokkanen '25 (Mandarin); and Lucas Medina '25 (Spanish). Mari Grandbouche '25 and Zara Meehan-Ritter '26 delivered the closing remarks. Finally, an instrumental performance by brothers Dhruv Ramaswamy '25 and Rishabh Ramaswamy '26 helped punctuate the evening's celebration. 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.

### **MASSACHUSETTS**

**Cambridge:** Siyi Yang, 12, German and Music

### **NEW JERSEY**

**Columbus:** Ami Ly, 11, Spanish and Thespian; Kerri Moran, 11, Latin and Thespian

**Cranbury:** Beyla Shah, 11, French

**East Brunswick:** Ishaan Khetarpal, 11, German

**Flemington:** Olivia Kaczynska, 12, Spanish

**Hamilton:** Gabrielle Hall, 12, Thespian

**Hopewell:** Lola Burd, 11, Thespian

**Jersey City:** Lina Cortés, 11, Spanish; Chelpang Sulemana, 12, Spanish

**Lambertville:** Seth Hoyer, 11, Music

**Lawrenceville:** Emily Birkenstock, 11, French; Nathan Rabe, 12, Music

**Pennington:** Eleanora Close, 11, Art; Katherine Dwyer, 11, French; Allison Howe, 11, Honor Thespian; Deethya Karthikvatsan, 12, Latin; Lucas Medina, 12, Spanish; Leonardo Momo, 11, Honor Thespian; Samik Mookherjee, 11, Spanish and Music; Sanjana Ramalingam, 11, Spanish and Thespian; Dhruv Ramaswamy, 12, Latin; Rishabh Ramaswamy, 11, Music; Brett Sirolly, 11, Spanish and Thespian; Julia Sperry-Fernández, 11, Spanish; Ciaran Walsh, 11, Latin and Honor Thespian

**Princeton:** Henry Armstrong, 11, German; Saskia Cooper, 11, Honor Thespian; Olivia Craig, 11,



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Spanish; Adrianna D'Agati, 12, Latin; Mari Grandbouche, 12, Spanish; Zara Meehan-Ritter, 11, German; Lolita Nechay, 11, Spanish and Art; Yanxin (Minnie) Wu, 11, Latin; Xiaona (Jenny) Zhu, 12, French

**Ringoes:** Angelyn Li, 11, French

**Skillman:** Cecelia Embleton, 11, French

**Titusville:** Norah Youngblood, 11, Art

**Trenton:** Vanessa Samayoa-Ramos, 12, Spanish

**West Windsor:** Emma Normand, 11, Spanish

## PENNSYLVANIA

**Huntingdon Valley:** Sofia Kulp, 11, Spanish

**Langhorne:** Arden Galvelis, 12, Spanish

**New Hope:** Tait Brown, 11, Spanish; Emery Miller, 11, French; Ella Sichel, 11, Spanish

**Newtown:** Zoya Mehra, 11, Spanish and Thespian; Eliza O'Neil, 12, Spanish

**Yardley:** Nishka Vyas, 11, Latin and Honor Thespian

## CANADA

**Dollard-des-Ormeaux:** Liam Baigun, 12, French

## CZECH REPUBLIC

**Praha:** Tomáš Ludvik, 12, German

## CHINA

**Beijing:** Mingmei (Lucy) Zhang, 12, Thespian;

**Chengdu Sichuan:** Chenyu (Jason) Chou, 11, Music

**Shanghai:** Moyang (Eliza) Zou, 12, French and Honor Thespian; Xinran (Grace) Li, 12, German; Yitong (Iris) Zhang, 11, Art; Siwen (Stephanie) Zhao, 12, Latin

## FINLAND

**Espoo:** Anna-Kaisa Hokkanen, 11, Chinese

## MEXICO

**Ciudad de México:** Maria García Rodríguez, 12, 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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**Photo Caption:** Teacher of German Peter Chase formally inducts the newest members of the National German Honor Society at Monday's Arts and World Language Honor Society reception.