



THE PENNINGTON SCHOOL

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PENNINGTON, NJ, October 15, 2025—Twelve Members of the Class of 2026 Inducted Into Internationally-Recognized Academic Society

A dozen Pennington School seniors were inducted as student members of the School’s chapter of the Cum Laude Society on Tuesday, October 14. Students inducted are within the top ten percent of their class, as determined by grade point average, and the School views selection for membership as one of the highest honors it can confer.

The Cum Laude Society is an international organization dedicated to recognizing academic achievement in secondary schools. The Society comprises over 380 institutions, primarily independent schools, located across the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, the Philippines, England, France, Spain, and other countries. Annually, approximately 4,000 new student members are welcomed into the Society.

The new members of Pennington’s chapter of Cum Laude are Katherine Dwyer ’26, Ishaan Khetarpal ’26, Sofia Kulp ’26, Angelyn Li ’26, Ami Ly ’26, Kerri Moran ’26, Kian Phillips ’26, Sanjana Ramalingam ’26, Zara Meehan-Ritter ’26, Brett Sirolly ’26, Nishka Vyas ’26, and Yanxin Wu ’26.

The induction ceremony was held in Pennington United Methodist Church. Following an invocation by the Reverend David Hallgren, Head of School William S. Hawkey, PhD, delivered a welcome address. Information about the Cum Laude Society’s history and motto was provided by Teacher of Music Donald Dolan, and Head of Upper School Scott Peeler introduced the faculty members in Pennington’s Cum Laude chapter. Science Department Chair Stephanie Heyeck introduced the event’s speaker, Teacher of Technology Ken Coakley. Cum Laude Chapter President Lisa L. Houston then formally inducted the newest student members.

A list of the fall Cum Laude inductees, arranged by state or country and hometown, follows.

NEW JERSEY

Columbus: Ami Ly, Kerri Moran

East Brunswick: Ishaan Khetarpal

Pennington: Katherine Dwyer, Brett Sirolly

Princeton: Sanjana Ramalingam, Zara Meehan-Ritter, Yanxin Wu

Ringoes: Angelyn Li

PENNSYLVANIA

Huntingdon Valley: Sofia Kulp

New Hope: Kian Phillips

Yardley: Nishka Vyas

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.