



THE PENNINGTON SCHOOL

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PENNINGTON, NJ, April 29, 2026—Students of Latin Recognized for Exemplary Scores on National Test

Seventeen students at The Pennington School have earned awards on the 2026 National Latin Exam. This year, the annual exam was administered to over 100,000 students from all fifty of the United States and twenty-six other countries. The exam tests students on Latin grammar, Roman history, Roman mythology, and Roman culture, including the reading of a passage in Latin for comprehension.

Four students received gold *summa cum laude* awards in their respective levels of the exam: eighth-grader Arden Shi; ninth-graders Theresa Fox and Zimo (Vesper) Chen; and junior Harry (Haokai) Cao. Five students earned the silver *maxima cum laude* award, including eighth-grader Thomas McGinnis; ninth-graders Nicholas Falcone and Tianyi (Olivia) Wang; sophomore Tara Raman; and junior Emma Schmidt. The *magna cum laude* award was earned by sophomores Kate Saurman, Romina Hidalgo, Siyuan (Ellie) Wei, and James Chandrasaputra; and senior Nishka Vyas. Three students received *cum laude* awards: ninth-graders Yiqian (Phoebe) Fei and Ana Latronica; and junior Charlie Lewin.

These students are currently enrolled in Latin classes ranging from Latin B to AP Latin. Congratulations to all of the award recipients and Teachers of Latin William Dingee and Peter Secrest!

NEW JERSEY

Lawrenceville: Charlie Lewin, *cum laude*

Monmouth Junction: Tara Raman, *maxima cum laude*

Pennington: Romina Hidalgo, *magna cum laude*; Thomas McGinnis, *maxima cum laude*; Emma Schmidt, *maxima cum laude*; Tianyi (Olivia) Wang, *maxima cum laude*

Princeton: Arden Shi, *summa cum laude*

Ringoes: Theresa Fox, *summa cum laude*

Titusville: Harry (Haokai) Cao, *summa cum laude*

PENNSYLVANIA

Newtown: Nicholas Falcone, *maxima cum laude*

Washington Crossing: Kate Saurman, *magna cum laude*

Yardley: Ana Latronica, *cum laude*; Nishka Vyas, *magna cum laude*

CHINA

Shanghai: Zimo (Vesper) Chen, *summa cum laude*; Siyuan (Ellie) Wei, *magna cum laude*; Yiqian (Phoebe) Fei, *cum laude*

INDONESIA

Jakarta Selatan: James Chandrasaputra, *magna cum laude*

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.