

Pemberton Pride

The Newsletter of Pemberton Township Schools

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NEW PRINCIPALS NAMED AT TWO DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The Pemberton Board of Education has appointed two new principals, at Fort Dix Elementary School and Howard L. Emmons Elementary School.



Jamillah Parker was named principal at Fort Dix Elementary School.

Jamillah Parker was named the new principal at Fort Dix and Lauren Robinson was appointed at Emmons. Both began their tenures on July 1st.

Parker served as the district's supervisor of early childhood since December 2022. From November 2006 to 2022, she was a school social worker for Pemberton Township Schools.

Prior to employment within the district, Parker was a family services specialist for the Division of Youth and Family Services from June 2004 to November 2006, after being a school social worker intern at Somerset Alternative High School. She also served as a residential counselor and a residential counselor shift leader at the East Mountain Youth Lodge-Carrier Clinic.

Robinson served as a supervisor of special education programs for preschool and elementary in the district since July 2018. She was a curriculum supervisor at Pineland Learning Center in Vineland from August 2012 to July 2018 and a special education teacher in the

Evesham Township School District for over 10 years.

"Jamillah Parker and Lauren Robinson are both trusted leaders in our learning community," superintendent Jeff Havers said. "We are excited for the positive impact they will continue to have on our students."



Lauren Robinson was named principal at Howard L. Emmons Elementary School.

PEMBERTON BOARD OF EDUCATION EARNS PRESTIGIOUS CERTIFICATION

The Pemberton Township Board of Education was recently awarded the Carole E. Larsen Board Certification. Named in honor of the late New Jersey School Boards Association field service representative, the Carole E. Larsen Board Certification is a prestigious distinction that recognizes an entire school board's commitment. To earn the designation, all sitting members collectively invested a significant amount of time and went above and beyond the standard mandates to complete a rigorous process of professional development training, focusing on critical areas such as policy, school finance, labor relations, and effective team governance.



The Pemberton Township Board of Education was recognized at a recent Burlington County School Boards Association (BCSBA) meeting.



You can get there from here!

Pemberton Learning Community: Pursuing Excellence One Child at a Time

CONGRATULATIONS PTHS TOP 12!



KHUSHI PATEL
Rank: 1

Activities: Medical Arts Academy, National Honor Society, Future Health Professionals, Math Team, W.H.Y. Club, District Wellness Committee

Awards: AP Spotlight on Success, AP Scholar with Distinction, Maurice and Dorothy Gower Memorial Scholarship

Future Plans: Pharmacy, Rutgers University



MADELINE SMITH
Rank: 2

Activities: National Honor Society President, Future Business Leaders of America President, S.T.E.M. Academy, Student Ambassador, Anchored4Life

Awards: AP Scholar Award, Excellence in Engineering Award, Maurice and Dorothy Gower Memorial Scholarship, PTHS Hall of Fame Scholarship, WISE Scholarship, Rotary Scholarship

Future Plans: Marine Sciences, Rutgers University



AUSTYN SESSLER
Rank: 3

Activities: National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, Math Team, Yearbook Club

Awards: AP Spotlight on Success, AP Scholar Award, Maurice and Dorothy Gower Memorial Scholarship

Future Plans: Biology, Rowan College at Burlington County



CHARLES BAUERDORF
Rank: 4

Activities: Travel Club, Future Business Leaders of America, National Honor Society, Tri-M, Student Council, Homecoming Committee, Pemberton's Got Talent, Boys Soccer Captain, Swim Team Manager

Awards: AP Scholar with Distinction, Scholar Athlete Award

Future Plans: Secondary Education, Northwestern University



DAISY ACEVEDO-DENIZ
Rank: 5

Activities: National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Medical Arts Academy, PTHS Track and Field, Future Business Leaders of America, Anchored4Life, W.H.Y. Club, H.O.S.A., Black History Club, Homecoming Committee

Awards: AP Scholar, AP Spotlight on Success, People's Choice Award, Manager's Award (Track and Field)

Future Plans: Biology, The College of New Jersey



SARAH RAMIREZ
Rank: 6

Activities: Medical Arts Academy, W.H.Y. Club, Math Team, H.O.S.A., Pemberton Players, American Red Cross Blood Drive Volunteer, Mental Wellness Day Volunteer

Awards: Seal of Biliteracy, AP Scholar with Distinction, AP Spotlight on Success

Future Plans: Nursing, The College of New Jersey

LOOKING TOWARD A BRIGHT FUTURE!



BISMA REHMAN

Rank: 7

Activities: Medical Arts Academy

Awards: American Legion Eden-Stanley Auxiliary Unit 294 Scholarship, Maurice and Dorothy Gower Memorial Scholarship

Future Plans: Healthcare Management, Rowan College at Burlington County



ALEXIS DEVANEY

Rank: 8

Activities: National Honor Society, Math Team, Pemberton Players, Future Business Leaders of America, Student Ambassador, National Technical Honor Society, F.A.M.E. Academy, Girls Tennis

Awards: AP Scholar, Certificate of Excellence (Social Studies, Math and English)

Future Plans: Psychology, Rowan College at Burlington County



SABRINA PERRY

Rank: 9

Activities: Student Ambassador, Anchored4Life, Class Officer, Student Athletic Training, Medical Arts Academy, National Honor Society, Homecoming Committee, Girls Soccer Captain

Awards: Coaches Award, Hornet Award, People's Choice Award

Future Plans: Exercise Science, Rutgers University



ISAIAH SHOCKLEY

Rank: 10

Activities: National Honor Society, Student Council President, Anchored4Life President, Travel Club Treasurer, Future Business Leaders of America, Medical Arts Academy, Circle of Friends, Student Ambassador, Cross Country, Track and Field

Awards: Most Valuable Player Award, Scholar Athlete Award, Superintendent Award

Future Plans: Cybersecurity, Rutgers University



DAIJAH MURRAY

Rank: 11

Activities: Student Ambassador, Anchored4Life, Student Athletic Training, Class Officer, Girls Soccer, Swim Team, Track and Field

Awards: Most Valuable Player Award, Scholar Athlete Award, Hornet Award

Future Plans: Criminal Justice, Rutgers University



MIRANDA GUILLEN

Rank: 12

Activities: National Honor Society, Class Officer, Student Ambassador, Travel Club, Medical Arts Academy, Field Hockey, Swim Team Manager

Awards: Coaches Award, Scholar Athlete Award, Three-Year Varsity Award (Field Hockey)

Future Plans: Political Science, Rowan College at Burlington County

Congratulations Class of 2026!



HELEN A. FORT EIGHTH GRADE AWARDS CEREMONIES!



PTHS SENIOR CLAP OUT PARADE AT PECEC



Pemberton Township High School seniors were recognized with a celebratory Senior Clap Out Parade at the Pemberton Early Childhood Education Center on June 22nd. Students' preschool photos were paired with their senior portraits in the halls as they paraded in their caps and gowns. Preschool learners and their instructors joined together to applaud and cheer for the Class of 2026!

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NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY!

25 students from Newcomb and Helen Fort Middle Schools were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on June 2nd. 12 sixth-grade students from Newcomb, 10

seventh-grade students and three eighth-grade students from Helen Fort were inducted at the 17th annual induction ceremony. Congratulations on this distinguished honor!



2026 National Junior Honor Society Inductees