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PENNINGTON, NJ, November 11, 2026—Pennington Teacher Lauded for Her Contributions to the Field of Arts Education

The Pennington School's Arts Department Chair Caroline Hall was recently honored at the Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ) President's Awards Dinner, alongside a select group of art educators from across the state who were being recognized at this year's event.

As the recipient of the "High School Divisional Award," Hall was lauded for her "dedication, creativity, and impact on the field of art education" and for "truly exemplify(ing) the values and mission" of the AENJ. Centered on the theme "Art is Metamorphic," the conference dinner and ceremony took place at the Princeton Marriott at Forrestal on Monday, October 26.

A twenty-four-year veteran of The Pennington School, Hall was honored to be recognized for doing something that she is so passionate about. "I love being an art teacher," she exclaimed. "I love seeing my students have true moments of creativity, get covered in paint, clay, charcoal, graphite, etc., and smile. I love seeing my students learn that it is okay to experience things fully without worrying about the outcomes. All I've ever wanted to do is make art, so seeing my students making and creating art all day brings me so much joy."

According to a spokesperson for the AENJ, the conveyance of these awards serves to recognize those individuals "who have achieved the highest level of professionalism in the field of visual arts education," and to show appreciation to those who have made "exemplary contributions to the goals espoused for the profession."

Beyond the accolades, Hall firmly believes that it is her job to encourage growth and exploration within each of her students, and remains committed to ensuring that "my students leave my classroom courageous, confident, curious, and above all, ready to share the beauty they observe in the world around them." She expressed her gratitude to The Pennington School, most notably to "the people here who aren't afraid to make their mark, find their voice, and be courageous artists."

Together with the other division award recipients at the elementary and middle school levels, Hall will present at AENJ's annual Breakfast and a Workshop event in late January. The workshop brings fellow art educators together for several hours of professional development, networking, and inspiration to help refuel creativity at the start of a new calendar year.

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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Image caption: *Last month, Pennington Arts Department Chair Caroline Hall received an award from the Arts Educators of New Jersey for her impact on the field of arts education.*