



## THE PENNINGTON SCHOOL

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**PENNINGTON, N.J.---Sept.---** The Pennington School officially opened its 180th academic year on Friday evening, Sept. 8, with Convocation ceremonies held under a tent on the School's O'Hanlon Green. Headmaster William S. Hawkey welcomed 528 students, comprising residents of nine states and representatives of 28 countries outside the United States.

The School's combined day and boarding population is made up of 428 students in the Upper School and 100 in the Middle School. Among the countries represented are Argentina, Brazil, China, Eritrea, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Nigeria, Senegal, Turkey, and Uzbekistan.

In addition to Dr. Hawkey, speakers at Convocation included Peter J. Tucci, Esq., of New Hope, Pa., chair of the board of trustees and a 1979 graduate of the School; Len Leib, chair of the mathematics department; senior Ryan Totaro of Ewing, student government president; and eighth-grader Daisy Hutnik of Hopewell. A sophomore quartet called InTouch—Annelise Cortet of Bordentown, Gabriela Montero of North Bergen; Molly Nelson of Yardley, Pa.; and Jenna Solimon of Hamilton—sang the national anthem.

In his remarks, Hawkey noted that the School was opening with a record number of students, including the largest freshman class in its history. He mentioned some of the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of both incoming and current students and recognized the 17 seniors who have been enrolled at Pennington since sixth grade as day students or since eighth grade as boarding students.

The School's core values are honor, virtue, and humility; Hawkey's Convocation address this year celebrated honor. "We expect our students to think about honor in all facets of their lives, and with every choice they make," he said. ". . . Be courageous, have integrity, and act with dignity."

The Pennington School, founded in 1838, 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.