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## Excerpts from Dr. Hawkey's speech at Convocation on September 11, 2015

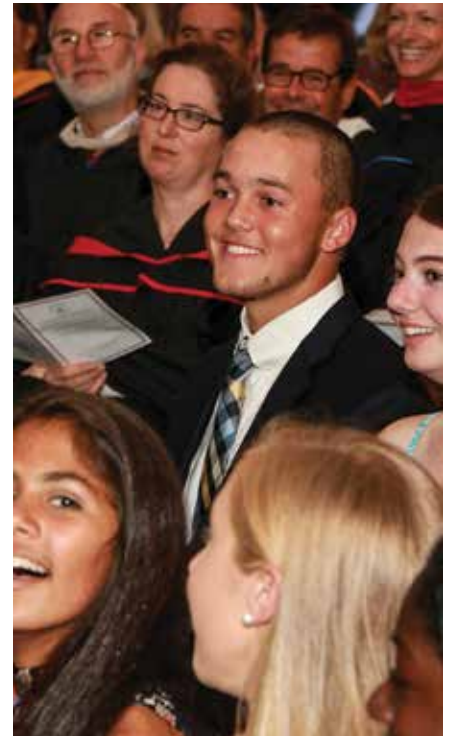
You are joining an educational community with history in three different centuries. And with this new affiliation comes responsibility: the responsibility to pursue individual excellence in every aspect of your Pennington experience. Our Honor Code—which you all signed this week in Advisory—reflects the integrity inherent in this pursuit. Our educational community is one of inclusion, and open to diversity of opinions and people. I'm proud to say that The Pennington School has been home for international students since the 1800s, and we are the beneficiaries of this longstanding tradition of inclusiveness. And today we are united in our purpose and dedicated to uphold Pennington's Core Values of Humility, Virtue, and Honor.







As educators in a school with Core Values, and even as parents at home, we find ourselves battling for our students' attention. In a society that has become increasingly self-absorbed, marked by constant bombardment of Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, selfies, and other social media platforms, "being liked" can feel more important than "doing right." At Pennington, we are looking to help our students find balance in their lives between the lure of immediate gratification found in electronics and the time for thoughtful reflection and thinking.



I believe that the student who seeks humility first will lead a more purposeful, honest life and ultimately achieve a more well-rounded level of individual excellence. Here at Pennington we offer the time and place to discover that deeper purpose. Ask questions, take risks, help a person in need, learn first what you don't know, have the courage to admit shortcomings, and seek out those who can help you to overcome your challenges. For it is when you strive for humility that you develop a deeper understanding of your place in the world.



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Hey, Classmates!

What a great weekend! By all measures it was a resounding success! Seeing so many old faces and catching up on the lives of our classmates was absolutely magical.

The weekend itself would not have been possible without the help and assistance that we received from faculty and staff alike. A special thank you to Jane Childrey '89, director of alumni relations, who proved to be the most amazing hostess and even at one point came from across campus to check in on and cater to us at our 50th reunion dinner!

During the weekend, several of us were able to spend some time with Headmaster Bill Hawkey. He impressed me as being a bright and dynamic leader who wants to keep Pennington growing in many ways. The building projects on campus are very impressive, and the now-coed student body is filled with a diverse mix of young boys and girls. The School now has a waiting list to get in!

Aside from the truly enjoyable time had all around, Homecoming is also a time for reflection. I would like to say that I have been blessed with a wonderful life. My successes can certainly be linked to my years at Pennington, where I had not only a great high school experience, but also a circle of friends whose bond has now entered the second half of a century. As you know, Pennington is a very special place.

And, to those of you who were unable to make it to the 50th reunion, please start thinking about the 55th in 2020—I cannot wait to see what's in store for us then!

Cheers, and I hope all is well,

*Andy*

Andy Schwarz '65

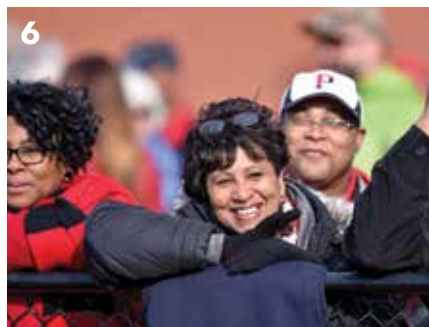


The top photo includes Carla and Paul Hausmann! We all felt honored to have them join us for the weekend, and they kept us laughing with stories, photos, and memorabilia from our years at Pennington.

Middle photo, left to right: Peter Brown, Stu Silver, Bob Myers, Rob Hess, Andy Schwarz, George Goodell, Don Peters, and Chip Crawford pose with wives and girlfriends. Missing from the photo is Tom Otis.

Bottom: Alumni check in for the reunion class gatherings outside of Wesley Alumni House.





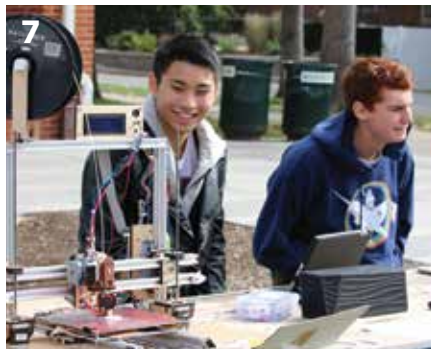
1. The Class of '55 enjoying Friday night festivities at Wesley Alumni House, with Morris Fabian '55, Andrew Guthrie '55, Bob Edwards '55, JC Van Cleve '55, and Conrad Yungbliut '55.
2. Morris Fabian '55 and Dr. Hawkey at the 60th Reunion at Wesley Alumni House.
3. The Rev. Chuck Coblentz FF and Charles Merrick '10 reunited during Pennington Football.
4. Nick Long '00 and Colleen Mullaney '00 heading to Reunion Row for s'mores around the fire pits.
5. Olivia Mahony '18 enjoying Homecoming.
6. Watching Pennington Football!
7. First Alumni Flag Football game with comments by Mr. Tom Liwosz. Some of the players: Justin Trivedi '07, Frank Hohmann '90, Frank Jordan '93, Justin Dawlabani '07, and Rich Wade '90
8. Andie Perl '10, Gavin Hunt '11, and Paris Haas '10 at Octoberfest alumni party with their former teacher Aneka Bell.
9. The east coast/west coast friendship of Faisal Al-Shami '85 and Michelle Keating Donan '85 has lasted thirty years.

## ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME 2015 INDUCTEES

1992 Varsity Football Team  
Coach George Ward '88  
Kylee Rossi Flynn '05  
Rob Bateman '97



## HOMECOMING Weekend



1. Cheerleaders encourage the big crowd at the game.
2. Members of Homecoming Court on the field after the pep rally Friday night
3. Olivia Wu '19 shows her Pennington spirit in red and black.
4. Seniors Robert O'Connell and Devon Bergen enjoy the day.
5. Football team readies for action
6. Students enthusiastically cheered for all of our teams at Friday's Pep Rally.
- 7 and 8: Students man booths at Homecoming Row to raise money for various classes and activities.
9. The Peer Leaders organized the annual Run for the Cure on Sunday morning.





# *From Waterloo to New Jersey: The Bicentennial of King Joseph Bonaparte's Escape to America*

Board Chair Peter J. Tucci '79 P'16 '16 shares his collection



The Silva Gallery of Art was honored to host a landmark exhibition—the first extensive collection of art and artifacts belonging to Joseph Bonaparte ever to be shown. This was possible through the generosity of Peter Tucci '79 P'16 '16, who has been collecting Joseph Bonaparte items for over twenty years. Tucci's collection contains over fifty original letters and documents, as well as furniture, coins, and books with a Joseph Bonaparte provenance. The show was ready for its first visitors on Homecoming weekend and was well received by all. Tucci took a deep interest in designing the exhibition with students in mind. He wrote narratives and included many extra details that brought the historical content to life. Adding to the context of Joseph Bonaparte's journey to and in the United States, he also arranged for the display of a collection of artifacts excavated by archaeologist Dr. Richard Veit of Monmouth University at Bonaparte's estate, Point Breeze in Bordentown, NJ.

The exhibition, arranged chronologically, began with original letters written by Joseph Bonaparte dating back as early as the year 1800. The letters moved forward in time as

Joseph became King of Naples and King of Spain and then on to his time in Philadelphia, PA, and Bordentown, NJ. Joseph Bonaparte took refuge in the United States for twenty years, living most of that time just miles from Pennington on his estate in Bordentown.

Tucci conducted wonderful tours for students, faculty, and outside groups, such as the Bordentown Historical Society. During these talks, he gave detailed accounts and anecdotes about Joseph Bonaparte's life, and his enthusiasm was contagious. He treated visitors to details about the Bonaparte

family and French Revolutionary history, as well as rich contextual connections to contemporary life. For instance, Michel Bouvier, great-great-grandfather of Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy, fought in the Battle of Waterloo with Napoleon, and he, too, escaped to America. He was a furniture maker, and Joseph became his patron and friend. Bouvier is one of the main reasons Empire style furniture gained such prominence in the United States. One of the centerpieces of the show was a beautifully carved mahogany side chair crafted by Michel Bouvier, which had been purchased by Joseph and used at Point Breeze. Other objects such as a marble-topped, Empire style mahogany chest of drawers and a porcelain bowl—a gift to Joseph from Napoleon—gave viewers a taste of the fine craftsmanship and elegance of the estate.

A big hit with the students was the collection of solid silver coins minted during Joseph's time as King of Spain, embossed with his profile and the Spanish coat of arms, containing the Napoleonic eagle. Students from World History Honors classes were thrilled when the coins were brought out of the secured case for them to get a closer look. Material Culture and World History Honors classes used the exhibit to gain a real-world understanding of how objects give insights into history and how to conduct research using primary resources.





## IN THE GALLERY



## Mercer County Photography 2015

The Silva Gallery of Art kicked off this year's exhibition schedule with Mercer County Photography 2015—a biennial juried exhibition sponsored by the Mercer County Division of Culture & Heritage. In addition to hosting its first county-wide juried show, the Silva Gallery was selected to form a partnership with the Division of Culture & Heritage, which resulted in a grant funded by the NJ State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Thirty-four images were selected by juror Peter Cook, a renowned portrait photographer and department head of analogue photography at the Arts Council of Princeton. Cook brought an insightful perspective and chose a very strong grouping of photographs. The grant money allowed the gallery to award eight monetary prizes to winners chosen by Cook. Pictured above is photographer Andrew Wilkinson by his Best in Show image, *Precious*, along with alumna Diana Moore '02 and gallery director Dolores Eaton.

## *Images in Water and Light:* Linda Bradshaw

December 2, 2015–January 15, 2016

The Silva Gallery of Art is pleased to bring to our community *Images in Water and Light*. Linda Bradshaw of Hopewell, New Jersey, can make the medium of watercolor do anything she wishes—boats resting on the water, grasses blowing in the breeze, people walking on a beach, trees standing in the snow. Each and every time the work reveals the lusciousness of light and shadow. Bradshaw intensely observes her world wherever she goes and brings back paintings that make the viewer reconsider how they have observed their own world.







## FALL CONCERT

On a clear, cool Sunday evening before Thanksgiving Break, Middle and Upper School students welcomed in the holiday season with a Fall Concert in Sparks Gymnasium. Jazz Band, Upper School Chorus, Pennington Singers, and Middle School Singers helped the audience reminisce with music of *Mission Impossible*, Simon and Garfunkel, The Beatles, Irving Berlin, Elton John, and Earth, Wind and Fire. For lovers of English and Irish music, the Orchestra presented an Irish Suite, English folksongs, and music from *Downton Abbey*. For the first time, a new Marimba Ensemble class played arrangements of traditional Zimbabwean songs in the Shona language, sung by all the choirs as they encircled the audience. At the end of the evening, concertgoers enjoyed visiting with each other at a reception in the Campus Center. Gracious audience donations of new scarves, gloves, hats, and mittens gave an enthusiastic start to our annual HomeFront holiday party donation drive. It was a sumptuous feast of music and friendship to prepare us for the family feasts ahead!







Summer 2015 was the inaugural season of The Pennington School's new Summer Programs. Many Pennington faculty members shared their hobbies, interests, and talents with almost 300 students between the ages of ten and fifteen, welcoming both current Pennington students and many others from the greater community to our campus during June, July, and August.

Much like the regular School curriculum, Pennington Summer Programs offer participants opportunities in academics, the arts, and athletics. All programs are in a week-long camp format, with both before- and after-camp care available, and include lunch daily in the dining hall. Last summer, we offered academic programs in Robotics, Creative Writing, Engineering, and Writing the College Essay. A number of Arts programs were also offered: Ceramics, Drawing, Painting, Photography, and Instrumental Music. Summer Programs also included a number of sports offerings: Boys' and Girls' Basketball, Boys' and Girls' Soccer, Field Hockey, and Boys' Lacrosse.

The 2015 Summer Program was very well received, and The Pennington School is excited to build on that success with expanded offerings in 2016 and beyond.



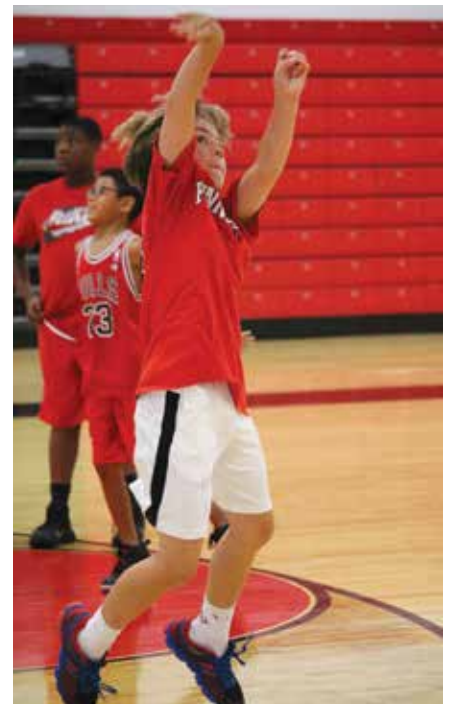




**NEW FOR  
SUMMER 2016!**

- Outdoor Adventure Camp
- Leadership Camp for Middle Schoolers
- Engineering
- Culinary Arts
- Outdoor Science
- Leadership for Girls
- DJ Camp
- Water Polo
- German Immersion
- Flag Football
- PLUS: Arts, Sports, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)

Experience camps for students in Grades 1-4



For questions about The Pennington School's Summer Programs, please contact director **Jeff Eckerson** at [summerprograms@pennington.org](mailto:summerprograms@pennington.org)



# STUDENT LEADERS CREATE STRONG COMMUNITY AT PENNINGTON



## PEER LEADERS

Our Peer Leadership Program began under Dr. William S. Hawkey in 1983, and Pennington was one of the first schools in the nation to pilot the Peer Leadership curriculum developed at the Princeton Center for Leadership Training, now known as the Center for Supportive Schools. Current advisors Erin O'Connell and Rick Ritter continue to use that model, now employed worldwide, but have enhanced the Pennington version with a Service Learning component. In the spring of their junior year, 30-40 students apply for this program, and 14-16 students are selected by their peers and the Peer Leader advisors to serve as Peer Leaders for incoming freshmen the following year.

The seniors' primary responsibility is to their assigned small group of freshmen, with whom they meet every Friday morning during outreach sessions. Meetings cover topics including orientation, communication, friendship, healthy choices, and study skills, with flexibility to discuss trending issues as they arise. The seniors serve especially as role models and mentors, welcoming freshmen to Pennington and offering them a friendly hand of support throughout the year.

The Peer Leaders also coordinate three evening activities for freshmen, one each season, and oversee three service projects each year: the Run for the Cure in October, the HomeFront Holiday Toy Drive and Party in December, and a spring activity that changes every year. The Run and the party are now annual events at The Pennington School, and for the Peer Leaders these events serve as a training ground and opportunity both to learn and to practice leadership. The evening activities are fun opportunities for the freshman class to get together and socialize.

Peer Leaders begin the year with a three-day intensive retreat in August, where they bond as a group, solidify their mission, and form goals for the year. They also participate in many of the activities they will turn around and lead for their freshman groups later in the school year. As they get

ready to work with the freshmen and manage the service projects, seniors have the unique opportunity to begin to examine themselves as leaders. Peer Leadership meets as a class in which they prepare for their weekly outreach with freshmen, work on service projects, and develop leadership skills that include effective decision-making, forming consensus, marketing and branding, and communication. Being a Peer Leader is both rewarding and challenging, and we are proud of this rich tradition. In fact, the program has been so successful that it has inspired a leadership camp debuting this summer. The program and the seniors in it pass on their values of honor, virtue, and humility and help create and enhance the feeling of community that is at the core of the Pennington experience.

*"One of the most rewarding and heartening things to hear from juniors when they apply for Peer Leadership is that they were inspired by the outstanding Peer Leaders they had when they were freshmen."*

—Erin O'Connell



Pictured, left to right: (Front row) Emily King, Olivia MacDonald, Cole Valente, Audrey Plimpton, Diana Bonilla; (back row) Dong Jun Kim, Thomas Horsley, Nancy Santarsiero, Kira Botelho, JD Yang, Madison Coyle, Morgan Pinado, Emmanuel Nwandu, Terrence Kane, Kendra Plummer





## JUNIOR PROCTORS

The Junior Proctor Program began at Pennington in the 1980s as a way to bridge the Upper School and Middle School communities. Juniors are given the opportunity to serve in the role of mentors/leaders, and Middle School students have the advantage of having those role models help guide them through the Middle School years.

Junior Proctors work in pairs, with a junior boy and girl assigned to each small Middle School group of students. The Junior Proctor program serves two distinct purposes for our community. First, juniors gain valuable leadership experience with a year of ongoing training. It is through the application of that training that these students



This year's teams of Junior Proctors are Molly McLaughlin and Derek Gimbel, Isabelle Celentano and Thomas Reily, Yunfang Xiao and Liam Krivkov, Sophia Song and Hunter Meyer-Hanover, Allie Cantaffa and Roderick Gao, Devon Duch and Andy Ma, Carolyn McWhirter and Manny Lamadrid, Julia Santoro and Billy Santarsiero, Ellie Paige and Jamie Bitterman, Chynna Stallworth and Scott Meggitt, Laura Ensminger and Jack Martinides.

grow into increasingly responsible, caring, tolerant, influential, and patient mentors. Second, the Middle School students gain role models whom they can look up to and have fun with, who help our youngest students learn more about themselves and others, and from whom they can gain a greater sense of community.

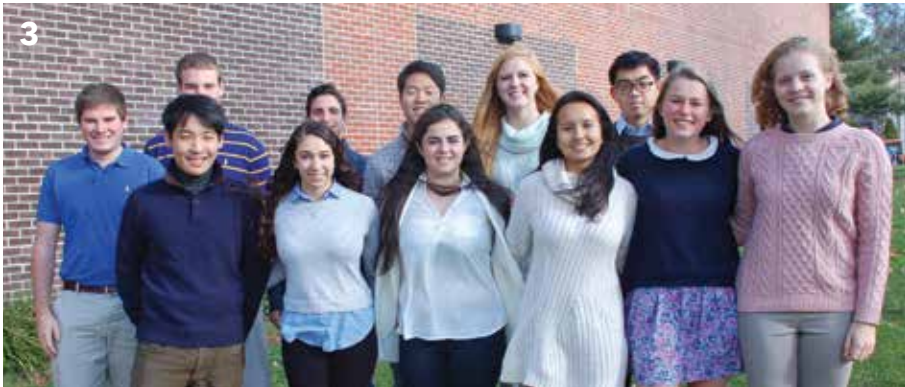
Junior Proctors are responsible for facilitating activities for their group on Fridays throughout the year. They start off by helping to plan and run the Middle School "Launch." Launch is a two-day orientation program on the first days of school. Juniors welcome the students back with great fanfare, and they organize and lead a wide variety of games and team-building activities. These range from name games and small group competitions, to projects that promote cohesive team work, to pool relay races. The juniors continue to work with the Middle School students every Friday morning, planning activities that engage them in silly, creative, thought-provoking exercises that help them to connect and bond with each other, step outside their comfort zones, and just have fun.

The relationships forged between the Junior Proctors and the Middle School students are meaningful ones that often last beyond those middle school years.





## SPECIAL Events







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**1.** Varsity Boys' Soccer won this year's Mercer County Tournament and defeated the number one, two, and five seeds along the way.

**2.** Pennington's Host Family Program got off to a great start in 2015!

**3.** Twelve Pennington seniors were inducted on December 17 as student members of the School's chapter of the Cum Laude Society before an audience of the entire Upper School, faculty, and parents. New members of the Cum Laude Society are (front row, from left): Sang Won Baek, Emma Kramer, Alexandra Zimmer, Quincy Huang, Emma Bouton, Karolina Zachor; (back row): Matthew Celentano, Duncan Zavanelli, Christian Tringali, Dong Jun Kim, Audrey Plimpton, and David Wan.

**4.** Pennington's new Jewish Community club held its first-ever Hanukkah party in the Silva Gallery on December 9.

**5.** Twelve students from Spain spent two weeks at The Pennington School on one of this year's international exchange programs.

**6.** A 5-0 record leads Pennington's Water Polo team to their title.

**7.** On November 11, Veterans Day, Pennington students and faculty joined special guests Captain Ryan Bennett '02 and Lt. Col. Stephen Alexander P'17 around the memorial flagpole to remember all those who have served and continue to serve our country.

**8.** Girls' Soccer won the Prep A title.

**9.** Twelve students from Meaux, France, visited The Pennington School in October as part of an academic exchange program.

**10.** A dinner for the Cupola Society, honoring Pennington's lead donors, was held under a sparkling tent on October 23.

**11.** Dr. Prabhjot Singh spoke at The Pennington School on October 6 as part of the Stephen Crane Lecture Series.

**12.** We celebrated Ralph Veenstra's retirement after 36 years of service to The Pennington School on November 30.

**13.** The 2015 Open House drew almost 800 people to Pennington's campus despite the arctic chill in the air.

**14.** The annual Thanksgiving formal dinner was held in the dining hall.



# New Faculty

The Pennington School welcomes eight new members to its faculty this year. They are Nick Ackermann, Margo Andrews, Marissa Brown, Maria Kane, Michael McDavid, John Payne, Shannon Taylor, and Veronica Vesnaver.

**Nick Ackermann**, who is teaching science in the Middle School, earned his B.S. degree in biology from The College of New Jersey and an M.A.Ed. degree, with a focus on biological sciences, from Montclair State University. He taught biology and environmental science for five years at Rutherford (NJ) High School, where he also worked with the biology and green clubs and coached baseball. Most recently he was a STEM enrichment specialist at the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City.

**Margo Andrews** is teaching Upper School environmental science. She holds a bachelor's degree from Clark University, and master's and doctoral degrees from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, all in the field of geography. Her focus has been on nature and society, and her doctoral dissertation addressed "Private Land, Public Rights, and Rural Livelihoods in Maine's Social Wilderness." Andrews has been an environmental scientist and technical editor with business and nonprofit organizations and previously taught at Purnell School.

**Marissa Brown** joins the World Languages Department as a teacher of French; she also teaches Middle School Latin and an academic skills tutorial. A graduate of Pace University with a B.A. degree in modern languages, she went on to earn an M.A. degree in French literature from the University of Georgia and a Ph.D. in French and Francophone language and literature from the University of Virginia. She has taught at both the high school and college levels.

**Billy Hawkey '10** joins Pennington as assistant director of admission and assistant coach of the varsity boys' soccer team. Hawkey earned his B.A. degree at Connecticut College after spending seven years at The Pennington School. He was captain of Connecticut's soccer team and their first NESCAC player of the year; he was also named an All-American. A proud alumnus of Pennington, Billy is eager to bring his love for the School into the Admission Office to help attract quality students and families. He is equally excited to apply his college athletic experience by being a part of the boys' soccer program.

**Maria Kane**, a 2009 graduate of The Pennington School, returns to join the residential faculty as a teacher in the Edmund V. Cervone Center for Learning. Kane earned her bachelor's degree in elementary and special education at Elon University. After completing student teaching and her degree in both fields, she taught first grade in Sterling, VA, for two years.

**Michael McDavid** is living on campus and teaching Upper School English. A recent graduate of Dartmouth College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, he was a three-time winner of the Eleanor Frost Playwriting Contest there. He also played rugby and was an actor in the Dartmouth Rude Mechanicals Shakespeare troupe.

**John Payne** joins the faculty of the Cervone Center with ten years' experience teaching English in both public and independent schools in New Jersey and Georgia as well as coaching lacrosse in the United States, England, and Australia. He was most recently sport clubs coordinator and project manager for Rutgers. Payne holds a bachelor's degree in English and writing from Loyola University of Maryland.

**Shannon Taylor**, who is teaching in the Cervone Center, is a graduate of the University of Richmond with a B.A. degree in history and a minor in education. She went on to earn a master's degree in deaf education, elementary, from Gallaudet University. She has taught both hearing and deaf students during her career. Most recently she was a teacher of language arts, writing, and literature at Princeton Friends School.

**Veronica Vesnaver** joins the residential faculty as a teaching fellow in Middle School history. She is a recent graduate of Colby College, where she earned a B.A. degree with a double major in American studies and art. During her college years, she worked for the Mystic Seaport Museum and the Colby College Museum of Art.



Pictured, left to right: Marissa Brown, Shannon Taylor, Veronica Vesnaver, Nick Ackermann, Michael McDavid, Margo Andrews, John Payne, and Maria Kane; Not pictured: Billy Hawkey '10



## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

### JOHN BOUTON



## Bouton wins NEH Fellowship

John Bouton, chair of the English Department, was awarded a National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship and spent a week in July 2015 at Columbia University, studying “New York and the Transformation of American Life.” He was one of 35

teachers selected from an applicant pool of more than 300 for the program, which included daily morning lectures and afternoon excursions to New York City landmarks.

Mr. Bouton completed nearly 1,000 pages of historical reading and a novel, Edith Wharton’s *Age of Innocence*, as preparation for the seminar, which was led by Dr. Kenneth T. Jackson, Jacques Barzun Professor of History and Social Sciences at Columbia, and Dr. Karen Markoe, Distinguished Service Professor of History at the State University of New York, Maritime College. Mr. Bouton applied for the selective program, fully funded by the NEH, out of a desire to bring more historical context into his English II and Advanced Placement English Language and Composition classes at Pennington. “Knowing that we have the opportunity to show how literature reflects and shapes the values and aesthetics of a particular time period, I was particularly excited to study Gilded Age New York,” he says. “I had already planned to teach Wharton’s *The Age of Innocence* to our AP juniors in order to capitalize

on their general enthusiasm for *The Great Gatsby* and to complement their study of American history. I was thrilled that our afternoon experiential programs included trips to the Tenement Museum and the Eldridge Street Synagogue on the Lower East Side, visits to both of which I hope to incorporate into a new immigration unit in our English II course this year.”

Mr. Bouton’s classmates, who traveled from as far as Hawaii and Texas to participate in the weeklong seminar, were uniformly well prepared and engaged. Of the 35, only three hailed from independent schools. “I was struck by the earnestness and focus of the participants, many of whom were history teachers,” he says. “The mix of experiences, combined with the expertise and enthusiasm of the professors, made this a singular professional development opportunity for me. I am grateful to Pennington, in particular Mr. Peeler, Dr. Daves, and Dr. Hawkey, for their encouragement and to the National Endowment for the Humanities for making these opportunities available to independent school teachers.”

New last summer, the **Pennington School Diversity Seminar** is a program developed by **Dean of Faculty John Daves ‘90**. The seminar provides an opportunity for administrators and teachers to spend time enhancing their leadership skills to foster important conversations about diversity on their campuses. Dr. Daves uses a participant-directed approach, modeling the shift of the leader from expert to listener/learner. As participants tackle the same difficult conversations needed at their schools, they come to understand how student-centered pedagogical methods provide skills for moving these vital discussions forward in school meetings and in classrooms. One participant, an

English teacher from Choate Rosemary Hall, described the program as “...a series of vibrant, provocative, and informative (inspiring) discussions around issues presented through excerpts, articles, clips, and comments of participants. I would definitely encourage other educators to come, as invariably they will be made more conscious of the many complex layers of racial and social class diversity in our schools.”

During Summer 2016, the Pennington School Diversity Seminar will be offered from **Monday, June 20, to Thursday, June 23, 2016**. More information and registration information is available on the School’s website.



JOHN DAVES



## TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHT

### LOU DENTON '76

by A. MELISSA KISER

It started with some wise advice from a friend. Focused on his work, lawyer and investment advisor Louis Denton '76 had not had a vacation in seven years, and his friend Peter Tucci '79 told him that he needed to take a break. "He pointed out that the work would still be there when you get back; that things won't fall apart while you're away; and—although you hate to admit it—that some people won't even notice that you're gone."



Denton on a bridge over the Blue Lagoon in Grindavik, Iceland

Perhaps Peter Tucci realized that a greater challenge was called for, because he went on to tell Denton about the Travelers' Century Club, a social organization founded in 1954 for people who had visited 100 (or more) countries. Denton was especially intrigued by the idea of making a list of countries and doing research on them before traveling. His first trip outside the United States was a childhood journey to Montreal for Expo '67, but he had not traveled widely in the years since.

And so it began. Denton's first trip on his own was to Belize, and he soon developed several techniques for efficient travel. Taking advantage of shortened holiday workweeks and extending them on either side is sensible use of time, and arranging a trip that permits several destinations in proximity provides a variety of experiences. As he observes, once you have made the effort to get to one location, it makes sense to go on to another that is nearby.

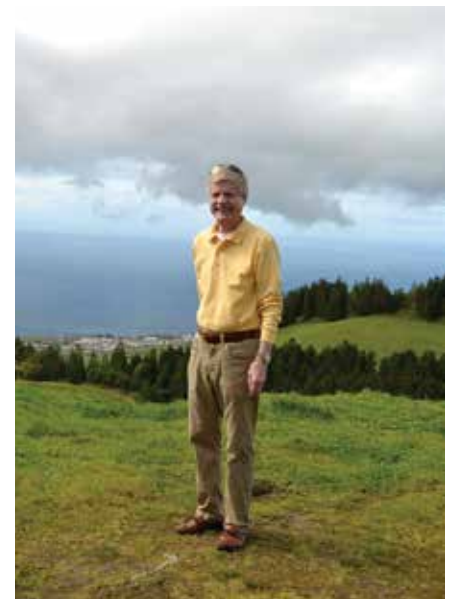
His trip in 2014 to the Azores, not a common destination, brought him to

the century mark and made him eligible to join the Travelers' Century Club. Even on that milestone journey, he kept proximity in mind, going on to Lisbon and Madeira. He spent time around New Year's Day 2014 in Abu Dhabi, Dubai, and other emirates.

One of his most unusual journeys took him to Buenos Aires and then Iguazu Falls in Argentina, which brought him close to the borders of Brazil and Paraguay—but he did not have a valid visa to enter either of those countries. Nevertheless, in a move straight out of a spy movie, he managed both to get into Brazil and to cross into Paraguay just long enough to get his passport stamped (for a "tip" of \$5.00 U.S.). "I was illegally in two countries on the same day," he recalls with a chuckle. "It was a challenge and an experience—and besides, you never know whether you'll get back there again!" Back in Buenos Aires, he took a ferry to Uruguay—and gained another stamp in his passport.

Denton now tries to take a couple of trips a year. He has run with the bulls in Spain, watched lions at a private game

reserve in South Africa, visited Iceland's Blue Lagoon, and traveled to Malta and Tunisia just three years after the Jasmine Revolution that launched the Arab Spring. Sometimes checking the calendar to see events in other countries prompted a trip: he attended a Genesis reunion concert in Bern, Switzerland, after visiting Zurich and Lichtenstein;



Lou Denton in São Miguel, Azores



he caught a Bruce Springsteen concert in Seville, Spain, and then went on to Gibraltar, Morocco, and Granada. He once visited Dracula's Castle in Romania at Halloween, learning the history of Vlad Dracul, whose reputation as "Vlad the Impaler" helped him defeat the Turks.

He has no objection to return visits, but he usually attempts to add a new destination, too, citing as an example a trip to Rome with a side junket to San Marino. A recent journey took him to Sicily and to Italy's southernmost island, Lampedusa. He travels with friends; with his fiancée, Karen West; and sometimes on his own. He and Tucci flew together to Gatwick Airport in England, then on to the Channel Islands Guernsey and Jersey; that trip included a stop in London to see one friend and to attend another friend's wedding. Corsica and Sardinia was a solo trip, as was the one to El Salvador and Nicaragua.

Denton enjoys the planning and the logistics. "It's become sort of a hobby." Although he admits that there are some places in the world where Americans are conspicuous, and where it's best to use a contact person to find a guide and driver, he approaches travel with the attitude that "everything is very doable." He advocates using common sense ("Keep charging devices with you."), but retaining one's sense of adventure. In general, "you don't have to speak the language. . . . You just smile a lot. People will help you."

Even with 104 countries from Abu Dhabi to Vietnam checked off as of November, Denton keeps adding to his target list: India, Australia and Tasmania, New Zealand, the South Pole; Kiribati, where it is possible to stand in all four hemispheres at once; and Tristan Di Cunha, a remote but inhabited South Atlantic island reachable only by sea. Closer to home, there are fourteen of the fifty United States that he has not visited—but perhaps he is keeping those for after he retires!

## Pennington welcomes three new board members



**Julie M. Wulf** was associate professor of business administration at the Harvard Business School from 2007 to 2014. Previously

she was an associate professor of management at The Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania from 1999 to 2007. Prior to her teaching career, Wulf worked at Booz & Co., as a vice-president of corporate planning and development for the American Express Company, and co-founded a private equity real estate firm in New York. She received her B.S. from the University of California, Davis, an M.B.A. in finance from New York University, an M.Sc. in economics from the London School of Economics, and a Ph.D. in economics from Columbia University. She is an accomplished scholar and economist with dozens of peer-reviewed publications, some appearing in leading international periodicals. Wulf joins the Board as a current parent at the School; her daughter is a sophomore.



**Matthew Pauls** is president and chief executive officer of Stonebridge Biopharma, a global pharmaceutical company.

Pauls has more than twenty years of leadership experience in the pharmaceutical industry, with an emphasis on general management, global product launches, commercial operations, business development, clinical development and technical operations. Prior to joining Stonebridge Biopharma in 2014, Pauls was chief commercial

officer of Insmmed, Inc., a publicly traded biopharmaceutical company. Before that, Pauls was senior vice president and head of global commercial operations at Shire Pharmaceuticals.

Pauls has held positions at Bristol-Myers Squibb and at Johnson & Johnson in various U.S. and global commercial roles. He holds B.S. and M.B.A. degrees from Central Michigan University and a J.D. from Michigan State University College of Law.

"Matthew Pauls is an outstanding business executive and brings tremendous expertise in strategic planning, operations, and leadership to the Board," said Pennington Board Chair Peter J. Tucci, Esq. "The fact that he is also an alumni parent at Pennington makes us especially proud to welcome him."



**Anne Michaelson** joins the Board *ex officio* in her role as co-president of The Pennington School Parents Association. Michaelson began her professional career in public

relations at The Estee Lauder Companies before pursuing a master's degree in health care marketing at Columbia University.

Michaelson is a strong advocate for programs that give back to communities. She has volunteered at several local organizations including HomeFront, Dress for Success, Montgomery High School, and now at The Pennington School, where she is the proud parent of two daughters who are in the Upper School.



# 2015 FALL SEASON



## GIRLS' SOCCER

**Coaches:** Dr. William Hawkey, Patrick Murphy '80, and Alexa Carugati '09

Co-coaches Bill Hawkey and Patrick Murphy and assistant coach Alexa Carugati '09 were thrilled with the way the Girls' Soccer team finished their 2015 season. Heading into the Prep A state tournament, the girls' team had a mix of highs and lows during the 2015 campaign. With a traditionally strong regular season schedule, the girls had big wins against highly ranked Freehold Township and the Mercer County prep schools. A mid-season setback to nationally ranked McDonogh (MD) kept things in perspective, but the

girls found ways to persevere through October and found themselves in the Prep A championship game against a strong Oak Knoll School from Summit, NJ. Led by seniors Liv McCutcheon (co-captain), Daniella Giancarli (co-captain), Diana Bonilla (whose sister Priscilla '11 also played for the Red Raiders), Morgan Pinado, Christine Carugati, and Kerry Runkle, the girls won in style in front of a packed house under the lights. With five different scorers for the Red Raiders finding the net and strong goalkeeping from junior Tara Hessenthaler and sophomore Carly Rice, the team finished the game with a 5-0 win and their twelfth Prep A state championship.

## BOYS' SOCCER

**Coaches:** Chad Bridges '96 and Billy Hawkey '10

The Pennington Boys' Soccer team finished the year with a 15-3-3 record and captured the program's second-



ever Mercer County Tournament Championship. This year's team was led by a talented group of eleven seniors: Asher Carlson, Lucas Freitas, Harry Girandola, Tunji Onitiri, Satchel Cortet, Aiden Lu, Zach Lamb, Alex Lamb, Griffin Bull, Paulo Magalhaes, and Andrew Coe. Cortet was named Prep Player of the Year by *The Times of Trenton*. The team recorded 52 goals on the season and had a goals-against average of 1.15, which included seven shutouts on the year.

## FOOTBALL

**Coaches:** Jerry Eure '75, Blair Thompson, Adam Cooley, and Mike McDavid

The 2015 Pennington Football season was one of the most memorable ones in Coach Eure's years at the School. They finished the season 6-3, the best record in several years. It is a true testament to all the hard work and dedication the players gave from August 24 to November 7. However,



the highlight of the season was the back-to-back incredible wins over the highly talented Hackley School, which was won with just six seconds left on the clock, and the Perkiomen game the following week—when they overpowered Pennington but we were still able to pull out a victory. Coach Eure writes, “The leadership of the seniors was second to none. I truly feel that the underclassmen were blessed to have had such great leadership. Yes, you can hold your heads up high with a smile, knowing you kept an important point of Pennington pride alive and well. Seniors, best of luck in the future, and remember; you will always be a part of this family.” Coach Elliot adds, “In my twenty years of coaching at Pennington, this is the most improved team that I have had the pleasure of coaching. From where you started in August until now is simply remarkable.”

## WATER POLO

**Coaches: William Hutnik and Mike Gladstone**

Coach Hutnik writes, “The Pennington Varsity Water Polo team’s historic 8–0

run to finish the season and capture both the State Championship and the Easterns Prep B Championship exemplifies the progress the squad made since those first practices in August. Overall, their 18–5 record stands as a testament to what a team can do if they work as a unit, practice intensely, and maintain focus. All of the players on this year’s squad understood their roles, executed them, and worked tremendously hard to improve their skills and be players who could be counted on to perform in the pool. Congratulations to our seven seniors: Neely Campbell, Will Freeman, Tim Kennedy, Rahul Kumar, Cole Valente, and captains Ian Nelson and Andrew Mavis. It is fitting that Andrew, the School record holder in goals, started his extraordinary Pennington career in 2012 with a Beast of the East Championship and our first State Championship and ends with a second State title and first Easterns Prep B title. The PWP Nation looks forward to following his water polo career in college. Congratulations to all the players, and thank you to the PWP parents who supported us throughout a FANTASTIC season!”



## GIRLS' TENNIS

**Coach: Ken Palumbo**

It was nice to see over thirty girls trying out for Varsity Tennis this fall. Only eight spots were available, so the competition was tough. The final eight were a great group of sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The girls competed hard in all matches. There were positive flashes of good things to come. They won some nice matches, played well at the Mercer County Tournament, and overall had a fine season. The best part of the season was the camaraderie of the team and the effort put forth in every practice and match.







## CROSS COUNTRY

Coaches: Rick Ritter and Justin Langlois

There were “Recovery Runs,” and there were “Discovery Runs.” In a season of growth and growing pains, both the Boys’ and Girls’ Cross Country Teams made great strides. Members of both teams earned medals at the Shore Coaches Invitational held at the ever-challenging course at Holmdel Park. The highlight was when Ian Moini garnered second place in the boys’ varsity heat. Heather Holley came home in the top five in the girls’ freshman race, while Lily Childrey medaled in her heat.

The team traveled for the first time to the Manhattan College High School Invitational meet, held at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx. There were high schools from up and down the East Coast competing there. Again Heather

Holley medaled in the freshman race, and Polly Koniarczyk medaled in the sophomore race. Both Ian Moini and Emily King finished high in the varsity race, coming home with medals, too.

The Discovery Runs came at the end of the season. All team members had personal records at the last two meets. There were strong finishes at States this year, with Emily King coming in sixth and Ian Moini placing second under very tough, rainy, windy, and muddy conditions. Once they all dried out and warmed up, they could smile and celebrate all they accomplished this season.

## FIELD HOCKEY

Coaches: Wendy Morris, Liesl Morris, and Tera Noyes

Pennington Field Hockey enjoyed another record-breaking season, with



two teams (Varsity and JV) and a total of thirty-seven girls. The Pennington Varsity Field Hockey team finished the season with a 10–6–1 record. The season included victories against area rivals Stuart, PDS, and a first-time win over South Hunterdon. This season, four exciting games went into



overtime. The varsity team was seeded second in the Prep B State Tournament and hosted Ranney for the first round of States and then Morristown Beard for the state semifinal game, which went to penalty strokes after two overtime periods. Pennington came up short by just a goal. The Homecoming game was also Pennington’s first round of MCTs, and we were victorious over Stuart in a thrilling overtime game in front of a very supportive Homecoming crowd. Junior Varsity finished the season 2–3–2. This year’s captains were Audrey Plimpton and Clare Long.

## ATHLETIC AWARDS FALL 2015



### CHEERLEADING

Coaches: Molly Kramer and Karen Voorhees

The cheerleaders just completed one of their most spirited and exciting seasons ever. In September, five talented new students joined our very solid group of twelve veterans. Our team took on an international flair as we enjoyed the participation of Carmen, an exchange student from Spain, and Jodie Bartels '17, a new boarding student from France. Through focus, hard work, and mutual respect, the athletes quickly

became a united and talented group. We enjoyed the creative process as we added a number of new cheers and moves. Our talented and determined football team allowed us to practice many more of our offensive cheers this season. Thanks, guys! We also want to thank the very enthusiastic students who made up the animated "bird cage" in the stands. We appreciate their participation! As always, we have great parents who never fail to fill the stands, providing their support and encouragement to all.

## >> MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC AWARDS

### FIELD HOCKEY

Red Raider Award—Kate Long  
Coaches' Award—Alyssa Gasior  
Coaches' Award—Anna McLaughlin

### CROSS COUNTRY

Red Raider Award—Mitchell Mavellia  
Coach's Award—Anita Yang

### SOCCER

Red Raider Award—Leah Balerna  
Red Raider Award—Miami Celentana  
Coaches' Award—Vincent Colalillo  
Coaches' Award—Lucinda Harding

### VARSITY

#### Water Polo

Red Raider Award—Andrew Mavis  
Coaches' Award—Tim Kennedy  
Most Improved Award—Josh Shavel

#### Cheerleading

Red Raider Award—Nancy Santarsiero  
Coaches' Award—Emma Kramer

#### Field Hockey

Red Raider Award—Ellie Paige  
Spirit Award—Clare Long  
Scholar Athlete Award—Audrey Plimpton  
Most Improved Award—Sophia Sansone

#### Boys' Cross Country

Red Raider Award—Ian Moini  
Coaches' Award—Christian Tringali  
Stoker Award—Gerrit Crater

#### Girls' Cross Country

Red Raider Award—Emily King  
Coaches' Award—Bree Seiler  
Stoker Award—Polly Koniarczyk

#### Football

Coaches' Award—Ruben Johnson  
Coaches' Award—JD Yang  
Team Spirit Award—Joe Gallagher  
Team Spirit Award—Kevin Maley

#### Boys' Soccer

Red Raider Award—Satchel Cortet  
Coaches' Award—Griffin Bull  
Leadership Award—Harry Girandola

#### Girls' Soccer

Red Raider Award—Daniella Giancarli  
Coaches' Award—Olivia McCutcheon  
100% Hustle Award—Morgan Pinado

#### Tennis

Leadership Award—Devon Bergen  
Coaches' Award—Emma Bouton  
Scholar Athlete Award—Karolina Zachor

### JUNIOR VARSITY

#### Water Polo

Red Raider Award—Brett Philip  
Coaches' Award—Kate McKiernan

#### Field Hockey

Coaches' Award—Terezia Bohmova  
Scholar Athlete Award—Kelly Clark

#### Boys' Soccer

Red Raider Award—Jeffrey Kolivodiakos  
Coaches' Award—Matthew Paragamian

#### Football

Red Raider Award—Matt Dilorio  
Coaches' Award—Bo Hartpence

#### Tennis

Red Raider Award—Kendra Plummer  
Coaches' Award—Quincy Huang





Members of the cast as citizens of Orange, NJ, greet scientist Marie Curie on her whistle-stop tour of the United States.

## *Radium Girls* lights up Pennington Drama

by LISA HOUSTON

Radium is an amazing substance. Discovered in 1898 by the Curies of Poland, it was named for its radioactive qualities. Dr. Marie Curie called it “a little star,” and others likened it to a ray of sunshine. Its healing power was recognized then, as it is now.

In the 1920s, radium was put into makeup, drinks, pills, and painted onto surfaces to make them glow. This includes the watches made at the U.S. Radium Corporation factory in West Orange, NJ, that were shipped over to WWI soldiers, saving the lives of countless men.

Many of the characters in this play were real people. The revolutionary glowing paint “Undark” was originally created and marketed by the corporation. The Radium Girls—Amelia, Grace, Irene, and Kathryn—worked themselves to



Cousins and factory girls, Irene (Molly McLaughlin '17) and Kathryn (Isabella Iorio '17) put brushes to their lips to point the ends without knowing the dangers that await them.

death earning their own money, doing a job that brought them pride and autonomy at a time when women didn't have many options.

Portraying real people and a real story adds another degree of intensity to

a production. We constantly felt the pressure to tell the truth of the story, while honoring the fictional flourishes the author added for theatricality. It was inspiring to watch the students mull over every word in the script, learn legal terms and medical processes, figure out how to portray the struggle of the duty to tell the truth even when your life's work is at stake, or try to take a stand when your body is deteriorating. Playing these roles as high school students is a real challenge, yet these students made it look easy. They stepped right into their 1920s shoes and hairstyles, donned handmade flapper dresses and hats, built a factory, hung vintage lights with care, and owned the melodrama of the time. We honored the real-life Radium Girls at each and every rehearsal and show. It is important to note that this case changed working conditions for countless Americans in the twentieth century and beyond.

The Radium Girls gave their lives for science and for industry. Like the radium that they carefully applied to the watch dials, these women left an indelible trace on the history of industry in America. We can all only hope to love our work, live as valiantly, and leave such a legacy as these amazing young women.



Grace Fryer (Josephine Sheeran '17) considers her life at work at the US Radium Corporation while a co-worker (Megan Eckerson '19) paints watch dials.

## Behind the scenes

On a fall afternoon, the back door of the Campus Center is propped open. A saw roars, paintbrushes dip into Beluga black paint, and speakers blast tunes while techies skillfully measure, cut, and fit a set of stairs to proper code and proportion. A student artist pencils out the signboard design while another student lays myriad items out on the props table. Across the tech shop, a member of costume crew switches a load of laundry, and carries the dry load back across the hall to fold.

In the dressing room, actors try on clothes to the background whir of the sewing machines. The familiar smell of hot glue fills the air. Makeup and hair pins are sorted and contained. In the distance, in the actual McLarty Black Box Theater, one might detect the sounds of lines being recited or blocking advice being given. But designing the world of a show is essential to the success of its performance, and this world is created by the Pennington tech and costume crews. They are the unsung heroes of Pennington Drama.

Through technical theatre activities, Pennington students are afforded the opportunity to create and design the world of every show. Under the guidance of teachers Jason Harding and Caroline Hall, students are able to learn the skills of theatrical design, organization, and construction. Their ideas are valued, and used to solve theatrical problems presented by each show, such as how to make a bridge bear the weight of eight teenagers. In concert with Director of Drama Lisa Houston, students' ideas guide and shape the vision of the show.

Tech and costume crew is difficult and necessary work that takes long hours of sustained concentration and critical thinking skills. A project like sewing Skellig's wings can take hours of painstaking pinning and sewing. Painting the Addams Family mansion can take full days of work from the entire team. However, there is much love behind the work. At Pennington, we pride ourselves on the fact that students take the lead in doing this work, and in the end, the world of the show is their own creation.



Top left: Qiwei "Elvina" Bao '16 creates the marketing image for the show. Top right: Members of the tech crew work in the booth to create lighting and sound cues, and projections. Middle left: The crew puts final touches on the factory work table for the show. Middle right: Brian Keating '18 uses a sander to smooth rough edges of a set piece. Bottom: Cole Felsher '18 and Dave Velasco '16 inventory and store lights in the tech shop.





## MIDDLE SCHOOL LAUNCH



Pennington's Middle School starts every year off with a much-anticipated event called Launch. Launch takes place over the first two days of school in September, before any academic classes begin. Returning Middle School students join incoming students, and all of them participate in group activities that are run by the Junior Proctors. It's a terrific opportunity for everyone to get to know each other, and "launch" into a new year.





# Celebrating DIWALI

On Tuesday, November 10, the Middle School students learned about the Hindu festival Diwali, known as the "Festival of Lights." Diwali celebrates the victory of good over evil and is considered the Indian New Year.

Five Middle School students and their families introduced the rest of our students to traditional dance, musical instruments, ethnic clothing, food, and art. The Dining Hall also offered popular Indian dishes for lunch for the entire student body, faculty, and staff.

The Diwali event was held in the small gym, starting before lunch with a brief video and presentation by students on Diwali. Students and teachers then enjoyed the Indian lunch buffet in the Dining Hall before heading back to the small gym to explore a series of different stations. Students were offered the opportunity to play musical instruments including the tabla and the harmonium; they were able to dress up in typical outfits and accessories from different regions in India; they tasted delicious Indian snacks and sweets; they had a lot of fun learning the Indian folk dance steps the garba, dandiya, and the bhangra; and they created colorful Rangoli paper plates.

This festive event was a real treat for the entire Middle School. Many thanks to Raul Shah, Sahil Navani, Tajus Gopal, Sydney Shah, Anjollie Ramakrishna, and all of their families for putting together this special celebration and for sharing their wonderful culture with all of us at Pennington.







## Middle School RETREAT October 7-9, 2015







About five weeks into the new school year, Middle Schoolers and their faculty head off campus for the annual Retreat. Sixth- and seventh-graders spend two days and a night at a rustic camp engaged in an array of outdoor activities involving canoes, ropes course elements, climbing walls, field games, and the ever popular s'more campfire. The eighth-graders spend two technology free nights in the woods camping, hiking, and enjoying all that nature has to offer.





## Parents Night Out

On Thursday evening, September 17, Todd Paige and The Pennington School Parents Association hosted a parents party at Hopewell Valley Vineyards. Live jazz music, delicious hors d'oeuvres, and the Vineyard's own wines were on the menu as dozens of Middle School parents enjoyed mingling with each other and with many members of the Middle School's faculty. A wonderful time was had by all who attended.



## PROGRAMMING WITH LEGO ROBOTICS

Middle School students are enjoying taking part in the "Programming with Lego Robotics" elective.

This elective has two parts:

- 1) Students use visual software on their iPads to learn about the architecture of programming;
- 2) Students then build and program Lego robots to accomplish specific tasks.

Each class begins with directed instruction; however, most of the class time is spent working on building and programming projects in small groups. During the process, students use the engineering design cycle to refine their ideas to solve a given problem.



The engineering design cycle process is a series of steps that engineering teams use to guide them as they solve problems. The design process is cyclical, which means that engineers repeat the steps as many times as necessary until the project is successful, making improvements along the way.

Two key components of the engineering design cycle process are teamwork and design. Both of these are skills that we want to build in our Middle School students. Students are encouraged to follow the steps of the engineering design cycle process to strengthen their understanding of open-ended design and to emphasize creativity and practicality.

This elective aims to give students an opportunity to develop logical thinking and problem-solving skills through programming.





## STEM GROWING AT PENNINGTON

by SUSAN WIRSIG

A team of Pennington math and science teachers have been working over the past three years to enhance the Pennington STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) program. The group has investigated many STEM programs, learned what the research says about STEM education, discussed program ideas with college and university STEM faculty as well as industry leaders, and visited schools with quality STEM programs.

Most recently the faculty STEM committee attended a workshop at Princeton, visited and reviewed STEM programs at two independent schools, and met with a small group of parents with backgrounds in science and engineering to exchange ideas. They suggested useful and practical ways for the School to partner with industry to enrich the STEM teaching and learning experience at Pennington. In addition, the faculty committee has been in

discussions with Cornell University and The College of New Jersey about how we can collaborate with colleges and universities on STEM education. Pennington students in the STEM program may have opportunities to work with faculty and graduate students at these research institutes.

All of this work has led to the development of a STEM Certificate Program that will be in place for the fall of 2016. Graduates of the Pennington School STEM program will have the disciplinary knowledge, programming skills, and engineering problem-solving skills to confidently design creative and practical solutions to real-world problems. The STEM Certificate Program will give students an opportunity to grow STEM skills; to discover new passions; to explore STEM areas of interest; and to make interdisciplinary connections between STEM and our world. Students in the STEM Certificate Program will be required to take an engineering elective, complete a STEM project, attend STEM speaker presentations, and participate in an outside STEM experience, as well

as take the math and science courses required for graduation.

This spring, sophomores will be able to apply for this program. Upon acceptance, they will complete the requirements over the following two years to earn a STEM Certificate at Commencement.

### Biology students benefit from donation of cameras

Founded in 2011 in Seattle, Washington, Exo Labs created the world's first microscope cameras that could directly and instantly connect to the Apple iPad® and iPhone®. These special cameras in Pennington's labs were donated a few years ago by George Cawman, Jr. '61. George's son, George Cawman III, worked in the marketing department for Exo Labs in Seattle. Using these cameras in class helps students engage better with the material, as the images are much more detailed.





Top to Bottom: Lori Plimpton, Jane Celentano and Linda Sichel; Louis Valente and Anne Mavis; Timothy and KellyAnn Prior; Gary Rossi and Judy Rossi, Susan LeDonne and Vincent LeDonne

## Red & Black BASH

On Saturday, November 14, the Princeton Marriott ballroom was filled with Pennington Pride at this year's Red & Black BASH, organized by The Pennington School Parents Association. Over 200 guests, festively attired in black and red, filled the ballroom to support the Parents Association's silent auction fundraiser. Everyone

enjoyed the music provided by Pennington's own Joe Grillo Music & Entertainment as well as the psychic talents of Chris Deleo.

The ballroom was transformed into a red and black showcase that celebrated Pennington's past, present, and future. After an invocation given by School Chaplain Aaron Twitchell and a welcome by Headmaster Bill Hawkey, everyone enjoyed the evening by bidding on the fabulous silent auction items and socializing with each other.

The Red & Black BASH Committee co-chairs, Annie Michaelson and Jackie Harris, and their volunteers organized a wonderful event for all who attended and would like to thank everyone who supported this year's auction.



Doreen Holley, Charles Meyer-Hanover and Sheri Meyer-Hanover



# BUILDING *for the* FUTURE

## A CAMPAIGN FOR THE PENNINGTON SCHOOL

Pennington's capital campaign began two years ago as *Pennington 175*, to raise \$10 million toward the construction of a new humanities building on campus. Due to the overwhelming response from our community, a broader campaign plan was designed to include all gifts to The Pennington School. These initiatives make up our \$20 million *Building for the Future* campaign:

- **Kenneth Kai Tai Yen Humanities Building:** This new building, finished in early 2016, is a stunning, light-filled space that integrates academic disciplines in a collaborative learning environment. Grouping World Languages with History, English, and Religion allows the faculty to develop interdisciplinary classes and offers students new ways to engage in their studies as they will in their lives—collaboratively, creatively, and across cultures.

- **Re-engineering Stainton Hall:** Stainton Hall will undergo a complete transformation during the summer of 2016, creating a true STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) center for these departments. And Pennington's Middle School will move to the other end of the building from the space it currently occupies. A new entrance to the Middle School from the walkway near the upper parking lot will improve the flow of students into the building, and moving the Middle School to this space also means that Upper School students will be able to travel back and forth between classes in Stainton and in the new humanities building without disrupting traffic in the Middle School hallways.

- **Renovation of Old Main:** Old Main will undergo a facelift that will restore its glory as the heart of the Pennington campus. School administrative offices, including the offices of the Headmaster, the Dean of Academic Affairs, and the Dean of Faculty, will move from Stainton Hall to the first floor ("B" floor) of Old Main. The main entrance to Old Main will become the gateway to the Admission Office suite, an entrance to space that will reflect a grand first impression for potential Pennington students and their families.

- **Meckler Library redesign:** Because of emerging technologies and changes in the ways that students study and research, libraries are undergoing vast changes in their design. With the renovation of Meckler Library, we will be able to provide a richer learning experience and better support collaborative activity. There will be space for more group projects, and new classrooms for the Edmund V. Cervone Center for Learning.

- **People and programs:** The *Building for the Future* Capital Campaign will provide for superior academic programs, a stellar faculty, and an enrollment that embodies the School's mission of individual excellence. The campaign can do all this by increasing endowment to support faculty professional development, a competitive salary range for faculty and administration, and student financial aid, as well as providing funding for innovative academic programs such as the Global Studies Certificate Program and a brand-new STEM Certificate Program.

- **Pedestrian-friendly campus:** A new road will circle around the campus from behind Stainton Hall and emerge onto Burd Street where the current entrance to the lower parking lot is now.

Student safety is our absolute priority, and closing the front gate after morning drop-off will ensure that students can walk freely without worrying about traffic.

You can direct a gift to any of the projects described here, or to a specific program (arts, athletics, the Edmund V. Cervone Center for Learning, financial aid, faculty development, global studies, student life) if you wish. Just contact the Development office at 609-737-6121. Your generosity (\$15.2 million and counting!) and your community spirit are what make The Pennington School thrive and grow, enriching the lives of all of our students. THANK YOU!



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With a one-day record number of online gifts, and more than \$42,000 raised, #GivingTuesday was a great success.

THANK YOU!!



# CLASS NOTES

## 1950s

### Reunions: Classes of '50 and '55

Reunion years 1950 and 1955 came out for Homecoming and enjoyed themselves so much they stayed until the closing of the Octoberfest party. In attendance were Michael Lehrman '50, Andrew Guthrie '55, Conrad Yungbliut '55, JC Van Cleeve '55, Morris Fabian '55, Bob Edwards '55, and Arthur Smith '55.

Retired NBC News and Voice of America correspondent **Andrew Guthrie '55** visited Europe in May, beginning with a week's stay with longtime family friends in England, followed by a week in Amsterdam for a canal tour and a visit to Anne Frank's house. He went on to a week in Frankfurt, visiting the twelfth-century von Bruenning Castle



Andrew Guthrie '55 at twelfth-century von Bruenning Castle



Evan Tibbott '58 was presented with the President's Volunteer Service Award.

in the suburb of Hoechst, where he lived for two years while announcing and writing news for the American Forces Network, Europe. It was there, late one August night in 1961, that Private Guthrie read the first English-language news bulletin announcing the start of construction of the Berlin Wall.

On August 19, **Evan Tibbott '58** was presented with the President's Volunteer Service Award, recognizing his six years of dedicated volunteer work with the National Forest Service at Mesa Falls Visitor Center in the Caribou-Targhee National Forest near Ashton, ID. Evan comes to outdoor education naturally. He has lived, worked, and played in the outdoors for all his life and enjoys sharing his experiences and expertise with others. He is a weatherman, geologist, former fire lookout, and birder. He keeps all those who work with him in shape by requiring twenty pushups whenever the mood strikes him. His sense of humor is ever-present.

## 1960s

### Reunions: Classes of '60 and '65

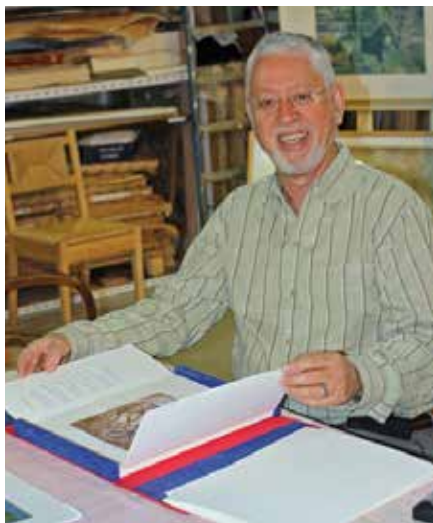
The 50th reunion class of '65 enjoyed a private dinner at Avanti after the cocktail reception at Wesley Alumni House. Joined by former faculty the Haussmans, Andy Schwarz '65, Don Peters '65, Bill Balderston '65, Peter Brown '65, George Goodell '65, Bob

Myers '65, Chip Crawford '65, Rob Hess '65, Stuart Silver '65, Tom Otis '65, and Michael Porter '65 relived memories of their time at Pennington and enjoyed hearing about the School's bright future.

**Kate Bornstein '65** was disappointed to get sick and miss her reunion. She writes, "I couldn't be happier though, since I wasn't expecting to be alive at this age after a close brush with life's end a couple of years back—lung cancer on top of leukemia. I pulled through, and now I'm a year-and-a-half cancer free. If you can get E! TV, I was on *I Am Cait*, Caitlyn Jenner's reality show, for Episode 4 and Episode 5."

**Carl Maida '65** is a working anthropologist and professor at UCLA, where he is involved in understanding the inner lives of people (adults, children, and youth) facing trauma resulting from crises of every kind. He also directs a high school apprenticeship program at UCLA for gifted teenagers interested in lab science. Carl writes, "I have tried to pass along life lessons learned at Pennington and Syracuse to my students, my two grown daughters, and my five-year-old granddaughter."

**Bill Pearl '65** is currently in Paris working on a novel, which is why he couldn't attend the 50th reunion. He promises to make the next one.



Bill Pearl '65 with his novel in Paris

## 1970s

### Reunions: Classes of '70 and '75

Wesley Alumni House welcomed the classes of 1970 and 1975. Larry Bauer '70, Bob Marut '75, Jerry Eure '75, Sara French-Shallop '75, Mary Lazar '75, and Caroline Owen '75 came out to celebrate their reunion and to watch Pennington football.

## 1980s

### Reunions: Classes of '80 and '85

The classes of 1980 and 1985 came out for fun Friday and Saturday at their reunions. From cocktail receptions to fire pit barbecues, these alumni mingled with everyone and wore their varsity jackets with pride. They cheered on the athletic teams and rounded out the weekend with the Octoberfest party under the heated tent. In attendance were Patrick Murphy '80, reunion chair Lisa Austin-Brouse '80, Chuck Miller '80, Ray Buck '80, Lori Hedberg-Falk '80, George Ruch '80, Matthew Holbrook '85, Faisal Al-Shami '85, Jennifer Gillis '85, Jessica Frank Sanders '85, Anna Lipshutz Hurowitz '85, Jane Malloy '85, Nancy Freedman '85, and reunion chairs Georgia Manukas '85 and Michelle Keating Donan '85.



George Ward '88 (right) and Gracen Ward with Aaron Peirsol, Olympic swimmer

Jacqueline Jefferson Lilly '86 says, "Hello to my classmates of the Class of '86! I can't believe that Homecoming 2016 will be our 30th reunion. It seems like just yesterday we were walking the halls of Old Main. I will be reaching out to all of you soon regarding the plans for our big event, so stay tuned. In the meantime please feel free to email me at [j.squared@att.net](mailto:j.squared@att.net)."

George Ward '88 and his daughter, Gracen, met Aaron Peirsol, world record-holder in the 100 and 200 backstroke, at the Princeton swimming camp, and Gracen got to wear one of his gold medals from Athens. Peirsol also signed a Pennington swimming cap, which is in the trophy case at the Pennington pool. George was inducted into the Pennington School Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming 2015 for his excellence in coaching. Nick Long '00 and Brandon Hullings '08 gave heartfelt speeches depicting George's ability to pull the best out of each swimmer, no matter his or her level. Norman Noe '87, who swam with George at Pennington, and Jeff Long '88 were in attendance along with many friends, former Pennington swimmers, and parents.

Jane Bott Childrey '89 reports, "Life has come full circle with my

daughter Lily attending Pennington as a sophomore. Boarding life is completely different from my days on campus—and in a good way, from a mom's perspective. My little ones attended summer camp at Pennington, taking advantage of a two-week ceramics camp, field hockey, and basketball. Lexi and Ian had a blast, and field hockey is Lexi's new sport, thanks to Coach Morris. First day on campus, and Lexi became fast friends with Charley Durst, daughter of Sandy Durst '90."



Sandy Durst '90, Charley Durst, Lexi Childrey, and Jane Bott Childrey '89 at the ceramics exhibit in Silva Gallery





Laura Piza Winik '00, Celeste Murphy Avery '01, and Christa McGuire '98

## 1990s

### Reunions: Classes of '90 and '95

The class of 1990 won the battle for the reunion bus to Diamond's restaurant. As the festivities were closing down on campus, the Class of 1990 loaded the bus to continue the celebration in town. Edmund Cervone '90 led the reunion outreach, assisted by Frank Hohmann '90. In attendance throughout the weekend were Doug Saltstein '90, Dave Parry '90, Sandy Durst '90, Matt Gosser '90, Joe Fluehr '90, Kristi Sorbello Frank '90, Peter Cook '90, Trip Stefanelli '90, Cherie Spilatro O'Conner '90, Samantha Adler Weitzman '90, Sean Dawson '90, John Daves '90, Rich Wade '90, Joseph Mueller '90, Cynthia Larkins Neutson '90, Jared Wesley '95, Mike Sansone '95, Tajuan Hardee '95, and Keelan Deshields '95.

Charley, daughter of **Sandy Durst '90**, attended ceramics camp at Pennington this summer and quickly bonded with Lexi Childrey, daughter of Jane Bott Childrey '89.

**Michelle Symes '90** was disappointed not to be able to make it to Homecoming, but she closed on a home in Florida that same week.



Rush Seale '01, Steve Bogden '01, Kate McClellan Press '01, Kate Miller Kleinbaum (bride), DJ Kleinbaum '01, David Mesrobian '01, and Jim Buchanan '01

**Don Marriott '91** has been named head coach of men's and women's tennis at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, NC. Lees-McRae is a four-year coeducational college in the heart of western North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains.

**Robert Bateman '97** was inducted into the School's Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming 2015, the first male swimmer to achieve this honor. Coach George Ward '88 captivated the audience with recollections of Bateman's touch-out wins against his rivals by hundredths of seconds.

**Peter Whittlesey '97** has published a fantasy novel on Amazon for Kindle, *Memoirs of a Battle Mage*. It can be sampled, purchased, and downloaded to Kindles and other Android devices. Peter's website is [www.pbwhittlesey.com](http://www.pbwhittlesey.com).

**Christa McGuire '98** was a bridesmaid at the wedding of Celeste Murphy '01. In attendance were Laura Piza Winik '00 and Mr. Ritter.

## 2000–2009

### Reunions: Classes of '00 and '05

Nick Long '00 led the reunion effort, bringing out many classmates. Friday night they enjoyed gathering

around the fire pits reminiscing with friends and teachers, cheering on the athletic teams Saturday, and ending the evening at the Octoberfest celebration with the faculty band. Spotted throughout the weekend were Colleen Mullaney '00, Matt Zinsser '00, Michael Grillo '00, Mary Lynn Kraft '00, Carl Ippolito '00, Laura Piza Winik '00, Archel Desir '00, Denise Mojica Wilson '00, Christopher Burns '00, Kylee Rossi Flynn '05, Spencer Garrison '05, Marcella Nehrbass '05, Tim Liwosz '05, Jason Ridings '05, and Aaron Smyth '05.



Lauren Blumberg '02 and Christopher Munley '02



Sarah Pachner Stern '02 with husband, Chase, and daughter, Amelia Alice Stern



At Ashley Sanders Blenk's wedding in Martha's Vineyard: Andrew Reeder '04, Ashley Sanders Blenk '04 and Jaclyn Immordino '03

**DJ Kleinbaum '01** and Kate Miller were married on August 1, 2015. Rush Seale '01, Steve Bogden '01, Kate McClellan Press '01, David Mesrobian '01, and Jim Buchanan '01 were all in attendance. A very nice article featuring DJ about his lab's hardware and software vision appears in *Bio IT World's* September 25, 2015, issue.

**Celeste Murphy '01** married David Avery on June 7, 2015, at Holly Hedge Estate in New Hope, PA.

**Lauren Blumberg '02** and **Christopher Munley '02** were married January 3, 2015. They celebrated their marriage with family and friends at the Ballroom at the Ben in Philadelphia. They are especially grateful to Pennington because this is where they met each other.

**Sarah Pachner Stern '02** and her husband, Chase, welcomed their first child, Amelia Alice Stern, on April 12, 2015. The family currently resides in an historic home in the Society Hill neighborhood of Philadelphia with their two pugs, Agnes and Dennis. Sarah is a buyer for Terrain, Anthropologie's home and garden lifestyle brand, and Chase is a systems integration manager at ISSI, a New Jersey-based software company.

**Chris DeRose '03**, part of the Chicago based *You & Me This Morning* show, took his adventures to the sky with fighter pilots this past fall. He will also be moderating a career panel at The Pennington School this spring during Alumni Weekend on May 14, 2016.

**Jackie Immordino '03** is currently working at Princeton University and living in Lawrenceville, NJ.

**Ashley Sanders '04** was married to Tom Blenk on Martha's Vineyard on June 27, 2015. Ashley and Tom live in Chatham, NJ. **Andrew Reeder '04** and **Jaclyn Immordino '03** were among the attendees.

**Kylee Rossi Flynn '05** was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming 2015. Her entire family was present, including her three-month-old son, Clayton Flynn. Headmaster and Girls' Soccer Coach Bill Hawkey gave a heartfelt recollection of Kylee's accomplishments at Pennington, University of Tennessee, and Monmouth University, bringing tears to many eyes.

**Laura Hendrickson '06** has received a Fulbright grant to teach English in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, for the next ten months. While there, she will also be

volunteering with the U.S. Embassy's English language programs and conducting research in sociolinguistics.

**Michelle Hart '07** is finishing her first book, a novel based on her own life experiences.

**Eric Zeltner '08** works for Merrill Lynch in New Jersey as a financial advisor. He is working with a team of financial planners who help their clients organize, prioritize, and simplify their financial affairs. His clients range from families looking for college savings plans to established professionals looking ahead to retirement. He is currently studying to become a Certified Financial Planner.

**David Maliakel '08** was one of the four local cantors selected to sing for Pope Francis in Philadelphia in September during the Mass on Benjamin Franklin Highway.

**Cameron Carothers '09** graduated from Elon University. He completed a national outdoor leadership program there in 2013 and a Semester at Sea in the fall of 2014.

**Jordan Lieberman '09** is gaining valuable experience coaching the sport of swimming. Lieberman, first hired as





Nick Bunn '15 and Wes Lincoln '11 show their Pennington good sportsmanship after Harvard defeats UC Davis.

an assistant coach for the Bryan Station, TX, Swim Club, is now also a volunteer coach with Texas A&M's Women's Swimming and Diving team.

## 2010–2015

### Reunions: Classes of '10 and '15

Reunion chair Billy Hawkey '10 battled for the reunion bus with his classmates against the Class of 1990. It was fun watching uncle (Edmund Cervone '90) vs. nephew battle it out for Pennington dominance. Assisting in this effort by attending Homecoming were Paris Haas '10, Andie Perl '10, James Ehret '10, Dean Psomaras '10, Don Nuzzio Jr. '10, John Ricketti '10, Nikita Schulman '10, Charles Merrick '10, Grant Cohen '10, Thomas Provine '10, and Timothy Meinert '10.

**Courtney Stewart '10**, after substitute teaching and coaching lacrosse at Pennington last spring, is now the development and events assistant at Stuart Country Day School in Princeton, NJ.

**Nick Bunn '15** and **Wes Lincoln '11** are pictured, showing their Pennington good sportsmanship after the water polo match between Harvard and UC Davis, their respective teams, which Harvard won.

**Emily Pressman '11** is in a production management training program with Nestlé Purina, in which the company moves her to different factories across the country. She will be in North Dakota until the summer.

**Logan Campbell '14** is currently a sophomore at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, FL, majoring in marine science with minors in coastal management and Spanish. She is an active member of the Eckerd College Search and Rescue program, the only one of its kind in the country. She will be traveling to Cuba this January to participate in research activities through the joint Eckerd College-Universidad de la Habana marine science collaboration. She will help with data collection for projects conducted in the marine environment of Cuba, working side-by-side with Cuban students, staff, and faculty from boats and from shore.

**Alana Cook '15** was named PAC-12 Freshman of the Year. She attends Stanford University and plays on the womens' soccer team.

Pennington Girls' Soccer Team 2015 co-captains **Amanda Dafonte '15** and **Lauren (Lu) Brown '15** are pictured in Middlebury, VT, on October 27 as



Amanda Dafonte '15 with Lauren (Lu) Brown '15

Middlebury College got the best of previously unbeaten Williams College, with a score of 2–0. Dafonte was credited with the assist on both Middlebury goals.

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Isiah Taylor '15 with #1 NBA Draft Pick Karl Anthony Towns



## In Memoriam

With sadness we remember the following members of the Pennington community who died or of whose death we learned since the publication of our last magazine:

Harold K. Wood '23  
 Ruthann Graf S'43  
 Richard D. Hillman, Sr. '45  
 Brewster L. Locke '45  
 George G. Emery '48  
 John H. Houghton '48  
 Roy R. Schneider, Jr. '50  
 T. Gardiner Brower '55  
 Patton Gilmour '55

Juergen P. Meissner '60  
 Aaron M. Matte '65  
 Richard J. Sala '70  
 Frank A. Driscoll P'74 '76  
 Angie Falchi P'79  
 Angela Florentino P'92 '94  
 Scott D. Simmins '92  
 Frank D. Ferry GP '96 '99  
 Helen F. Holt GP'01

Elizabeth Pirone GP'04 '08  
 Gerald Haeckel GP'12 '15  
 Roberta Schuster GP'12  
 Judy L. Paragamian P'12 '14 '18  
 Robert E. Martini GP'19  
 Lois Peeler GP'21  
 Augustine A. Rossi GP'21  
 Shirlee Uzupis FF  
 James K. Zeiner FF

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P-Parent; GP-Grandparent; S-Spouse; FF-Former Faculty



# HomeFront Holiday Party

On December 12 the Pennington School community welcomed clients of HomeFront, the Mercer County organization devoted to ending homelessness in central New Jersey, to the campus for a holiday party.

Sparks Memorial Gymnasium was festively decorated, and students, faculty, and staff joined together to provide a joyous experience for families in crisis. Sodexo provided a dinner with all the trimmings, a DJ played dance music, and children were able to visit Santa and have their photo taken with him.

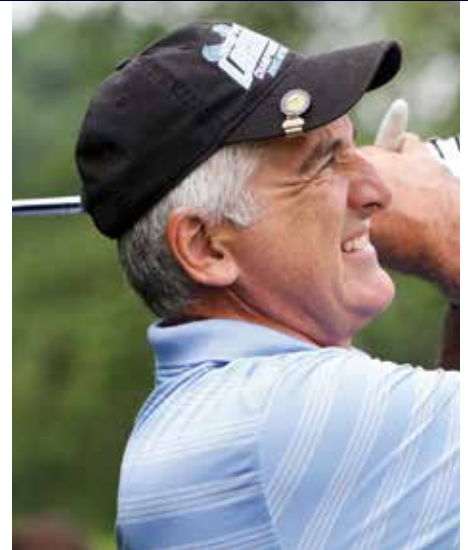
Preparations began a month before, with contributions of new hats, gloves, and scarves on the "Giving Tree" in the lobby of Stainton Hall. The senior Peer Leaders, who have undertaken the event for many years as one of their special projects, ran a drive encouraging Pennington students to collect toys, books, and gifts for children of various ages; they asked faculty and staff to provide gifts suitable for adults. Parents were thus able to visit "Santa's Workshop" and select a present for each of their children, while the children, after visiting Santa, were able to choose a gift for their parents.

An annual tradition for more than twenty years, the HomeFront Holiday Party has become an essential part of holiday celebrations for everyone at the School.





JOIN US for the Twenty-First Annual Scholarship Golf Classic.



Save the Date! Monday, June 13, 2016



The Bedens Brook Country Club  
Skillman, NJ  
Rain date: October 10, 2016

All proceeds from the Classic support scholarships for students who would not otherwise be able to attend The Pennington School. For more information, please contact Jane Childrey '89 at [jane.childrey@pennington.org](mailto:jane.childrey@pennington.org)





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## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2016

### FEBRUARY

- 18: Stephen Crane Lecture Series  
presents Geshe Pema Dorjee
- 24-27: Winter Musical: *HAIR*

### MARCH

- 1: Stephen Crane Lecture Series  
presents Matika Wilbur
- 14-28: Spring Break

### APRIL

- 15: Middle School Community Day  
Senior Talent Show

24: Spring Concert

28-30: Spring Play

29: Upper School Community  
Day

### MAY

- 6: Grandparents Day
- 12: Middle School Play
- 13-14: Alumni Weekend
- 13: Ribbon-cutting ceremony  
for Kenneth Kai Tai Yen  
Humanities Building

### JUNE

- 3: Baccalaureate and  
Senior Dinner
- 4: Upper School Commencement
- 9: Middle School Graduation
- 13: Annual Scholarship Golf  
Classic
- 20: Summer Institute for  
Educators
- 27: Summer Programs begin



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## ALUMNI WEEKEND

MAY 13-14, 2016

*See you there!*