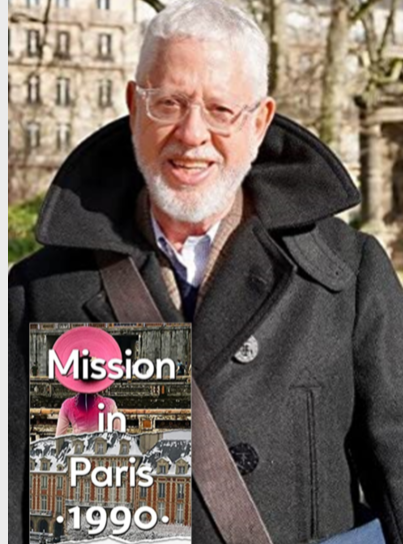
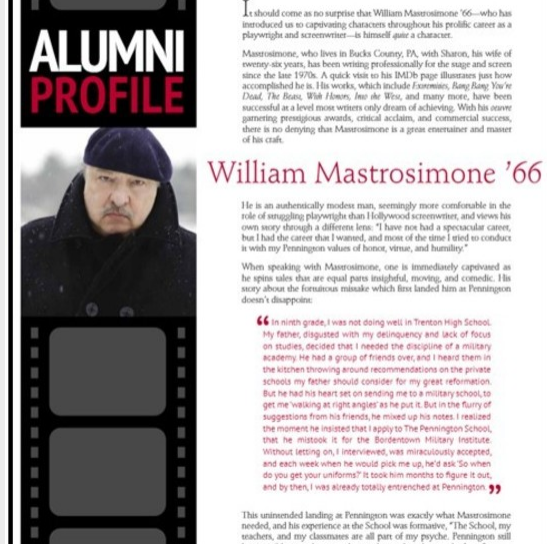




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*This month's lesson?* Don't get in the way when Pennington students have their sights set on the goal! Senior Ronan Karp '22 (pictured above) made sure Notre Dame learned that lesson during the recent [Mercer County Championship victory](#) for varsity boys' soccer. Student-athletes are showing us what they're made of this month—with incredible seasons for many teams, including varsity [boys'](#) and [girls'](#) soccer and [varsity girls' tennis](#). This month of gratitude is also marked with [student community service](#) and excitement for the upcoming alumni [holiday parties](#) in NY and DC. **Wishing you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving!**



## Distinguished Alumni Writers Work with Pennington Students

Last week, students were treated to sage advice from two talented alumni: **William Mastrosimone '66** (left above) and **Bill Pearl '65** (right above). Mastrosimone, an Emmy and Peabody award-winning playwright, conducted a three-day workshop for drama students entitled "What is a Character?" [Mastrosimone's story](#) and illustrious career were profiled in the latest issue of *Pennington Magazine*. [Bill Pearl '65](#), who recently published his latest novel, *Mission in Paris 1990*, joined creative writing students via Zoom for a discussion on pursuing writing as a career. We (and some very impressed Pennington students) are very grateful to Bill and Bill for their time and expertise!



## Polaris Hayes '24 Named *The Times of Trenton* Player of the Year

Pennington sophomore Polaris Hayes '24 is [The Times of Trenton girls tennis Player of the Year](#). She and her teammates on varsity girls' tennis had a season to remember, going 10-1 and finishing second at the NJISAA Prep B Championships. Polaris's twin sister Praslin, a Pennington sophomore and tennis team member, joined her sister on the All-Area First Team. Congratulations to Polaris and the entire team on their extraordinary season!



## John Biddiscombe '63 Tells his Francis Harvey Green Society Story

Board of Trustees member John Biddiscombe '63 is a true Pennington ambassador and has left a lasting legacy at his alma mater. His lifetime of distinguished service and generous giving to the School was recently featured in a [Francis Harvey Green Society](#) donor profile. John and his wife are long-time annual fund donors and joined the Francis Harvey Green Society when they included Pennington in their estate plans. [Read more about John's story](#) as a devoted advocate for planned giving. We are so grateful for all that John has done, and continues to do, for Pennington!

The  
**WINTER ALUMNI GAMES**  
are here!

**Saturday, November 27**

**Ice Hockey (alumni vs. varsity team)**  
10:00 a.m. game start  
Iceland Skating Rink  
Hamilton, NJ

**Alumni Swim Meet (alumni vs. varsity team)**  
10:00 a.m. meet start  
9:00 a.m. warm-ups  
The Pennington School  
Michael T. Martin Aquatic Center

Join us for our regional alumni  
**HOLIDAY RECEPTIONS**

**Washington, D.C.**  
Wednesday, December 1  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Old Ebbitt Grill

**New York City**  
Thursday, December 2  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Midtown Loft & Terrace

## Celebrate the Holidays in Pennington Style

Alumni are invited to join us for winter-themed festivities. Celebrate with some holiday cheer at the alumni [receptions in NYC or DC](#), or get in the athletic spirit at this year's [Winter Alumni Games](#) in swimming and ice hockey. We hope to see you there! You can [register online](#) for all events or contact Director of Alumni Relations Jane Bott Childrey '89 at [jane.childrey@pennington.org](mailto:jane.childrey@pennington.org) for more information.

**GIVING**  
**TUESDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 30**

Support your alma mater on Giving Tuesday with a [gift to the Pennington Fund!](#) Mark your calendar for November 30 and put The Pennington School on your gift list this year! Your gift makes a difference and helps every student achieve individual excellence. **Thank you!**

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