

The Pennington School

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PENNINGTON, N.J., May 2022 --- Twenty-two students at The Pennington School have earned awards on the 2022 National Latin Exam. This year the annual exam was administered to over 100,000 students from the United States and twenty-one other countries. The exam tests students on Latin grammar, Roman history, Roman mythology, and Roman culture, including the reading of a passage in Latin for comprehension.

Two students received Gold Summa Cum Laude Awards: twelfth-grader Kurt Kennedy, an AP Latin student, and ninth-grader Caleb Collins, a Latin I student. Eleven students earned the Silver Maxima Cum Laude Award, including eighth-graders Daniel Tracy, Ciaran Walsh and Yanxin Wu; ninth-graders Dhruv Ramaswamy, Lisa Wang, and Dingtong Zou; tenth-graders Garrett Hardt, Jai Raman, and Yingying Peng; and eleventh-graders Beatrix Kim and Elena Nechay. The Magna Cum Laude Award was received by ninth-graders Layten Hoffman, Deethya Karthikvatsan, and Benjamin Pearlberg, as well as tenth-grader William Arthur and eleventh-grader Aurora Hu. Four students received Cum Laude Awards: ninth-grader Ben Gibson, tenth-graders Emily Howe and Samantha Lambdin, and twelfth-grader David Cahn.

The students are currently in Latin classes ranging from Latin I to AP Latin.

Students are listed below, arranged by state or country and hometown, followed by their grade level.

NEW JERSEY Belle Mead: Lisa Wang, 9 Ewing: Samantha Lambdin, 10 Lawrenceville: Caleb Collins, 9 Monmouth Junction: Jai Raman, 10 Pennington: Emily Howe, 10; Deethya Karthikvatsan, 9; Dhruv Ramaswamy, 9; Daniel Tracy, 8; Ciaran Walsh, 8 Princeton: William Arthur, 10; Elena Nechay, 11; Dingtong Zou, 9 Skillman: Beatrix Kim, 11 South Orange: David Cahn, 12 Stockton: Ben Gibson, 9 Warren: Yingying Peng, 10

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Newton: Kurt Kennedy, 12 Washington Crossing: Layten Hoffman, 9 Yardley: Garrett Hardt, 10; Benjamin Pearlberg, 9

CHINA Beijing: Yanxin Wu, 8 ITALY Rome: Aurora Hu, 11

The Pennington School is an independent coeducational school for students in grades 6 through 12, in both day and boarding programs. The curriculum is college preparatory, with an emphasis on individual excellence, fostering the development of the whole student through academics, athletics, community service, and the creative and performing arts.

Caption for photo: Students at The Pennington School received awards for their performance on the National Latin Exam.

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