

THIS IS PENNINGTON.

“Do all the good you can,  
*By all the means you can,*  
In all the ways you can,  
*In all the places you can,*  
At all the times you can,  
*To all the people you can,*  
As long as ever you can.”

—John Wesley, *founder of Methodism*

*The Pennington School is committed to developing  
individual excellence in all of its students.*

Honor • Virtue • Humility



“Our commitment to our students goes far beyond learning in the classroom to include their continuing development as thoughtful, ethical, and curious young people who don’t just acquire knowledge but who seek truth and ask incisive questions.”

—Dr. William S. Hawkey, *Headmaster*





HONOR · VIRA



# Pennington at a Glance

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525

Total  
Enrollment

120

Boarding  
Students

100

Middle School  
Students

40+

Countries  
Represented

50+

Residential  
Faculty

6:1

Student-to-  
Teacher Ratio

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*At Pennington, you can:*

tackle challenges.

take risks.

think globally.

find your voice.

be yourself.

# 1838

## School is founded

- The Pennington School was founded as the Methodist Episcopal Male Seminary.
- The first students enrolled in the spring of 1840, including the first international student (from Mexico).

# 1853

## Coeducation begins

- Renamed the Pennington Seminary and Female Collegiate Institute, the School welcomed young women to campus.

# 1885

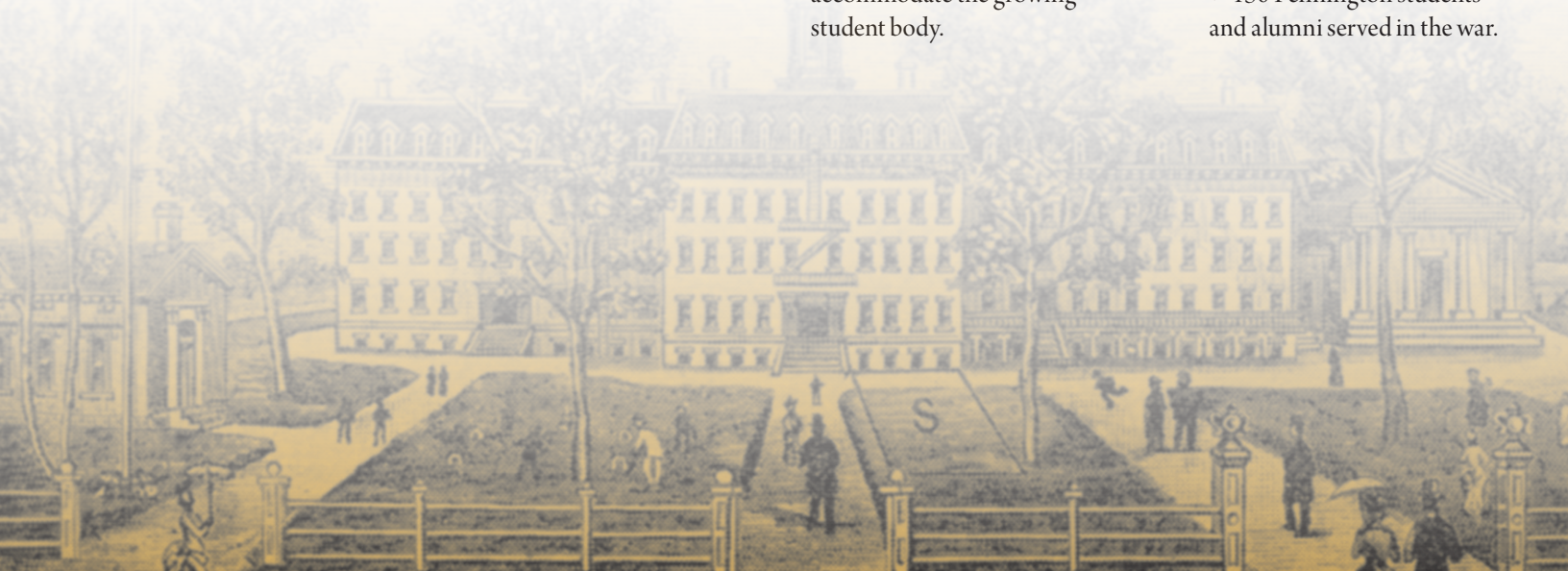
## International students arrive

- Students from Cuba, Mexico, South America, Asia, and Europe came to campus by boat and train.
- A west wing was added to Old Main around this time to accommodate the growing student body.

# 1917

## Commitment to service

- The School began compulsory military training; students wore military uniforms on campus during World War I.
- 150 Pennington students and alumni served in the war.





# 1934

## Pennington opens doors

- During the Great Depression, financial support was offered to students of modest means.
- John Wesley Sparks left the bulk of his estate to Pennington, enabling the School to build a gymnasium and to offer its excellent opportunities to young people regardless of their ability to afford the tuition.
- During World War II, Pennington welcomed international Jewish students.

# 1975

## Diverse learning styles

- The Cervone Center for Learning was established to offer additional academic support to bright students with learning differences, within the traditional college-preparatory curriculum.
- This program, unique in 1975, became a well-known model for other schools around the country.

# TODAY

## Pennington today

- Over 40 countries and 20 religious traditions represented by current student body
- 525 students (Middle and Upper School)
- 30% of students receive financial assistance.
- 100% of students spend over 5,000 hours involved in community service.
- Students create and participate in clubs with diverse interests, including the Intersectional Feminism Club, Black Students Union, Gay/Straight Alliance, Exchange of Many Cultures, and many more.

# A Living History of Inclusion

The Pennington School, with its roots in the Methodist church, has long been a place notable for its diversity and inclusion. Early on, the founders identified three guiding principles for the School: “the education of the physical, the training of the mental, and the grounding of the soul in character.” These principles reflected the vision of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, who envisioned schools as places that cared for the whole individual. The Pennington School welcomes students from all religious, racial, and socioeconomic backgrounds, and they have found it to be a warm and welcoming place to learn.

# Academics

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“It is believed that there are multiple intelligences, that learning should be a nurturing of success rather than a cataloguing of errors.”

—Dr. Edmund Cervone, *Founder, Cervone Center for Learning*

## 20 Advanced Placement Courses

AP Biology  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
AP Chemistry  
AP Computer Science A  
AP Economics  
AP English Language and Composition  
AP English Literature and Composition  
AP French  
AP German

AP Latin: Vergil and Caesar  
AP Modern European History  
AP Music Theory  
AP Physics C  
AP Spanish Language  
AP Spanish Literature  
AP Statistics  
AP Studio Art  
AP US Government and Politics  
AP United States History

## Specialized Programs

Applied Science Certificate Program  
Global Studies Certificate Program  
Edmund V. Cervone Center for Learning

## World Languages with Travel Opportunities

French    German    Chinese  
Latin    Spanish

*38 Advanced Placement and honors courses offered*

“Students learn best when they have regular opportunities to share their thoughts with each other, and not just with their teacher and themselves.”

—Scott Peeler, *Dean of Academic Affairs*





The **Global Studies Certificate Program** provides an interdisciplinary academic environment that prepares students to meaningfully participate and succeed in their ever-changing world. Students in this program develop their capacity to understand and act on issues of worldwide significance, broaden their outlook beyond the school environment, and take their place as true global citizens.



The **Applied Science Certificate Program** gives students unique, interdisciplinary opportunities to take the skills they develop in science, technology, engineering, and math and combine them with their capabilities in critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, and literacy to initiate real change. By participating in STEM experiences, interacting with leaders in industry, and doing hands-on work, students enjoy creative learning experiences that enrich their perceptions and offer insight into how it is possible to make a difference in a world of constant change.

# Middle School

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*Our focus is on the development of the whole child.*

100 students

Dedicated Middle School faculty members

Exploratory and elective classes in addition to core academics

Instrumental instruction

Physical Life Skills curriculum

Middle School athletic teams

Faculty advisor and Junior Proctor mentoring programs

Full slate of after-school and extracurricular activities





Pennington faculty members are dedicated to helping all students reach their individual potential.



# Transformational Growth

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*A majority of our alumni say that they experienced transformational growth at Pennington.*

*This growth is developed through:*

Community Service Opportunities

Freshman Humanities Skills Seminar

Sophomore Character Development Program

Junior Proctor and Peer Leadership Programs

Residential Prefect Program

Stephen Crane Lecture Series

STEM Speaker Series

Global Studies Speaker Series

Horizon Senior Internship Program



# Arts

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*Pennington's Arts program connects students to the world through hands-on projects that exercise skills of inquiry, curiosity, correlation, response, and analysis.*

## **Drama**

- Scene Study
- Performing Theatre History
- Acting
- Directing
- Senior Seminar in Drama

## **Music**

- Chorus
- Drum and Marimba Ensemble
- Rhythm of the Sacred
- Music Technology
- Composition
- Music Theory
- Advanced Composition
- AP Music Theory

## **Visual Arts**

- Drawing Foundations
- Color and Design
- Art Studio
- AP Studio Art
- Modern American History and Art:  
Context and Creation
- Ceramics
- Photography (Darkroom and  
Digital Imaging)

## **Digital Visual Arts**

- Video Production
- Film Narrative
- Motion Graphics
- Digital Filmmaking

The Pennington Drama program stages four productions every year, including a Middle School play.





The **Michael T. Martin Aquatic Center** is home to our water polo and swim teams, and we host Friday night *Gym & Swim* community service events with children from HomeFront.

# Athletics

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*139 consecutive years of football*  
*Athletic leadership program for captains*  
*NCAA college recruitment program*

Baseball  
Basketball  
Cheerleading  
Cross Country  
Field Hockey  
Football  
Golf  
Ice Hockey

Lacrosse  
Soccer  
Softball  
Swimming  
Tennis  
Track and Field  
Water Polo  
Winter Track

*The boys' and girls' soccer teams are two of the top high school soccer teams in the United States.*





# Residential Life

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“Pennington is really my second home, and I love living with my friends and knowing my teachers are available in the evening if I need them.”

—Lexi '21

150+ weekend activities each year

No Saturday classes

Monday night formal dinners

10 minutes to Princeton

1 hour to NYC or Philadelphia

More access to campus and faculty

10 dormitory halls

Evening study halls

1 block to grocery store, restaurants, banks, shops, and much more

Second dinners

Hall competitions

6 Community Weekends each year

Friday nights at the movies

Life skills for college and beyond

# College Guidance

150

colleges and universities visit Pennington each year

86%

students admitted to first/second choice school!\*

64%

students admitted Early Decision/Restricted Early Action\*

6

presentations on campus annually focus on the admission process

346

AP exams administered; 86% scored 3 or higher\*

944

number of applications submitted\*

*A selection of colleges and universities attended by Pennington graduates over the past five years:*

American University  
Amherst College  
Barnard College  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Bowdoin College  
Brown University  
Bucknell University  
University of California, Berkeley  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Case Western Reserve University  
University of Chicago  
Colby College  
Colgate University  
The College of New Jersey  
Columbia University  
Cornell University

Dartmouth College  
Dickinson College  
Duke University  
Emory University  
Fashion Institute of Technology  
Franklin & Marshall College  
George Washington University  
Georgetown University  
Hamilton College  
Harvard University  
Ithaca College  
Johns Hopkins University  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
Loyola University, Maryland  
University of Maryland, College Park  
Maryland Institute College of Art

University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
University of Michigan  
Middlebury College  
Mount Holyoke College  
New York University  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
University of Pennsylvania  
Pennsylvania State University  
University of Pittsburgh  
Princeton University  
Purdue University  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Rice University  
University of Richmond  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
University of St Andrews  
Skidmore College

Stanford University  
Syracuse University  
Texas A&M University  
Tufts University  
Tulane University  
U. S. Military Academy, West Point  
University College, London  
Vanderbilt University  
University of Vermont  
Villanova University  
University of Virginia  
Wake Forest University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Wellesley College  
Williams College  
University of Wisconsin, Madison  
Yale University

\* in 2018





Our guidance counselors work hard to find the best college for every student.



In the heart of campus, Meckler Library offers over 13,000 volumes, digital resources, computer workstations, an Archives and Special Collections room, and the support of three full-time librarians to help students accomplish their best academic work.



Weekly Chapel services focus on spiritual life, with messages of hope, challenge, inspiration, and reflection. We believe they foster character and morality in all our students—with an emphasis on the School's core values of honor, virtue, and humility.

# Campus and Facilities

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*Our 55-acre leafy campus in beautiful Pennington has been completely updated over the past four years—enhancing the student experience every day.*

8 miles from Princeton

New humanities building (2016)

Meckler Library (renovated 2018)

Expanded dining hall (2018)

All-weather turf field

Video production studio (2018)

Maker Space (2018)

Photography classroom and  
darkrooms

Tennis courts (renovated 2019)

Outdoor classroom (2018)

Indoor aquatic center

“Black box” theater

Set design studio/workshop

Costume/wardrobe shop

Recording studio

IPA Fitness and Conditioning  
Center

Silva Gallery of Art

Ceramics studio

Choral ensemble rehearsal room

Lecture Center and stage

Wesley Forum performance space

Music theory classroom

5-bed, 24/7 Health Center

10 residence halls

Track and field

7 playing fields

Student Center (renovated 2018)

Snack Bar (renovated 2018)

Student lounges (renovated 2018)

Instrumental and vocal  
practice rooms

1 block to downtown Pennington

Lowellden Pond

Senior lounge (added in 2019)





# #PenningtonPride



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