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PENNINGTON, N.J., Apr.---Cecilia Rouse sworn in as Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers to President Biden

On March 12, Cecilia Rouse was sworn in as Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers (CEA) by Vice President Kamala Harris. Rouse was a member of the Pennington School Board of Trustees from 2017 until March 2021, Pennington's 2020 Commencement speaker, and is a current Pennington School parent.

Rouse was nominated by President Joe Biden in December to lead the CEA, an agency within the Executive Office of the President of the United States that is charged with offering the President objective economic advice on the formulation of both domestic and international economic policy. The Council bases its recommendations and analysis on economic research and empirical evidence, using the best data available to support the President in setting the nation's economic policy.

Rouse previously served on the CEA under President Obama, and will be only the fourth woman, and first Black, to lead this agency. Rouse is the former dean of Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs. She writes, "This is a moment of urgency and opportunity unlike anything we've faced in modern times. The urgency of ending a devastating crisis. And the opportunity to build a better economy in its wake—an economy that works for everyone, and leaves no one to fall through the cracks."

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.

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Caption for photo: Cecilia Rouse is sworn in by Vice President Kamala Harris on March 12, 2021. Rouse's daughter, Safa, holds the Bible.