



THE PENNINGTON SCHOOL

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PENNINGTON, N.J., May---Over the past three years, students at The Pennington School have been using their STEM skills to solve real-world problems and provide needed resources to the schools at the Dzaleka Refugee Camp in Malawi, Africa. This year, Pennington students have refurbished iPads, provided online math tutoring sessions, designed a hybrid sanitary napkin, and developed lessons on solar power for the high school at the African camp.

Recently, this Pennington School community service group began collaborating with the nonprofit organization Nine Scholars, which was co-founded by a group of students from various boarding schools across the United States and China. The intention of the collaboration is to expand this program by providing more donated materials for the refugee schools and to increase the understanding of the refugee crisis to other students living internationally. Pennington School Trustee Jim Wang connected Pennington to Nine Scholars, and Trustee Brenda Martini O'loughlin P'19 is supporting the collaboration between the two schools with grant funding.

The first shipment to Malawi from the joint effort between Pennington and Nine Scholars included twelve refurbished iPads, an iPad charging system, two hundred face shields, four hundred reusable face masks, and one thousand disposable masks.

In addition, The Pennington School has donated ten refurbished iPads, an Owl 360-degree camera, a large-screen smart TV, ten laptops, and numerous solar panel kits. Pennington students have also designed hands-on learning experiences for the students at the refugee camp, and these technologies will help continue to connect these two groups of students across the globe.

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: Pennington students sew hybrid sanitary napkins for girls in a refugee camp in Malawi.