

The Siena School Celebrates Grand Opening



SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, September 5, 2006 – This morning, The Siena School welcomed 30 students in grades 5 – 9 to the first day of class. Students led a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the school, which will serve bright, college-bound students with mild to moderate language-based learning differences, such as dyslexia.

“Today, we are opening our doors, our classrooms and our program to welcome a wonderful group of students and families” said Erik Heyer, Siena’s founder and executive director. “Months of preparation and planning have gone into establishing what we believe is a very high quality school. Over time, we believe Siena has tremendous potential to truly impact the lives and learning of many kids. We would like to thank everyone involved in making this very special day possible.”

“It is exciting to think about the possibilities that lie ahead for Siena and our students,” added Jillian Darefsky, Siena’s school director. “Our dedicated staff is looking forward to providing an effective learning environment, to ensure that each individual child unlocks his or her potential and finds success.”

For the 2006-2007 academic year, Siena will be conveniently located at the Montgomery Hills Baptist Church, 9727 Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring, MD across from the Forest Glen station on the red line Metro. The school will shortly begin searching for a permanent location.



About The Siena School

The Siena School is an outstanding new private school in Silver Spring, MD serving bright, college-bound students with mild to moderate language-based learning differences, such as dyslexia. Siena's staff and board of advisors include distinguished national, state and local education leaders and professionals. The school is opening fall 2006 to serve students in grades 5 – 9, and will grow to serve grades 5 – 12 by 2009. Siena's program is designed for students who are experiencing a discrepancy between their academic abilities and achievement level in one or more areas such as reading, writing, oral expression or math. Siena delivers a unique and individualized educational program featuring small class sizes, research-based instructional methodologies, a well-trained faculty and an educational environment uniquely designed to meet the needs of our students. For further information, The Siena School can be contacted at (301) 592-0567 or on the web at www.thesienaschool.org.

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