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State and Local Leaders Gather to Honor The Siena School

Pictured (left to right): Rich Madaleno, Jr., Erik Heyer, Jane Lawton, Greg Cork, Brian McNamee, Brendan Armbruster

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, October 6, 2006 – Last night, key State and local leaders gathered to honor, and be honored by, The Siena School at its Grand Opening Celebration.

On behalf of **U.S. Congressman Chris Van Hollen**, Brendan Armbruster presented Siena with a special citation in recognition of its establishment. Mr. Armbruster also read a letter from the Congressman to attendees, congratulating Siena and its supporters. Also attending were **State Delegates Jane E. Lawton** and **Richard S. Madaleno, Jr.** who presented Siena with a citation signed by all of the local elected State Assembly members. Earlier in the day, Siena received an official citation from **State Senator Ida G. Ruben**.

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In partnership with the **Washington Scholarship Fund**, The Siena School announced the establishment of the **Siena Scholarship Fund**. The Siena Scholarship Fund will provide scholarships to assist low-income families in attending Siena. The Washington Scholarship Fund is committed to expanding and improving educational options for low-income families in the Washington, D.C. area by allowing them to have a choice in where they send their children to elementary, middle, and high school. WSF also manages the federally funded D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program, and the privately funded Signature Scholarship Program.

During the event, The Siena School presented awards to honor **local education leaders, professionals and organizations** that made significant contributions to assist in the School's development and establishment. These "Key Supporter" award recipients included:

The Siena School -- "Key Supporter" Award Recipients

Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Education Center
Ms. Suzanne Keith Blattner (ITS for Children and Families)
Elliot Blumenstein, Psy.D.
Georgia K. Irvin & Pamela M. Tedeschi
Agnes Jones-Trower, Ph.D.
Kennedy Krieger Institute
Montgomery Hills Baptist Church
Ms. Caryn G. Pass (Krupin O'Brien)
The School Counseling Group
Ms. Rhona Schwartz, M.A. (The Katherine Thomas School)
Larry B. Silver, M.D.
Ruth B. Spodak, Ph.D. & Associates
William R. Stixrud, Ph.D., & Associates
Susan L. Van Ost, Ph.D.
Washington Scholarship Fund
Mr. Rich Weinfeld (The Weinfeld Education Group)
Ms. Abigail B. Wiebenson (Lowell School)
Ms. Janet L. Wintrol (Ivymount School)

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The Siena School "Key Supporter" Award Recipients Pose At the Ceremony

Front Row (left to right): Rich Weinfeld, Rhona Schwartz, Georgia Irvin, Suzie Blattner, Claire Nissenbaum, Caryn Pass;
Back Row (left to right): Brian McNamee, Leigh Martin, Rev. Joel Hawthorne, Dr. Bill Stixrud, Jan Wintrol, Laurie Moloney, Jane Hanson, Dr. Elliot Blumenstein, Abigail Wiebenson, Erik Heyer

About The Siena School

The Siena School is an outstanding new private school in Silver Spring, MD serving bright, college-bound students with language-based learning needs, such as dyslexia. Siena's staff and board of advisors include distinguished national, State and local education leaders and professionals. The school opened September 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 with mild to moderate learning needs who are experiencing a discrepancy between their academic achievement and intellectual abilities in one or more areas such as reading, writing, oral expression or math. Siena delivers a highly unique and individualized educational program featuring small class sizes, research-based instructional methodologies, a highly trained staff 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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