



Siena Students win Washington Post FotoWeek DC Youth Photo Contest

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, November 1, 2011 – Two students from The Siena School (“Siena”) were named winners in the recent DC Youth Photo Contest sponsored by The Washington Post. Hannah Garelick and Sasha Gerecht, grade 8, were named finalists last week, and won 2nd place in their respective categories at the awards ceremony on Sunday, October 30. The ceremony was attended by the students, their families, and their photography teacher at Siena, Steve Jeter.

Hannah and Sasha’s winning photographs will be exhibited at FotoWeek Central at 18th & L St, NW, Washington DC, throughout the length of FotoWeek DC (November 5-12, 2011). The photographs will appear online at www.fotoweekdc.org and www.washingtonpost.com after the festival closes. Photographs were judged by three distinguished area professional photographers. Hannah’s photograph is entitled “Fancy Shoes” in the People category and Sasha’s is entitled “Red, White and Blue” in the School life category.

30 students were named finalists, from over 2500 total entries submitted by 688 students. The Siena School was one of the only three area schools with more than one winner. Siena’s art program, a featured program at the school, includes art, photography, film, animation, claymation and sculpture.



About The Siena School

The Siena School, located in Silver Spring, Maryland, serves bright, college-bound students with 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 was established in 2006 and serves students in grades 4 – 12. 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 an individualized educational program featuring small class sizes, research-based instructional methodologies, a highly trained staff and an educational environment specifically designed to meet the unique 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.