



## **Benjamin Kpadeh named MVP of the I-SAC League**

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, March 20, 2012 – The Independent School Athletic Conference (I-SAC) recently announced their 2011-12 award winners and Freshman Benjamin Kpadeh earned the JV league’s most valuable player award. Kpadeh netted 209 points during seven regular season games and scored a record high 45 point in one game, seven doubles, and one triple double en route to being assigned to the Varsity I-SAC 1<sup>st</sup> team. He was also named the “Rising Star Award” at The Siena School in 2010. His coach at Siena, Mike Holmes says, “Benjamin was the team leader. He led the Siena Wildcats JV team in scoring and to their highest overall record of second place in the I-SAC.” Benjamin posted 23 points in the playoff game, but his team could not come away with the victory.

From a young age, Benjamin has been playing basketball when and wherever he could, in his



neighborhood, at the Cheverly Boys and Girls Club and on several Athletic Association Union (AAU) teams. Benjamin was voted one of “The Best AAU Basketball Players” in 2010 and again in 2011. He has been accepted to play on the Sophomore (10th grade) team, the Edge Bulldogs in Silver Spring, MD.



Benjamin’s leadership can be found on and off the court. He uses his talents in basketball to give back to his community by volunteering as a coach at the Hoop Education Basketball Camp. Hoop Education provides year-round youth basketball and sports programs in the Washington, DC area. Kpadeh started volunteering there in his early teens as a counselor in training, teaching children ages 6-13, the fundamentals of basketball. He also helped coach this year’s girls basketball team at The Siena School. Benjamin worked the game clock and managed the scoring book for some of his younger brother’s AAU basketball tournaments and has trained adults with less experience.

### **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](http://www.thesienaschool.org).