



## **Student's Artwork Juried Into the Congressional Art Exhibit**

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, **April 30, 2012**- Several students from The Siena School participated in the **2012 Congressional Art Competition**. Eleventh grader, Cameron Heller's piece was chosen to be on display at the exhibition. More than 260 students submitted artwork but only 95 pieces were juried into the exhibit. Cameron's artwork was inspired by stained glass pieces created by Frank Lloyd Wright. He carved his template out of rubber and used a block printing technique to transfer his design. Cameron attended an awards ceremony in Washington D.C. and received a Congressional Certificate of Participation personally from Congressman Van Hollen. He expressed his admiration for the artwork of his peers, "I was blown away by the other pieces in the exhibit. Some of them were very impressive." Cameron Heller's piece, will be at the VisArts Kaplan Gallery (2nd Floor) from April





26th to May 17th.

The Congressional Art Competition is a nationwide high school visual art contest sponsored by the Congressional Institute, to encourage artistic talent in the nation. Participants submitted their artwork to their representative's office, and panels of local artists in each district select the winning entries. Winners are recognized at an annual Awards Ceremony in Washington, DC. More than 650,000 high school students have participated since the competition began in 1982.

***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).