



Siena Student's Photograph Honored in 2017 Congressional Art Competition

Silver Spring, Maryland, May 10, 2017- Makayla Davis, a ninth grade student at The Siena School, was selected to be one of 90 young artists whose work was juried into this year's Congressional Art Competition. On May 7th, 2017, Congressman Jamie Raskin (MD-08) selected seven students to receive special recognition for their work. Makayla's photograph, "Untitled," was awarded Runner Up. It will be displayed in Congressman Raskin's offices in Capitol Hill or Rockville, MD for the next year.

Reflecting on this year's competition, Congressman Raskin said, "We have been blown away by the breadth and depth of the student submissions we received this year. I commend all of the student artists who submitted their work and all the family members, educators, friends, and community members who supported these enormously talented students."

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 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, with a specific emphasis on the arts. For further information, The Siena School can be contacted at (301) 244-3600 or on the web at www.thesienaschool.org.