



The Siena School Opens New Wing

Addition will allow for future growth and development of academic programs

Silver Spring, Maryland, September 5, 2017- The Siena School kicked off the 2017-2018 academic year with the grand opening of its new wing. Designed by Cox, Graae, and Spack Architects, the 16,000-square-foot expansion was built to meet the growing demand for engaging multi-sensory individualized instruction. The recently completed three-story addition will allow enrollment to grow to 155 students over the next few years.

On September 5th, 2017, Siena held a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the new space. Erik Heyer, founder of The Siena School, opened with a few remarks on Siena's growth over the past decade. "Congratulations to our Siena team and parent community on achieving such a remarkable result with the new building. It was really wonderful watching the students arrive on Tuesday morning with all the staff cheering. I hope we have created a building space that is worthy of their amazing potential."

"Adding two large science labs and a theater gives our programs a big boost," added Clay Kaufman, head of school. "We are thrilled to see our students thrive at respected colleges and find their passion. It fulfills our goal of helping students with language-based learning differences succeed."

Key to the expansion was providing facilities to nurture students' areas of strength in the sciences and creative arts. The addition houses wet and dry science labs, a ground-floor theater,



a music classroom, an expanded art studio, locker rooms, and multiple classrooms. The new building will allow for continued growth and help Siena's academic programs continue to thrive.

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.