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The Siena School Hosts 17th Annual Celebration

Siena honors Dyslexic Edge/Sliding Doors, along with local key supporters

Silver Spring, Maryland, and Oakton, Virginia, October 21, 2022 — The Siena School held its 17th annual Fall Celebration and Awards Evening on October 20, 2022, as a virtual event. Siena’s nationally-recognized program serves bright students with dyslexia and similar language-based learning differences on campuses in Silver Spring, MD, and Oakton, VA.

Each year, the Siena community celebrates school achievements and recognizes important contributions to both Siena and the wider field of dyslexia education. This year, the Cypress Leadership awardee was [Dyslexic Edge/Sliding Doors](#). [Jennifer Betts](#), Head of School at Siena Northern Virginia, presented Founder and Executive Director Krista Gauthier with the award. “We are thrilled to recognize this wonderful organization for its excellent programs and advocacy for children with dyslexia and its pioneering work in developing the next generation of scientists,

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engineers, entrepreneurs, and business leaders,” Betts noted when introducing Gauthier.

In accepting the award, Gauthier stressed the importance of five key qualities supporting Dyslexic Edge’s work: faith, vision, determination, perseverance, and dedication. She added, “People with dyslexia are uniquely gifted and can give so much to the world if we only give them what they need to flourish.”



In addition, [ALTA-Virginia](#) and [Dr. Anthony Harris](#) were honored with Siena’s Key Supporter awards. Siena’s Executive Head of School [Dr. Jilly Darefsky](#) thanked epidemiologist Dr. Harris for his expertise and the great “level of care and concern he has demonstrated for our community” for the past two years as Siena has navigated the coronavirus pandemic to ensure our community’s safety.

Siena Northern Virginia Head of School Jennifer Betts thanked the [Virginia chapter of ALTA](#) (Academic Language Therapy Association) for their work in supporting Siena’s Northern Virginia campus since its opening last year. “The Siena School has much admiration for ALTA,” Betts shared. “We continue to be grateful for ALTA Virginia’s support and guidance” since Siena Northern Virginia opened last year.

[See here](#) for past Siena Cypress and Key Supporter awardees.

About The Siena School

The Siena School, a leader in dyslexia education, serves bright, college-bound students with language-based learning differences. The school was established in 2006 in [Silver Spring, MD](#), where it serves students in grades 4-12. The [Northern Virginia campus](#) serves grades 3-10. Siena’s staff and board of advisors include distinguished national, state, and local education leaders and professionals. 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. For further information, visit www.thesienaschool.org.