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## **Nationally ranked girls school joins forces with “ESP”**

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Emerging Scholars Program, “ESP,” is pleased to announce that The Madeira School, McLean, VA, has signed a two-part partnership agreement with ESP. First, as with other partner schools, Madeira will offer need-based scholarships to ESP graduates when accepted for grade nine at the prestigious girls’ boarding and day school located in McLean, VA. Additionally, Madeira will offer ten full scholarships to ESP students to attend Camp Greenway, Madeira’s co-educational summer day camp.

ESP Executive Director Alvarez LeCesne is thrilled with the outstanding opportunities which Madeira’s is offering ESP students. “The fact that an anonymous donor from Madeira has stepped forward to offer ten places for our boys and girls in their summer program is an incredible testament to the commitment Madeira has made to our students.”

Upon completing the ESP program, graduates apply to participating independent schools for grade six. Several of EPS’s partner schools end after eighth grade. Graduates may then apply for ninth grade at The Madeira School, which has been recognized by the United States Department of Education as one of the nation’s outstanding private schools. Madeira has contracted to accept a qualified ESP graduate for grade nine.

In the words of Dr. Elisabeth Griffith, Madeira Headmistress, “we greatly value (ESP’s) effort to create and maintain an ongoing program which seeks to provide an independent school education for talented students.” According to their website, “The Madeira School works to expand and support the diversity of its students and is committed to honoring differences of race, ethnicity, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, ability, and socio-economic class.”

For additional information on the Madeira School or Camp Greenway, please refer to [Madeira.org](http://Madeira.org) or go to the link on [emegingscholarsprogram.org](http://emegingscholarsprogram.org).

### **About Emerging Scholars Program**

Emerging Scholars Program (ESP) is a fourteen-month program whose mission is to provide an academic, social and leadership enrichment program for a diverse group of students who, without financial assistance, could not consider an independent school education. Established by a consortium of Northern Virginia independent schools, ESP’s program prepares students for success in independent schools and beyond. Students come from Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC. To date, ESP the forty-three graduates into independent schools.

For more information about ESP and to learn about volunteer opportunities and how to contribute, please go to [www.emergingscholarsprogram.org](http://www.emergingscholarsprogram.org) or call ESP at 703-584-2307.

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