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August 21, 2017Contact: Linda Esterson, Kohn Creative  
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443-848-6236**Springdale Preparatory School Celebrates Opening Day for Founding Students and Faculty**  
**New Windsor School Earns Maryland State Department of Education Certification**

(New Windsor, MD) -- Following a rigorous application process, Springdale Preparatory School in New Windsor opened for students today after receiving Maryland State Department of Education approval to provide academic instruction to students in 5<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grades for the 2017-2018 school year. Springdale Prep is one of just two independent schools in Carroll County with state certification to provide instruction to high school age students.

With today's opening, Springdale Prep brings to the area a new, progressive boarding and day school. Springdale Prep, located on 21 acres in New Windsor, Carroll County, Md., stresses learning through success as well as failure and provides students the opportunity to reflect on their setbacks, a progressive approach that has attracted students, parents and teachers to the program. With a unique culture, Springdale Preparatory School also has based its educational philosophy on mindfulness, dedicating set periods of time for all students to detach from academics, extracurricular activities, responsibilities and technology to gather their thoughts and reflect.

Springdale Prep is based on a 360-degree, life skills program which supports lifelong experiential learning to prepare students to meet the challenges and adversity they will face in their adult lives, says Head of School Johnny Graham, a former boarding school student and professional educator for over 20 years. "Our program operates according to our values of lifelong learning, respect and innovation, and these are applicable in all aspects of the school program including academic, residential, athletic and extracurricular offerings, all of which are tailored to meet the individual needs of each student."

According to figures released by the National Center for Education Statistics, parents choose private schools for a variety of reasons, and most relate to advancing their child's education. Among the organization's study conclusions is the notion that private school students benefit from smaller enrollments, class sizes and lower student/teacher ratios, and they are more likely to complete advanced level coursework in at least three academic areas, perform higher than their public school counterparts on standardized achievement tests, fulfill more demanding graduation requirements and are more likely to complete a bachelor's or advanced degree by their mid-20s.

In addition, according to the Association of Boarding Schools (TABS), 60 percent of students apply to boarding school primarily for the opportunity to get a better education.

Springdale Preparatory focuses on academic, social and emotional development. The program instills a culture of respect, welcoming diversity to a community that will collaborate to achieve and solve problems through in-depth, hands-on experiential participation in diverse areas such as science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics, culminating in long-term projects that enable growth and involvement.

The school will offers a day program as well as five- and seven-day boarding with a full schedule of weekend experiences and entertainment on and off campus, welcoming a diverse population of students of all nationalities, cultures, ethnicities and religious backgrounds.

**About Springdale Preparatory School**

Springdale Preparatory School is a new, co-educational, independent day and boarding school located on 21 acres in northern Maryland's rolling countryside. A college preparatory school with a diverse student population from Maryland counties, other states across the country and from all over the world, Springdale Prep offers rigorous academics while equipping all learners with the tools needed to meet all of life's challenges. Springdale prepares students for enduring success beginning with a foundation of respect for other students, faculty, and the world around them. Students develop strong relationships with each other and with faculty, who help to shape them to become tomorrow's leaders. Whether in the classroom, in the dormitory, or on the athletic fields, students experience learning through innovation and develop the skills needed to embrace lifelong learning and make a difference. For more about Springdale and its rolling admissions, visit <https://springdaleprep.org>.