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**Ideaventions Academy to Expand with New High School For Fall 2017
STEM Curriculum Will Focus on Research and Innovation**

Open House: Saturday, November 12, 2016

Reston, VA – Beginning in Fall 2017, [Ideaventions Academy for Mathematics and Science](#) is launching an innovative high school, allowing students to experience a personalized education in an environment where they can grow and explore their interests as they prepare for college. The Ideaventions Academy Upper School is accepting freshman applicants for the 2017-2018 academic year. The first high school class will graduate in 2021.

The unique academic program will have a specialized focus on research and innovation, requiring students to pursue an individual research project over multiple years. Located in Reston, along the Dulles Technology corridor—a renowned research and development center—the Academy gives students a chance to explore topics at a depth usually seen only at the university level. The program fosters students developing research and time management skills that will support success in college and beyond.

On **Saturday, November 12, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** there will be an open house to share with parents and interested students the unique offerings of the high school program. Ideaventions Academy opened in Fall 2015 as an independent school for gifted 4th-8th grade students, with a focus on math and science, an engaging, hands-on curriculum, lively student life, and diverse experiences outside the classroom.

“Too often, our schools are overly-standardized, uninspired, and test-driven; they are focused more on processes rather than people. Ideaventions Academy provides an extraordinary education that is engaging, rigorous and personalized. We are a vibrant community designed for the intellectually curious—those who seek to engage in significant endeavors that reach beyond the classroom,” said Ideaventions founder Ryan Heitz. “The introduction of our Ideaventions Academy Upper School provides gifted students a supportive, inspiring, and challenging learning environment that prepares them for top colleges and universities and life.”

What: Open House for Ideaventions Academy High School
Who: Faculty and staff welcome prospective students and their families
When: Saturday, November 12, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Where: 12340 Pinecrest Road, Reston, VA 20191

Future Open Houses:

- Sunday, January 7, 2017, from 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, February 4, 2017, from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Info Sessions:

- Sunday, November 20, 2016, from 1:00-2:30 p.m.
- Sunday, December 4, 2016, from 1:00-2:30 p.m.
- Sunday, January 21, 2017, from 1:00-2:30 p.m.

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Ideaventions Academy for Mathematics and Science is an independent school for the gifted, offering grades 4 through 12 for those who are intellectually curious with a special interest in math and science. Ideaventions Academy is an outgrowth of [Ideaventions](#)®, started by alumni of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, Juliana and Ryan Heitz, who decided to create their own teaching science center after they had an unsuccessful search to find a science enrichment class for their son. Drawing upon Ideaventions'® philosophy of providing engaging and knowledgeable teachers, the Academy provides a warm and comfortable learning environment with small class sizes and a hands-on, challenging curriculum, which results in an inspiring environment to grow, thrive, and explore.