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PRESS RELEASE

RENOWNED RETINA SURGEON AND RESEARCHER, DR. DAVID ALMEIDA, MD, MBA, PHD, TO GUEST LECTURE AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE ERIE RETINA RESEARCH LAB

Erie, PA: Nov. 20, 2023 – Erie Day School (EDS) is proud to announce that Erie Retina Research, spearheaded by Dr. David Almeida MD, MBA, PhD, has committed to an annual gift to support the science program at Erie Day School by offsetting the costs of lab materials and equipment. To commemorate this gift, Dr. Almeida, a distinguished leader in ophthalmic research, will be visiting the school as a guest lecturer in the Life Science class. This collaboration marks a milestone for Erie Day School's science program, showcasing a commitment to providing students with exposure to scientific research.

As a widely recognized expert in the field of retina research, Dr. Almeida has a remarkable record of contributions to advancing our understanding of ocular diseases and vision health, including over 200 peer-reviewed papers. His passion for education, and commitment to fostering the next generation of scientists, aligns perfectly with Erie Day School's mission to provide students with exceptional learning experiences.

Dr. Almeida is a proud EDS parent and his partner, Dr. JP Dailey, also of Erie Retina Research, is supportive of this initiative as well, as his children also attended Erie Day School. Dr. Almeida stated, "I have devoted my professional life to the research and treatment of ophthalmic conditions. It is a joy to share this with the budding scientists of Erie Day School. Through the funding of the Erie Retina Research Science Lab, we hope to inspire future medical and science-based careers in these students and aid in igniting a passion for science, biology, and chemistry."

Dr. Almeida and his team are thrilled to announce their support of the school's science lab, honorarily named The Erie Retina Research Lab, with hopes that it will ignite the curiosity and passion for science among students. With this generous contribution, students will have access to superior equipment and resources, enabling them to explore the wonders of the scientific world in unprecedented ways. Additionally, Erie Retina Research will be offering an annual scholarship to an EDS student who exhibits the qualities necessary to pursue a career in medicine. Details will be shared in spring 2024.

"The naming of the Erie Retina Research Lab is a testament to Dr. Almeida's dedication to education and his belief in the potential of our students to contribute to the future of scientific discovery.", said Dr. Karen Tyler, Head of School.

The instructional experience session and naming ceremony will take place on **Monday, November 20, 2023 at 2pm at Erie Day School**, located at 1372 West 6th Street. Members of the media are invited to attend and witness this exciting event.

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ABOUT ERIE DAY SCHOOL

Founded in 1929, Erie Day School is a Toddler through Grade 8 independent, non-sectarian, co-education school. The School's mission is to provide a challenging education in a nurturing environment. Our community consists of a diverse group of students prepared and inspired to become critical and creative thinkers, effective communicators, responsible leaders and citizens, and lifetime learners.

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