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Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Student Named as Finalist in the U.S.A. Computing Olympiad

Silver Spring, MD—Matthew Das Sarma of Potomac, a junior in the Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program, was named as a finalist in the 2014 U.S.A. Computing Olympiad (USACO). The goal of USACO is to support computing education in this country and worldwide by identifying, motivating, and training high school computing students.

Six internet contests are held during the academic year, as well as a final five-hour long exam, the US Open. Based on the results of these contests, the top 24 scorers are invited to a rigorous academic training camp, which will take place at Clemson University on May 22-31. At this camp, there will be at least six additional contests, as well as computing-related extracurricular activities. At the close of the camp, the top four scorers on these exams will be selected to represent the U.S. at the International Olympiad in Informatics (IOI), to be held on July 13-20 in Taipei, Taiwan.

Das Sarma, the only finalist from Maryland, gratefully comments, “I am delighted to have earned an opportunity to meet and work with top high school computer science students from all over the country. My peers in the Blair Magnet, especially those in Computer Team, provided helpful feedback and encouragement over the course of the year that wouldn’t have been available if I had attended any other school.”

Blair Magnet computer science teacher, Mr. Daniel Fowler, serves as sponsor for Blair’s Computer Team, which helps to prepare students for this competition. At the 2010 IOI, which was held in Waterloo, Canada, Blair Magnet 2010 graduate Michael Cohen represented the U.S. and earned fifth place overall, as well as a gold medal.

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Blair Magnet Junior Matthew Das Sarma was named a finalist in the 2014 U.S.A. Computing Olympiad.
(Photo courtesy of Mrs. Janet Das Sarma)

About The Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Foundation

This organization was founded by a group of concerned students, teachers, administrators, and alumni in 2008. Its purpose is to promote science, mathematics, and computer science education by supporting the Magnet Program at Montgomery Blair High School in its efforts to develop resources and refine practices needed to provide a rigorous and enriched education for students, staff, and the community at large. The Foundation is incorporated in the state of Maryland and is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

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