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Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Teacher and Three Students Receive Awards in Computing

Silver Spring, MD—Mr. Daniel Fowler, who teaches computer science at the Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program, received the 2014 Aspirations in Computing Distinguished Educator Award from the National Center for Women and Information Technology (NCWIT) Maryland and Delaware Affiliate on March 22 at Bowie State University. In addition, three Blair Magnet students (with their grade level), Ariel Fromm (9) of Kensington, Stephanie Rager (11) of Olney, and Victoria Tsai (10) of Rockville, each received an Award for Aspirations in Computing from the NCWIT Maryland and Delaware Affiliate. The Aspirations in Computing program recognizes outstanding educators who encourage young women to explore their interests in computing and technology, as well as young women at the high school level for their computing and technology aptitude, leadership ability, academic record, and plans for post-secondary education. This program is generously sponsored nationally by AT&T, Bank of America, Bloomberg, Google, Intel, Microsoft, Motorola Solutions Foundation, and Northrop Grumman.

Mr. Daniel Fowler graciously comments on his selection as the NCWIT Distinguished Educator Award recipient, “I’m honored to receive this award. Every student in the Blair Magnet must study computer science for two years, and over three quarters elect to continue this study in their junior year. Still, fewer girls than boys take computer science in their senior year and in college. I’m committed to increasing the number of girls who see a future for themselves in information technology.”

Stephanie Rager acknowledges her teachers and the Blair Magnet, “I would like to thank Blair Magnet computer science teacher Mrs. Dvorsky for endorsing my application for this award, as well as all of my other computer science teachers for their support throughout my education in this field thus far. I am so grateful for the opportunity that the Blair Magnet has given me to explore computer science and technology through its core curriculum and diverse electives. Had I not been in the Blair Magnet, I would not have been exposed to topics such as data structures or artificial intelligence until college.”

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Montgomery Blair Magnet computer science teacher, Mr. Daniel Fowler (second from right above and below), was the recipient of the National Center for Women and Information Technology (NCWIT) Maryland and Delaware Affiliate Aspirations in Computing 2014 Distinguished Educator Award. Montgomery Blair Magnet students, (from left) Ariel Fromm, Stephanie Rager, and (far right) Victoria Tsai were also honored with Aspirations in Computing Awards. Ms. Cindy Greenwood (center) serves as the NCWIT Maryland and Delaware Affiliate Assistant Director and an Awards Committee member. (Photo above courtesy of Mr. Bill Rager, and photo below courtesy of Ms. Ling-Yu Chuang)



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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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