



Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Foundation Inc.



Board of
Directors:

Ted Jou
President
Eileen Steinkraus
Vice-President
Sharon Goodall
Secretary
Dan Shepherdson
Treasurer
Beth Kaufman
General Counsel
Ralph Bunday
Member
Sherrie Emoto
Member
Samir Paul
Member
Lola Piper
Member
Stephanie
Subramanian
Member
Emily Yanisko-
Maloney
Member

Address:

MBHS Magnet
Foundation Inc.
P.O. Box 101
Kensington, MD
20895

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 28, 2013

CONTACT: Sherrie Emoto, board@mbhsmagnet.org

Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Students Place at Princeton University Math Competition

Silver Spring, MD—Two teams of Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program students, each with eight members, participated in the Princeton University Math Competition (PUMaC) last month in Princeton, NJ. This annual event is an international math competition that is open to all high school students, with an effort made to include well-qualified teams from around the globe. The competition consists of a power round (difficult questions requiring an hour or two of creative thinking), individual rounds, a team round, and individual finals. Both an A and a B division of competition are available, with the A division meant for more experienced teams.

Montgomery Blair A team members included (with grade level) Gabby Studt (12), captain, and Adam Busis (11) of Silver Spring; Alex Bourzutschky (12) of Potomac; and Eric Lu (10), Eric Neyman (11), Sachin Pandey (11), Michael Winer (11), and Victor Xu (11) of Rockville. B team participants were Jessica Shi, captain, (12), Jeremy Du (10), Pratik Rathore (9), and Quinn Tai (11) of Rockville; Sambuddha Chattopadhyay (9) of Olney; and Matthew Das Sarma (11), Connie Xu (11), and Alex Zhang (12) of Potomac.

The Blair A team placed sixth overall, and the Blair B team placed third overall. In addition, individual team members were recognized for their performance on specific tests. Eric Lu took fifth place in combinatorics, Mike Winer earned eighth place in algebra, and Jeremy Du scored seventh place in combinatorics as well as tenth place overall.

Blair A team member Mike Winer enjoyed participating in this competition, commenting, “The PUMaC finals were a very interesting experience. I even had the chance to meet quite a few mathlete celebrities there.” Jeremy Du agrees, “PUMaC was definitely a fun experience. In my opinion, the best part of

Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Foundation Inc.

math competitions is meeting really cool people whom you would never meet otherwise.” Their fellow Blair teammate Eric Lu commends the team, “Our entire team worked hard, starting from the power round a week before the competition. We performed well on all three rounds, and as a result, finished in sixth place, ahead of strong teams like New York City and Lehigh Valley. We hope to improve on our sixth-place finish next year.”



Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Junior Mike Winer earned individual as well as team recognition at the Princeton University Math Competition. (Photo courtesy of Emily Hofmann.)



Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Senior Alexander Bourzutschky was a member of the Blair A team that scored sixth overall at the Princeton University Math Competition. (Photo Courtesy of Bourzutschky.)

Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Foundation Inc.

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.

###