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**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) on November 22 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 world. 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.

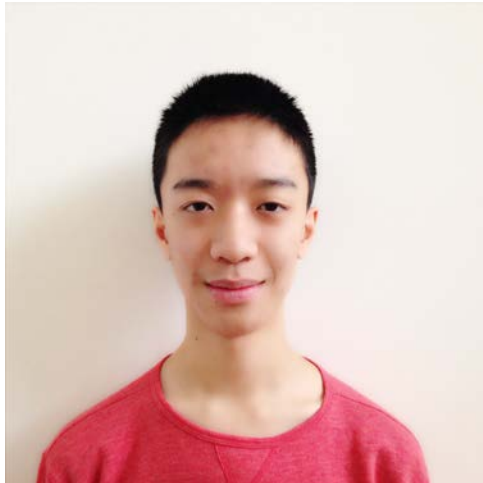
Montgomery Blair A team members included (with grade level) Sambuddha Chattopadhyay (10) Olney; Matthew Das Sarma (12) of Potomac; Jeremy Du (11), Eric Lu (11), Eric Neyman (12), Michael Winer (12), and Victor Xu (12) of Rockville; and Daniel Zhu (8) of Gaithersburg. B team participants were Josh Fernandes (10) of Silver Spring; Raymond Lin (11), Pratik Rathore (10), Dennis Yang (12), and Annie Zhao (9) of Gaithersburg; and David Wu (9), Connie Xu (12), and Catherine Xue (12) of Potomac.

The Blair A team placed fourth overall and eighth in the power round, and the Blair B team placed eighth overall and third in the team round. In addition, individual team members were recognized for their performance on a specific test: Victor Xu and Michael Winer earned fourth and seventh place, respectively, in combinatorics.

Blair A team member Victor Xu remarks on Blair's results in the competition, "The Montgomery Blair teams' performance of fourth in the A Division and eighth in the B Division speaks to the large amount of learning that occurs in the Blair magnet, as even though the Blair magnet has fewer potential students to draw from than

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many other magnet schools, teams from Blair are still able to perform very well at math competitions." Blair B team member Josh Fernandes reflects on his experience, "It was an honor to be invited to compete at the PUMaC this year. It was great to be able to draw on the knowledge that I've gained in my math classes at the Blair magnet."



Montgomery Blair High School Magnet senior Victor Xu earned individual as well as A team recognition at the Princeton University Math Competition.
(Photo courtesy of Mr. Wei Xiong.)



Montgomery Blair High School Magnet sophomore Josh Fernandes earned B team recognition at the Princeton University Math Competition.

About the Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Foundation

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MONTGOMERY BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL MAGNET FOUNDATION INC.

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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