



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
- Sarah Manchester
Member
- William Martin
Member
- Samir Paul
Member
- Lola Piper
Member
- Emily Yanisko-
Maloney
Member

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 28, 2015

Address:

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

CONTACT: Sherrie Emoto, board@mbhsmagnet.org

**Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Students Earn
Top Three Places and Full Scholarships at University of Maryland
Mathematics Competition; 18 More Earn Honorable Mention**

Silver Spring, MD—Daniel Zhu (9) of Potomac, Guangqi Cui (10) of Gaithersburg, and Eric Lu (12) of Rockville, all students (with grade level) of the Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program, captured first and tied for second place, respectively, in the 2015 University of Maryland (UMD) Mathematics Competition. Each student was awarded a full four-year scholarship plus expenses at the University of Maryland College Park, as well as \$500 in prize money for first place and \$400 for second. In addition, Zhu earned \$100 for being the top scorer in Montgomery County.

This contest, open to all high school students in Maryland and the District of Columbia, is composed of two parts. Part I, administered on October 21, consisted of 25 multiple choice-type questions to be completed in 75 minutes, and Part II, administered on December 2, provided five proof-type questions with two hours for completion. The 252 top scorers of the 2234 who took Part I qualified to participate in Part II. Results from both parts were then considered together to determine final overall standings.

In addition to the first and second place recipients, 37 Honorable Mention winners were named. Of these, 18 were Blair Magnet students (with grade level): Patrick Chao (12), Jacob Stavrianos (9), David Wu (10), and Jeremy Zhou (9) of Potomac; Jeremy Du (12), Cynthia Liu (12), Kevin Qian (9), Sahil Kochar (10), Dilhan Salgado (10), and Matthew Yu (12) of Rockville; Raymond Lin (12), Steven Qu (9), Pratik Rathore (11), and Anish Senapati (10) of Gaithersburg; Jesse Matthews (11) of Silver Spring; Jackson Reynolds (10) of Chevy Chase; Noah Singer (10) of Bethesda; and James Vinson (11) of Kensington.

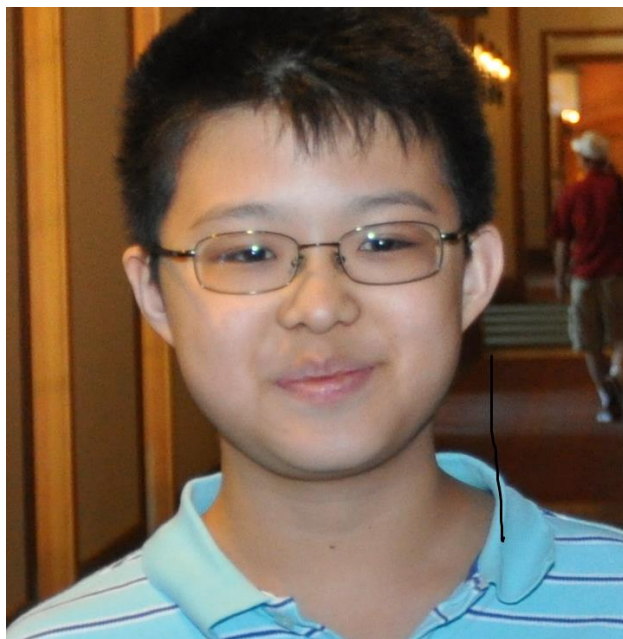
Of the nine perfect scores on Part I of this competition, six were from the Blair Magnet: Kevin Qian, Jackson Reynolds, Dilhan Salgado, Anish Senapati, Jacob Stavrianos, and Daniel Zhu, who all are freshmen or sophomores.

MONTGOMERY BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL MAGNET FOUNDATION INC.

First-place recipient Daniel Zhu expresses his gratitude, “I am thankful to the University of Maryland for organizing this competition and to the Blair Magnet and Takoma Magnet for creating atmospheres that encourage students to perform well.” Second-place winner Guangqi Cui agrees, “I am very honored and excited to have placed in such a prestigious competition and to have received a full scholarship to the University of Maryland. I am extremely grateful to Montgomery Blair High School and the Blair Magnet, in particular, for teaching me, preparing me for these contests, and giving me these wonderful opportunities.” Fellow second-place recipient Eric Lu adds his thanks, “I would like to thank the Blair Magnet for its support of our math team, which prepared me well for this competition.”

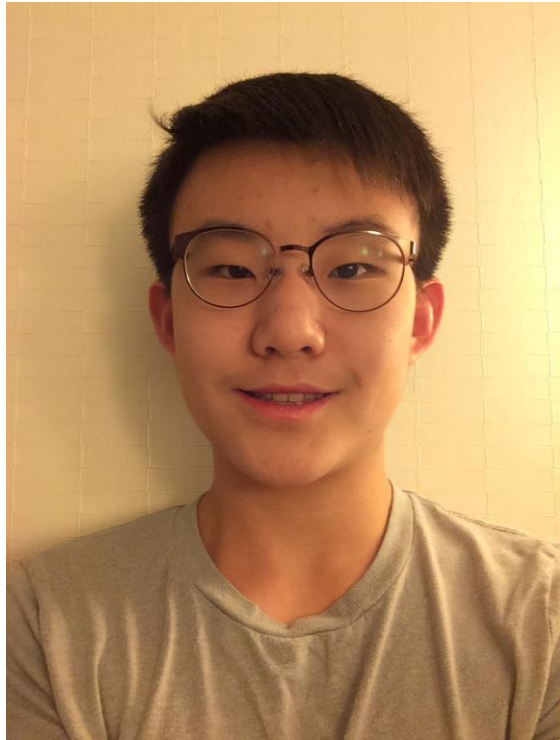
Every year since 1998, at least one student from the Blair Magnet has won first through third place (all three in 2003-2005, 2013, and this year), and at least fourteen have been awarded Honorable Mention. Mr. David Stein, Blair Magnet mathematics teacher, sponsors the Blair Math Team and administers the University of Maryland Mathematics Competition exams for Blair students.

Mr. David Stein congratulates the winners, “We are all very proud of Daniel, Eric, and Guang, as well as all the Honorable Mentions from Blair. It is a great testimony to the Blair math program that we have swept the top three places of this prestigious competition.”



Montgomery Blair Magnet freshman Daniel Zhu achieved first place, a full four-year scholarship plus expenses, and a \$600 cash prize in the University of Maryland Mathematics Competition. (Photo courtesy of Mr. Jinfang Zhu)

MONTGOMERY BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL MAGNET FOUNDATION
INC.



Montgomery Blair Magnet Sophomore Guangqi Cui earned second place, a full four-year scholarship plus expenses, and a \$400 cash prize in the University of Maryland Mathematics Competition. (Photo courtesy of Cui)



Montgomery Blair Magnet senior Eric Lu received second place, a full four-year Scholarship plus expenses, and a \$400 cash prize in the University of Maryland Mathematics Competition. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Shan Lu)

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.

###