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Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Student Earns Third Place and Full Scholarship at University of Maryland Mathematics Competition; 17 More Earn Honorable Mention

Silver Spring, MD—Adam Busis of Silver Spring, a senior in the Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program, earned third place in the University of Maryland (UMD) Mathematics Competition. He was awarded a full four-year scholarship plus expenses at the University of Maryland College Park, as well as \$400 in prize money, \$100 of which is for earning the highest score 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 last October, consisted of 25 multiple choice-type questions to be completed in 75 minutes, and Part II, administered in December, provided five proof-type questions with two hours for completion. Roughly the top ten percent of scorers on Part I of the exam were invited to participate in Part II. Results from both parts were then considered together to determine final overall standings.

In addition to the first through third place recipients, 38 Honorable Mention winners were named. Of these, 17 (nearly half) were Blair Magnet students (with grade level): Theodore Corrales (12), Josh Fernandes (10), and Jesse Matthews (10) of Silver Spring; Guangqi Cui (9) and Pratik Rathore (10) of Gaithersburg; Matthew Das Sarma (12) and David Wu (9) of Potomac; Jeremy Du (11), Cynthia Liu (11), Eric Lu (11), Eric Neyman (12), Sachin Pandey (12), Dilhan Salgado (9), Michael Winer (12), Victor Xu (12), and Zan Xu (9) of Rockville; and Wenqing Xu (12) of Takoma Park.

Third-place recipient Adam Busis comments on the influence of the Blair Magnet, “I was very excited to find out that I placed third in the University of Maryland Mathematics Competition. I am grateful to the Blair Magnet for encouraging students to take part in all sorts of contests, arranging the scheduling and taking care of administrative details. It has opened up a lot of opportunities for recognition for my classmates and me.”

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Every year since 1998, at least one student from the Blair Magnet has won first through third place (all three in 2003-2005 and 2013), 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. Stein congratulates the students, “We are very proud of Adam and all of the winners. Their achievements are truly amazing and bring great credit to themselves and their school.”



Montgomery Blair Magnet senior Adam Busis earned third place, a full four-year scholarship plus expenses, and a \$400 cash prize in the University of Maryland Math Competition. (Photo courtesy of Prestige Portraits)

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

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