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**Montgomery County Team Earns Sixth Place at
American Regions Mathematics League Contest**

Silver Spring, MD—The Montgomery County American Regions Mathematics League (ARML) A team, with all but four of the fifteen students hailing from the Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program, earned sixth place nationally in Division A competition at the 41st Annual ARML Contest. The Blair Magnet members of this team (with 2015-16 grade level) were Anson Berns (9) of Bethesda; Sambuddha Chattopadhyay (11) of Olney; Guangqi Cui (10), Steven Qu (9), Pratik Rathore (11), and Annie Zhao (10) of Gaithersburg; Haydn Gwyn (9) and David Wu (10) of Potomac; and Eric Lu (12), Kevin Qian (9), and Dilhan Salgado (10) of Rockville. The remaining members of the team were Vincent Bian, Jason Lee, and Justin Park of Poolesville High School, as well as Christopher Li of Wootton High School.

In all, 75 middle school and high school students participated on Montgomery County teams at this competition. This tournament was held simultaneously at Pennsylvania State University and three other locations throughout the country on June 3-4. Problems for this prestigious national competition cover mathematics areas such as algebra, geometry, number theory, combinatorics, and probability. This contest consists of four parts, the team, power, individual, and relay rounds. Individual places are determined by results from the individual round, with tie breakers used among students with tied scores.

Ms. Zenia Yang, mathematics teacher at Northwest High School, coached and selected the 75 students for the five county-wide teams based on rigorous weekly evening practices and testing during the spring, with help from Dr. Brian Hunt, mathematics professor at the University of Maryland College Park. Montgomery Blair magnet mathematics teacher, Mr. Jeremy Schwartz, and Takoma Park magnet mathematics teacher and Blair magnet alumna, Ms. Sarah Manchester, assisted as chaperones. The teams' trip was supported by a grant from the Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Foundation.

Montgomery County ARML A team member Sambuddha Chattopadhyay

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comments on the competition, “I’m really happy with the way we did. I’d specifically like to thank the Blair Magnet and Blair Math Team for instilling enough excitement about math to cause forty-five of its students to compete at this national competition. Overall, a great success and hopefully a sign of things to come.”

Fellow teammate Eric Lu offers his gratitude, “Our team worked hard over the spring, and in the competition we worked really well together. I’d like to thank Ms. Yang and Dr. Hunt for their outstanding commitment throughout the year.”



The Montgomery County A team earned sixth place nationally at the 41st Annual American Regions Mathematics League competition. Coaches and team members are (from left to right): Coach Ms. Zenia Yang, Coach Dr. Brian Hunt, Kevin Qian, Jason Lee, Haydn Gwyn, Anson Berns, Vincent Bian, Eric Lu, Steven Qu, Pratik Rathore, Guangqi Cui, Annie Zhao, David Wu, Christopher Li, Justin Park, Dilhan Salgado, and Sambuddha Chattopadhyay. (Photo courtesy of Ms. Helen Bai)

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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