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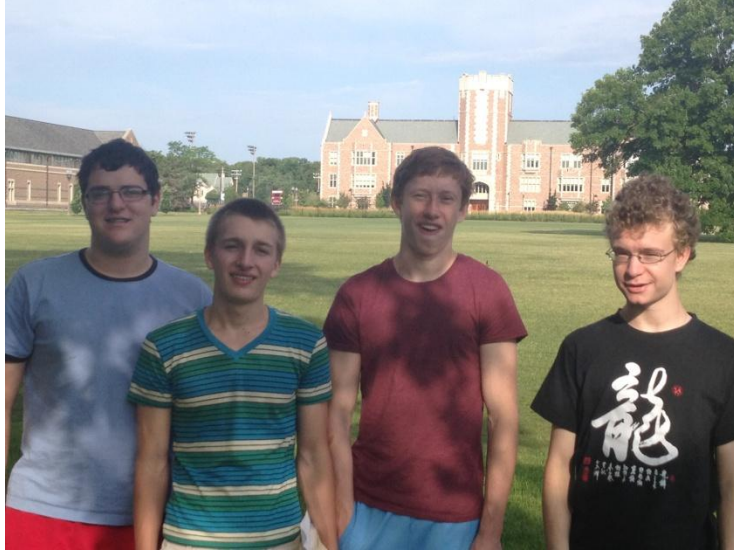
**Montgomery Blair High School Team Competes at  
National Quiz Bowl**

**Silver Spring, MD**—A team of students from Montgomery Blair High School participated in the Partnership for Academic Competition Excellence National Scholastics Competition (PACE NSC), which took place at Washington University in St. Louis in June. PACE is a non-profit alliance of college and high school academic teams that specifically organizes high school academic tournaments across the country.

The members of the Blair team are 2012 graduates Daniel Hafner of Bethesda and Daniel Muskin-Pierret of Silver Spring, along with rising seniors Thomas Gaddy of Kensington and Ian Ozeroff of Silver Spring. In all, 60 teams from sixteen states and the District of Columbia competed in this national finals high school quiz bowl tournament. At one point, the Blair team enjoyed an amazing upset victory over the team from Rockford Auburn, which was ranked fifth upon entering this tournament. Blair's team ended with an 8-5 record and advanced to the second to the highest level of competition.

Blair Magnet mathematics and physics teacher Mr. James Schafer serves as sponsor of the school's *It's Academic* team and chaperoned the team for this tournament. Mr. Schafer praises the team's performance at the PACE NSC, "The students competed extremely well and represented the Blair community with honor and integrity in all of their matches. The rising senior boys are very much looking forward to returning to competition in the next school year. Based on the performance of the team, there is already discussion about just how strong the team from Blair may be—a true testament to the hard work from the squad and their outstanding performance at the championship."

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Members of the Montgomery Blair High School PACE NSC team at the competition's Washington University location (from left): Daniel Muskin-Pierret, Ian Ozeroff, Thomas Gaddy, and Daniel Hafner. (Photo courtesy of Mr. James Schafer)

## **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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