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## **Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Students Place First and Seventh at American Computer Science League Contest**

**Silver Spring, MD**—A team of students from the Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program won first place in the Senior Division at the American Computer Science League (ACSL) Invitational All-Star Contest on May 25 at Enloe High School in Raleigh, North Carolina. A second Blair Magnet team earned seventh place in the Intermediate Division. Teams from the United States, Canada, and countries as distant as Croatia, Romania, and Taiwan were present at the competition. The Blair Magnet Senior Division Team scored an amazing 117 out of 130 possible points, with the second place team scoring 111.

The members of the first-place team, Blair's Senior Team, are Jason Hyun of Silver Spring, Kiyoon Ko, Eric Neyman, Scott Wu, and Victor Xu of Rockville. The Intermediate Team members are Eric Lu of Rockville, Ishaan Parikh of Potomac, Soumya Pattanayak and Justin Shen of Silver Spring, and Kathleen Ruan of Rockville

Blair Magnet computer science teacher and ACSL sponsor, Ms. Mary Ann Dvorsky, praises the teams, "I am very proud of all the students on both of our All-Star teams for their success during this year's ACSL competition, especially the Senior Team for their amazing performance. While each of the students did an excellent job individually, I believe their ability to work together as a real team was a major factor in their success." Ms. Dvorsky and Blair Magnet Coordinator, Mr. Peter Ostrander, accompanied the teams on this trip, which was supported by a grant from the Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Foundation. Intermediate Team member Kathleen Ruan offers her gratitude, "While the competition was challenging, it was a wonderful opportunity and a great experience. I'd like to thank Mrs. Dvorsky and Mr. Ostrander for all their advice and encouragement, even during the long hours spent on the road driving to North Carolina and back." Senior Team member Victor Xu adds, "ACSL was a good experience, and I really hope to be on the team again next year. Finally, I'd like to thank the Blair Magnet Foundation for its financial support."

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The Montgomery Blair High School Senior Division Team took first place, and the Montgomery Blair High School Intermediate Division Team earned seventh place at the American Computer Science League All-Star Contest. The Senior (S) and Intermediate (I) Division Team members are (from left): Kiyoon Ko (S), Scott Wu (S), Eric Neyman (S), Jason Hyun (S), Justin Shen (I), Victor Xu (S), Soumya Pattanayak (I), Kathleen Ruan (I), Eric Lu (I), and Ishaan Parikh (I). (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Mary Ann Dvorsky)



The Montgomery Blair High School Senior Division Team with their first place plaques (from left): Jason Hyun, Kiyoon Ko, Scott Wu, Victor Xu, and Eric Neyman. (Photo courtesy of Mr. Mary Ann Dvorsky)

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## **About The Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Foundation**

This organization was founded by a group of concerned students, teachers, administrators, parents, 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 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

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