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**Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Senior
Selected to Student Leaders Exchange to China Program**

Silver Spring, MD—Shaun Datta of Potomac, a senior in the Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program, was selected on June 3 by the National Committee on United States-China Relations as one of twelve high school seniors to participate in the 2014 Student Leaders Exchange to China Program. The twelve student ambassadors were chosen from the pool of 40 Intel Science Talent Search Finalists, along with the 141 U.S. Presidential Scholars for 2014. The goal of this program, which is in its eleventh year, is to develop the next generation of policy leaders.

From July 9 to 24, the students will enjoy an all-expense paid trip to cities in China including Beijing, Xi’an, Nanjing, and Shanghai. During this time, they will learn about China’s successes and challenges and will have a unique opportunity to exchange ideas with their Chinese counterparts as a result of homestays throughout most of their travels.



Shaun Datta, a Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program senior, was selected as one of twelve members of the 2014 Student Leaders Exchange to China Program. (Photo courtesy of Society for Science and the Public)

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Datta shares his enthusiasm and gratitude, “I’m enormously excited to have been selected for the Student Leaders Exchange to China. The program seems like an unparalleled opportunity to explore China, both as a tourist and a student. I am grateful to Society for Science and the Public and the National Committee on US-China Relations for making the event possible for me; and as always, thank you to my parents.”

In fall, Datta will study mathematics and physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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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