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**Montgomery Blair High School Academic Team Places in
Two National Quiz Tournaments**

Silver Spring, MD—Two teams of Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program students earned thirteenth and seventh place nationally in the National Academic Quiz Tournaments 2015 High School National Championship Tournament (NAQT HSNCT) and the Partnership for Academic Competition Excellence 2015 National Scholastic Championship (PACE NSC), respectively.

The NAQT HSNCT was held in Chicago, IL on May 29-31. Team members included (with 2014-2015 grade level) Arjuna Subramanian (captain, 12) and Alex Newman (11) of Silver Spring, along with Noah Levine (11) and Cathy Xue (12) of Potomac. The Blair team tied for thirteenth place nationally out of 272 teams who qualified through NAQT invitational events or state competitions. This finish was well above the team's seeding, making the Blair team the only one from Maryland to place so high.

On June 6-7 the PACE NSC took place in Reston, VA. The Blair team consisted of Arjuna Subramanian (captain), Sambuddha Chattopadhyay (10) of Olney, Noah Levine, Alex Newman, and Cathy Xue. At the completion of the first day of competition with 96 teams present, the Blair team advanced to the top bracket of the tournament for the playoffs. Reaching the eight-team championship superplayoffs, on the final day of competition the team earned seventh place, the highest finish to date for Blair in this competition.

Blair Academic Team sponsor and Blair Magnet physics and math teacher Mr. James Schafer praises the team, "The team had a tremendous end of the season. Its fantastic finishes in both competitions are due to the hard work and studying that its members did, as well as their ability to play together effectively as a team. I am very proud of all of them; they represented their school brilliantly."

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The Blair Magnet team of (from left) Alex Newman, Noah Levine, Arjuna Subramanian, and Cathy Xue earned thirteenth place nationally at the National Academic Quiz Tournaments 2015 High School National Championship Tournament. (Photo courtesy of Mr. Colin McNamara)

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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