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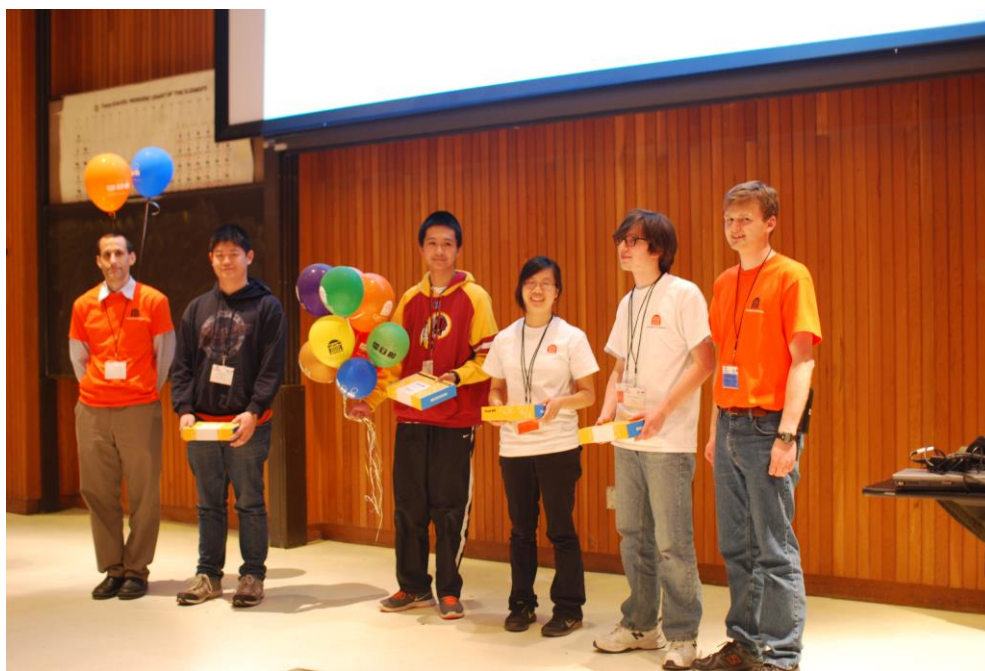
**Montgomery Blair High School Teams Earn First and Fourth Place at
University of Virginia High School Programming Contest**

Silver Spring, MD—Two teams of four students each from the Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program captured first and fourth place at the University of Virginia High School Programming Contest (UVaHSPC). This is the largest high school programming contest in the Mid-Atlantic region and one of the largest in the country. Fifty teams of four students each from high schools hailing from Virginia and Maryland participated in this daylong annual event. This competition tested the students' programming skills and problem solving abilities. After a morning practice session, students were given the afternoon to solve difficult programming problems in Java on a single computer per team. Teams were judged on their number of problems correctly solved, number of incorrect submissions, and speed.

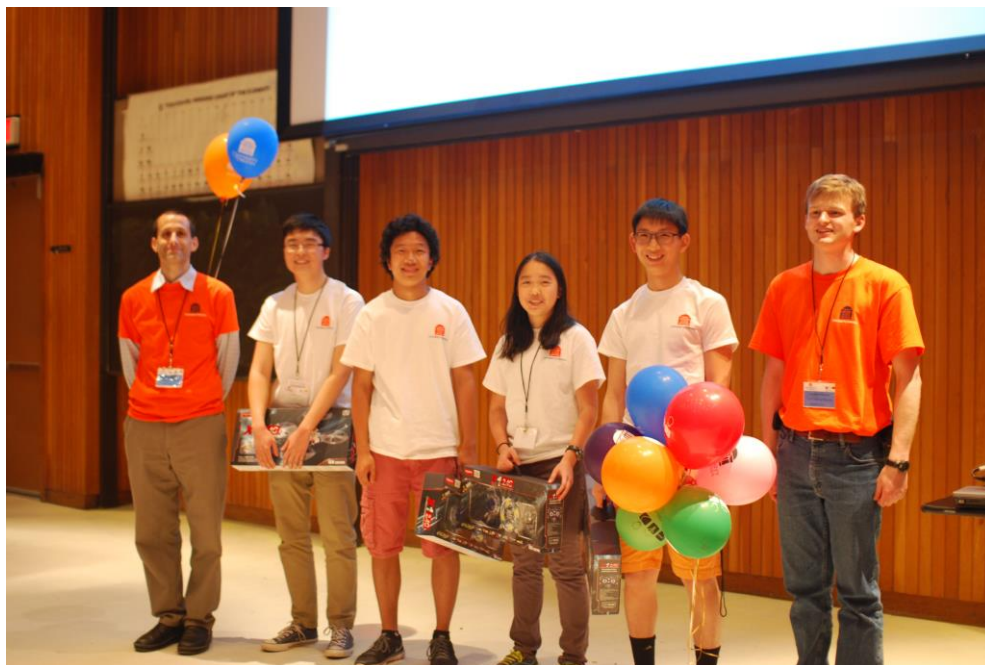
The first place Blair team consisted of rising seniors Noah Fang of Gaithersburg, Robert Fleischman of Bethesda, and Eric Lu and Victoria Tsai of Rockville. Members of the fourth place team included rising seniors Patrick Chao of Potomac, Eric Chen and Albert Wang of Rockville, and Anna Ou of Gaithersburg. Blair Magnet computer science teacher, Mr. Daniel Fowler, serves as Blair Computer Team sponsor.

First place team member Victoria Tsai expresses her excitement and gratitude, "The UVaHSPC was the perfect mix of learning, team bonding, and all-around fun, and we had a blast during both the programming and other portions. We're very thankful to UVa for always coming up with such motivational prizes, as well as the Montgomery Blair Computer Team for paying our registration fees and providing us this opportunity."

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The Blair Magnet team of (from second to left) Noah Fang, Eric Lu, Victoria Tsai, and Robert Fleischman earned first place at the University of Virginia High School Programming Contest. University of Virginia professor Dr. Aaron Bloomfield and student Andrew Norton, who were pivotal in organizing the competition, appear on the far left and far right, respectively. The team members are holding programmable minicomputers that they were awarded, as well as a balloon for each problem that they successfully solved.



Fellow Blair Magnet team consisting of (from second to left) Eric Chen, Patrick Chao, Anna Ou, and Albert Wang placed fourth in this programming competition. They are flanked by Dr. Aaron Bloomfield and Andrew Norton, as well. The team members are holding quadcopters, which they were awarded, as well as a balloon for each problem correctly solved. (Photos courtesy of University of Virginia)

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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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