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**Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Student
Earns First Place at Regional Ski Tournament**

Silver Spring, MD—Kinjal Ruecker, a tenth grader in the Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program, was the overall female champion at the Pennsylvania Alpine Racing Association (PARA) U16 State Championships, which were held on February 27-March 1 at the Blue Mountain Ski Area in Palmerton, PA. PARA represents skiers from the Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia region. Ruecker participated in the Slalom, Giant Slalom, and Super-G (speed) events and earned first place in Slalom and Giant Slalom and second place in Super-G. As the top female skier, she will represent the region at the U16 Eastern Championships, which will take place on March 16-20 at Whiteface Mountain Ski Resort in Lake Placid, NY.

In both 2012 and 2013 Ruecker was named PARA Champion for girls in her age group (U14) but suffered an injury last season that prohibited her from participating in the 2014 races. Numerous small tears in the ligaments of her knee put her out for the majority of the five-month season last year. After recovering, she dedicated her efforts toward training for this year’s competitions.

Ruecker comments on skiing and expresses her gratitude to her Blair teachers, “Skiing is something I am very passionate about, and I hope to be able to continue it in college. I am so blessed that all my teachers, especially those in the Blair Magnet, take the time to help me catch up on missed lessons. I couldn’t do this without their dedication to helping students be the best they can possibly be.”

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Blair Magnet sophomore Kinjal Ruecker earned the top female spot at the Pennsylvania Alpine Racing Association U16 State Championships, which were held on February 27-March 1 at the Blue Mountain Ski Area in Palmerton, PA.
(Photo courtesy of Ms. Madhu Bhatnagar)



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(Photo courtesy of Mr. Ross Nichol)

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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