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**Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Senior
Selected as Young Scientist to Travel to Germany**

Silver Spring, MD—Ishaan Parikh of Potomac, a senior in the Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program, was selected by the Goethe Institut, the cultural institute of the Federal Republic of Germany, as one of twelve young scientists from the United States to be granted an all-expense paid trip to Germany on November 28-December 7. The project is funded by the Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Parikh's selection was based primarily on his biography, an essay, a letter of recommendation, and a description of a STEM research project he undertook. For this purpose, he submitted the abstract for his Blair Magnet Senior Research Project, "Metabolic Profiling of the Different Subpopulations of Melanoma Cells," which was completed under the guidance of Dr. Sergey Magnitsky, Director of MRI, Department of Radiology, University of California, San Francisco.

While in Germany, the twelve young scientists will visit aerospace, bionics, and geoscience research institutions in Berlin, Braunschweig, Cologne, Potsdam, and Wolfsburg, as well as museums and an automobile factory. In addition, they will interact with German peers while visiting a university and being hosted by German families.

Parikh looks forward to his educational travel and offers thanks and some humor, "I definitely have to thank the Blair Magnet and the teachers/mentors who helped me achieve this award. It's nice to finally do something with all this science I've been learning."

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Ishaan Parikh, a senior in the Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program, is one of twelve young scientists who were selected by the Goethe Institut to visit Germany later this month.
(Photo courtesy of Ms. Megan Houlihan)

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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