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**Three Montgomery Blair High School Seniors Named as
National Achievement Scholar Semifinalists**

Silver Spring, MD—Three Montgomery Blair High School seniors, two of whom are from the Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program, were named as National Achievement Scholarship Semifinalists in the 2015 competition. The Blair Class of 2015 National Achievement Scholarship Semifinalists are Meriel Caprioglio-Chase of Takoma Park and Landon Harris and Braeden Rose of Silver Spring.

This scholarship recognizes outstanding African-American high school students and is sponsored annually by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. These students will be considered for advancement to Finalist standing based on their academic achievement. If selected as Finalists in January 2015, they will compete for \$2,500 scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, as well as corporate-sponsored awards. Of the more than 160,000 students who took the screening test for this award, the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), approximately 1,600 were selected as Semifinalists, and about 1,300 will be named as Finalists. Roughly 800 of these Finalists will earn scholarships and the title of National Achievement Scholar.

National Achievement Scholar Semifinalist and Blair Magnet senior Meriel Caprioglio-Chase offers her thanks to the Blair Magnet, “I am excited for the opportunities that being recognized by the National Achievement Scholarship Program could bring in the future. Also, I’m thankful that the Blair Magnet provided me with the means to be successful.”

Fellow National Achievement Scholar Semifinalist and Blair Magnet senior Braeden Rose adds his gratitude, “I’d like to thank God first and foremost, but I am also grateful to the Blair Magnet, for giving me this opportunity.”

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(From left) Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program seniors Meriel Caprioglio-Chase and Braeden Rose were both named as 2015 National Achievement Scholar Semifinalists. (Photos courtesy of Ms. Leslie Chen and Meriel Caprioglio-Chase, respectively)

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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