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Nine Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Seniors Named as National Achievement Scholar Semifinalists

Silver Spring, MD—Nine Montgomery Blair High School seniors, four of whom are from the Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program, were named on September 26 as National Achievement Scholarship Semifinalists in the 2013 competition. The Blair Class of 2013 National Achievement Scholarship Semifinalists are Henok Addis of Rockville and Marcus Benyamin, Rachel Darko, Maya Davis, Benjamin Eyring, Simon Kapiamba, Jordyn Schroeder, Langston Taylor, and Mireille Verdonk 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 2013, 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.

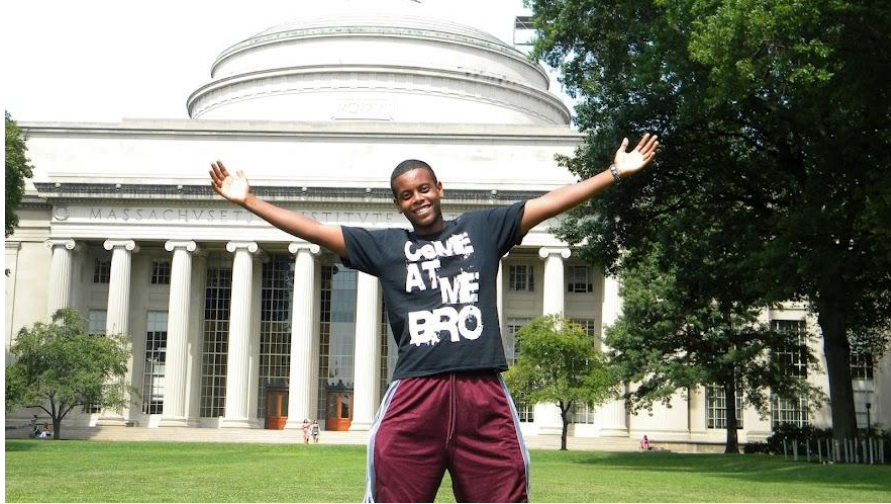
There are 22 National Achievement Scholar Semifinalists throughout Montgomery County Public Schools this year, representing nine high schools. Of these schools, Montgomery Blair High School has the most National Achievement Scholar Semifinalists by far, with the school boasting the next highest number of semifinalists only able to claim five.

National Achievement Scholar Semifinalist and Blair Magnet senior Henok Addis credits the Blair Magnet, “Being a National Achievement Scholarship Semifinalist is an achievement that was fueled by my years in the Blair Magnet. The rigor of the competition that surrounds me every day in class, both in the Magnet program and in Blair itself, is

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what drives me to work harder than I thought I could and what pushes me further than I thought I could ever go. My time in the Magnet is one that I would never trade; it has shaped who I am and who I aspire to be.”



Montgomery Blair Magnet senior Henok Addis is one of Montgomery Blair’s nine 2013 National Achievement Scholar Semifinalists.

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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