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**Five Montgomery Blair High School Girls Invited to
Math Prize for Girls Mathematics Competition;
One Earns Honorable Mention**

Silver Spring, MD—Five girls from the Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program were invited to the Math Prize for Girls mathematics competition, which is sponsored by the Advantage Testing Foundation and held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The goal of this annual competition is to encourage highly talented girls to pursue careers in math and science. 271 high-school aged girls from the United States and Canada qualified to participate based on their scores on the American Mathematics Contest (AMC) 10 and the AMC 12, which were taken last school year.

The five Blair Magnet participants (with their grade levels) are Olivia Fan (9), Cynthia Liu (12), Jyotsna Rao (10), and Victoria Tsai (12) of Rockville and Annie Zhao (10) of Gaithersburg. In addition, based on her performance at this competition, Annie Zhao was awarded an Honorable Mention plaque, a \$500 merit scholarship to the Canada/USA MathCamp summer program, and an invitation to compete at the 2015 Math Prize for Girls Olympiad next month. Due to her scores at this contest, Cynthia Liu also qualified to compete at the Math Prize for Girls Olympiad.

Zhao comments on the competition, “From meeting students with similar interests to solving creative and challenging problems, I loved the experience of participating in the Math Prize for Girls competition. I look forward to participating in next year’s competition and hopefully improving my score!”

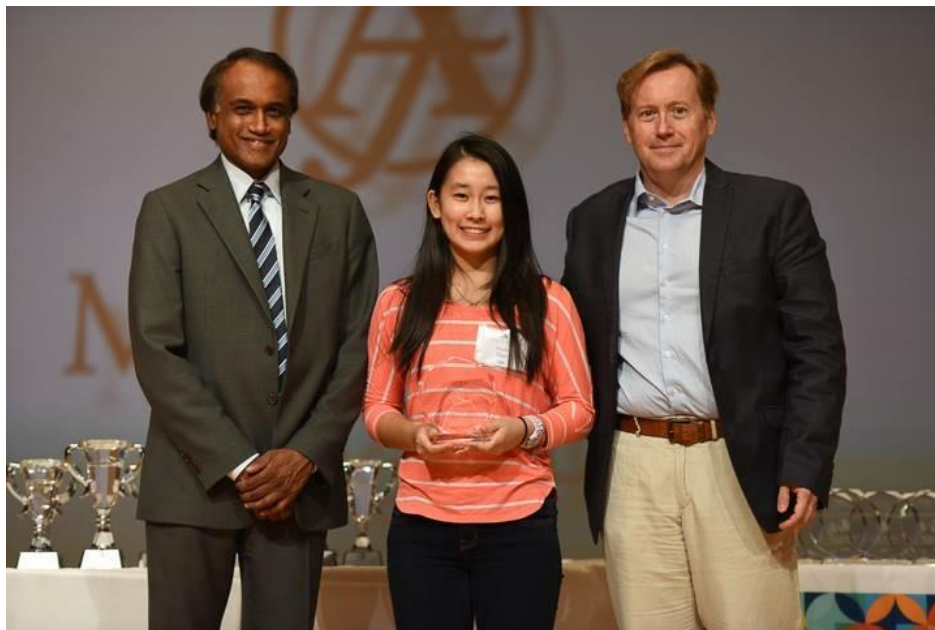
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Blair Magnet students (from left) Jyotsna Rao, Annie Zhao, Cynthia Liu, Olivia Fan, and Victoria Tsai (below) were invited to compete in the Math Prize for Girls mathematics competition. (Photos courtesy of Ms. Helen Bai and Prestige Photos, respectively)



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Blair Magnet sophomore Annie Zhao received Honorable Mention at the Math Prize for Girls mathematics competition. (Photo courtesy of the Advantage Testing Foundation)

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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