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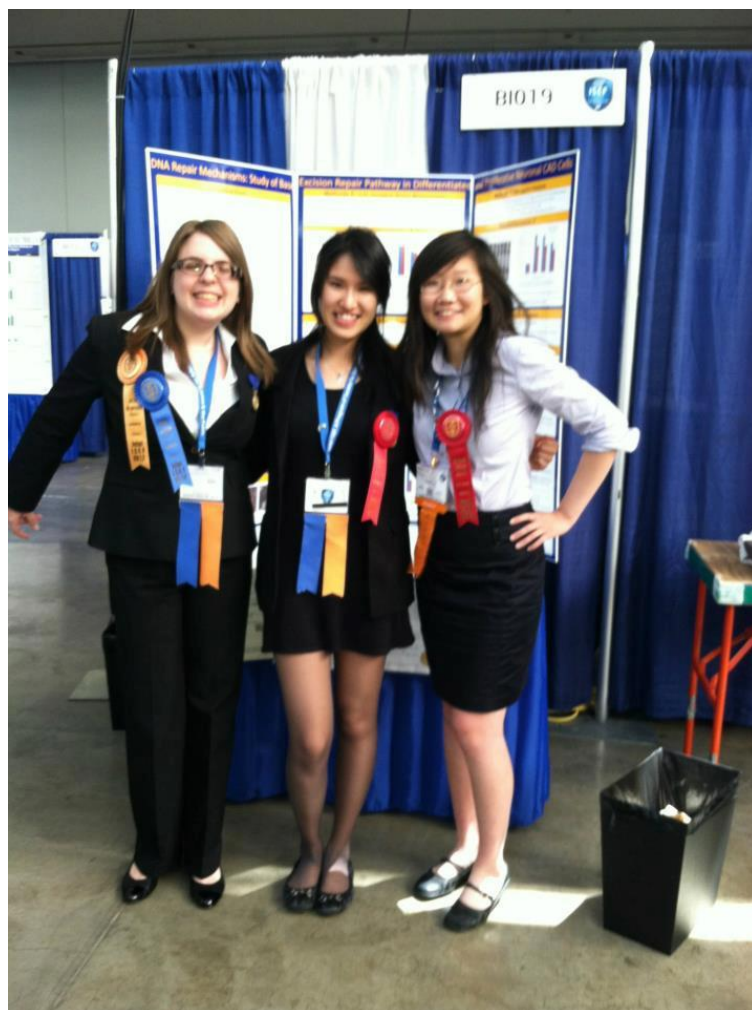
**Montgomery Blair High School Magnet 2012 Graduate
Earns Second Place at
Intel International Science and Engineering Fair**

Silver Spring, MD—Jessica Lu of Rockville was awarded second place in Biochemistry for her research entitled “Determination of Binding Energy Hotspots on a Broadly Neutralizing Antibody against HIV-1” at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) last month in Pittsburgh, PA. The Intel ISEF, a program of the Society for Science and the Public, is the world’s largest international pre-college science competition. Over 1,500 high school students, representing approximately 70 countries, qualified to compete at this international competition by winning a top prize at a local, state, regional, or national science fair. For her innovative work, Lu was awarded a \$1,500 prize.

Lu comments on her experience at this international contest and offers advice, “The Intel ISEF was a truly fantastic way to finish up my research experience at the Blair Magnet. I met students from all over the world who impressed me not only with their exceptional research and clarity of presentation but with their passion for science and their belief in being able to change the world with it. I’m grateful to have had this last opportunity to represent my school and my region and share my research with the world. To all the current and future Magnet students, do not be afraid to go out on a limb, keep trying for things, and make the most of the unparalleled resources the Magnet provides because, if science competitions have taught me anything, it’s that nearly no one has as strong of a support system as we do.”

Lu will attend the University of Pennsylvania’s Jerome Fisher Program in Management and Technology in the fall.

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Intel ISEF Biochemistry winners, from left to right: 1st place winner Rebecca Alford of New York and 2nd place winners April Pun of New York and Jessica Lu of the Montgomery Blair Magnet Program. (Photo courtesy of Lu)

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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