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Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Students Receive Awards at American Regions Mathematics League Contest

Silver Spring, MD—Dennis Zhao of Gaithersburg earned 12th place nationally and had one of twelve perfect 10 out of 10 scores at the 39th Annual American Regions Mathematics League (ARML) Competition, which was held simultaneously at Pennsylvania State University and three other locations throughout the U.S. on May 30-31. Furthermore, Adam Busis of Silver Spring and Victor Xu of Rockville earned 9 out of 10 scores. In all, sixty-six high school and middle school students participated on one of the five Montgomery County teams. One team of high school students, all but two from the Montgomery Blair Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program, placed 24th out of 86 teams nationally in A Division competition and won the Super Relay Round. In addition, another team comprised entirely of middle school students, all from the Roberto Clemente and Takoma Park Middle School Mathematics, Science, and Computer Science Magnet Programs, earned 43rd place in this same division of competition.

The members of the scoring high school team include (all from Blair Magnet unless indicated in parentheses): Eric Lu (co-captain), Eric Neyman (co-captain), Jeremy Du, Pratik Rathore, Victor Xu, and Matthew Yu of Rockville; Dennis Zhao (co-captain), Jingjing Xu, and Dennis Yang of Gaithersburg; Adam Busis of Silver Spring; Sambuddha Chattopadhyay of Olney; Connie Xu and Catherine Xue of Potomac; and Yu Lu (Richard Montgomery High School) and Justina Yang (Yang Academy).

The members of the aforementioned middle school team are: Guang Qi Cui (captain), Anish Senapati, Michael Yin, Annie Zhao, and Daniel Zhu of Gaithersburg; Vincent Bian and Daniel Li of Clarksburg; Jason Lee and Alvin Ya of Germantown; Justin Park, Kevin Qian, and Dilhan Salgado of Rockville; Steven Qu of North Potomac; Kevin Shen of Boyds; and David Wu of Potomac.

Ms. Zenia Yang, math teacher at Northwest High School, coached and selected the students for the five county-wide teams based on rigorous weekly evening practices and testing during the spring, with help from Dr. Brian Hunt of the University of Maryland College Park and experience she gained while assisting Mr. Eric Walstein, long-time Montgomery County

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ARML coach and retired Blair Magnet teacher. Ms. Yang, Takoma Park Middle School math teacher and Blair Magnet alumna Ms. Sarah Manchester, Blair Magnet math teacher Mr. Jeremy Schwartz, and parent chaperones accompanied this year's teams to the competition. The teams' trip was supported by a grant from the Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Foundation.

Dennis Zhao graciously reflects on the competition, "It was a great honor to be among the twelve perfect scorers at ARML. Many of us on the A1 team are classmates in the Blair Magnet. Working together in a math intensive environment everyday certainly encouraged team cohesiveness, as we were not only used to the high level of problem solving expected of us at the competition, but we were aware of each other's strengths and weaknesses. Most importantly, a huge thank you to the Magnet Foundation for providing financial support for the ARML teams. We would not have been able to even show up without its help. As always, we'll be looking for an even better result next year!"

Ms. Yang would like to express her gratitude to Dr. Brian Hunt, Professor, Department of Mathematics, University of Maryland College Park; Ms. Sarah Manchester, mathematics teacher, Takoma Park Middle School; Mr. David Stein, mathematics teacher, Blair Magnet, and Montgomery County high school math competition coordinator; Ms. Alyssa Walstein, mathematics teacher, Westland Middle School, and Montgomery County middle school math competition coordinator; Mr. Eric Walstein, retired 38-year ARML coach; Mrs. Eileen Adelman, Ms. Donna Franklin, and Building Service staff from Montgomery Blair High School; Ms. Helen Bai, Ms. Leslie Hall, and many other ARML parents; ARML staff; and the Montgomery Blair Magnet Foundation.

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Dennis Zhao, a rising senior in the Blair Magnet, earned twelfth place nationally and one of twelve perfect scores in the 39th Annual American Regions Mathematics League competition. (Photo courtesy of Ms. Helen Bai)

About The Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Foundation

This organization was founded by a group of concerned students, teachers, administrators, parents, 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 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

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