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Four Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Students Awarded $80,000 Scholarships at GWU Colonial Math Challenge

Silver Spring, MD—Six Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program students were among the over 150 participants in the George Washington University (GWU) Department of Mathematics Colonial Math Challenge at GWU's Foggy Bottom campus on October 30. This event is an annual math competition that is open to all high school students in the mid-Atlantic region. All six Blair Magnet students placed in the group of top 54 scorers on the multiple choice Colonial I math test. For this accomplishment, juniors Mario Choi of Silver Spring and Andrew Das Sarma of Potomac, along with seniors Jacob Hurwitz of Rockville, Nils Molina of Bethesda, Anand Oza of North Potomac, and Devin Zhang of Potomac, were eligible to advance to the challenging essay-type Colonial II math test. No other high school had more students place in the top 54 than Montgomery Blair. Furthermore, Choi, Hurwitz, and Oza were among the top five scorers on the Colonial I test and were presented with engraved plaques.

In the Colonial II competition, Choi, Molina, Oza, and Zhang earned top ten scores and were each awarded four-year scholarships at $20,000 per year. The scholarships are good at GWU for undergraduate students majoring in any area of mathematical or physical sciences or engineering. Montgomery Blair boasted more top ten scorers than any other high school represented at the competition. The remaining event of the day was the Colonial Bowl, a team competition where teams of four competed against each other two at a time by buzzing in to answer math questions. The Blair Magnet team of Choi, Hurwitz, Oza, and Zhang won second place among 32 teams and was awarded trophies and medals. Mrs. Abha Oza, a parent volunteer, coordinated the team's participation in this event.

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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