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Team of Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Students Named First in State and Share Top Scholastic Team Title at Regional Chess Tournament

Silver Spring, MD—A team of four Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program chess players won five of their six matches at the 40th Annual World Amateur Team and U.S. Amateur Team East Chess Tournament in Parsippany, New Jersey on February 13-15. This record qualified the team to share the title of top scholastic team and win a prize as top Maryland team in the tournament. Top scholastic team is the title given to the highest scoring team composed of only players in twelfth grade or lower, regardless of school affiliation.

Members of the team are juniors James Pinkerton of Chevy Chase and Gill Guo of Gaithersburg, sophomore David Kaufman of Chevy Chase, and freshman Charles Yang of Gaithersburg. The U.S. Amateur Team East Chess Tournament is an annual event in which teams of four players compete regionally. Any four players may form a team, with the restriction that the average rating of the four players must be under 2200, the level of a chess master. This year's tournament attracted 1,150 players and 271 teams from Maine to North Carolina. The top three teams finished with 5.5 points, and the Blair team and nine others ended with 5. The Blair team will next compete at the National High School Championship in Columbus, Ohio on April 16-18.

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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