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Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Student Selected to Join the United States Physics Team

Silver Spring, MD—Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program student, Anand Oza of North Potomac, has been named a member of the United States Physics Team. He and his 19 teammates will train for the 41st International Physics Olympiad to be held July 17-25 in Zagreb, Croatia, where over 400 students representing 90 nations will test their knowledge in physics against each other. The Blair Magnet senior is the only team member from Maryland and one of only two from the Washington metropolitan area.

Oza was selected as the result of rigorous tests taken by approximately 3,300 high school students nationally. Based on the results of this exam, 20 student scholars were chosen by the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT), based in College Park, MD, to continue the training process in preparation for the international competition. Training will be held May 21-June 1 on the University of Maryland, College Park campus. At the camp, team members will improve their laboratory and problem-solving skills, attend lectures by prominent physicists, and interact with each other. At the conclusion of their stay, five students will be selected to travel to the international competition.

In response to his selection, Oza credits the Blair Magnet, in addition to the AAPT and his parents, “I would like to thank Mr. James Schafer, my physics teacher and our physics team coach, and Mr. Eric Walstein, my math teacher and our math team coach. Without their hard work and dedication, many of my physics and math experiences would not have been possible. I also owe a great deal to the Blair magnet program and to the amazing people in it, from whom I've learned a lot.”

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

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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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