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Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Teams Place in American Computer Science League Competition

Silver Spring, MD—Each of two teams of Blair students earned third place in their respective divisions at the American Computer Science League 2010 All-Star Contest held in Robeson, PA. Sixty teams from throughout the United States, Canada, Romania, Croatia, and Slovenia competed.

The Senior Team consisted of Jacob Hurwitz of Rockville, Julia Huynh and Rafael Setra of Silver Spring, Shilpa Kannan of Potomac, and David Kaufman of Chevy Chase. Thomas Lee of Silver Spring, Charlie Pasternak of Bethesda, Lisha Ruan and Audrey Shi of Rockville, and John Shi of Potomac comprised the Intermediate Team.

The All-Star Contest consisted of a short answer test administered to each student individually as well as programming problems completed as a team. Hurwitz, Huynh, Kannan, Setra, Kaufman, Pasternak, and Audrey Shi were all recognized for their exceptional scores on the individual portion of the competition. The two Blair teams were invited to the All-Star Contest based on their results on a series of contests during the school year. The Senior Team was awarded first place for its performance throughout the academic year, and Hurwitz and Setra received recognition for their perfect scores on the school year contests.

Magnet teachers Mary Ann Dvorsky and Hoang Pham accompanied the two Magnet teams to the All-Star competition, and the Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Foundation provided funding which enabled their participation.

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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Blair Senior Team members holding their award plaques (from left)—David Kaufman, Shilpa Kannan, Julia Huynh, Jacob Hurwitz, and Rafael Setra

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Blair Intermediate Team members holding their award plaques (from left)—Thomas Lee, Audrey Shi, Lisha Ruan, John Shi, and Charlie Pasternak

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