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**Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Alumnus
Wins Gold Medal at International Computing Olympiad**

Silver Spring, MD—Michael Cohen of Chevy Chase, a 2010 graduate of the Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program, earned a gold medal last month at the 22nd International Olympiad on Informatics in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. He was one of four students chosen to represent the United States at this international competition among pre-university computer programming students, which welcomed around 300 competitors from 83 countries.

To earn his gold medal, Cohen captured fifth place individually in this international competition that challenged students with new types of innovative programming tasks, requiring high levels of creativity under stressful conditions. In team competition, Cohen and his three United States teammates earned first place, breaking China’s near decade-long winning streak. Cohen is currently a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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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