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Two Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Students Honored as Regional Winners and Four Others Named Semifinalists in Prestigious Siemens Competition

Silver Spring, MD—Two Montgomery Blair Magnet seniors were named Regional Winners in team competition on November 6, 2010 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and four more were awarded the status of Semifinalist last month in the 2010-11 Siemens Competition in Math, Science, and Technology. Each of the Regional Winners was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship when first named as a Regional Finalist. Advancement to Regional Winners earned the team another \$6,000 in scholarship money along with the opportunity to compete nationally in Washington, D.C. on December 2-6 for scholarships of \$10,000 to \$100,000 per team as National Finalists. Montgomery Blair High School will benefit additionally by receiving a \$2,000 reward per Regional Winner to be used to support its science, mathematics and technology programs. Siemens acknowledges Semifinalists with a school banner and a gift package. These prestigious annual awards recognize remarkable research by high school students nationally in the fields of math, science, and technology. The competition is sponsored by the Siemens Foundation and administered by The College Board.

The magnet Regional Winners are James Pinkerton of Chevy Chase and Rafael Setra of Silver Spring. Pinkerton and Setra entered the competition as a team. Named as Semifinalists are Andrew Das Sarma, Shilpa Kannan, and Winston Liu of Potomac and Nilay Kumar of Gaithersburg. A record number of 2,033 students entered this premier national contest this fall, representing 36 states. The Blair Magnet boasted the only two Regional Finalists from Maryland.

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

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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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