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**Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Senior Awarded
Siemens Award for Advanced Placement**

Silver Spring, MD—Shilpa Kannan of Potomac was named one of two Maryland recipients of the Siemens Award for Advanced Placement on February 2. The Siemens Foundation bestows this honor on one male and one female student in each state who have earned the greatest number of scores of 5 (out of 5) on AP exams in Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Science, Statistics, and Physics. Along with this recognition, Kannan received a \$2,000 college scholarship from the Siemens Foundation.

Kannan has taken nine AP exams to date, with her favorite AP class being Comparative Government. She praises the Blair magnet, commenting, “The magnet pushed me to learn, understand, and excel. The knowledge I gained from magnet courses is invaluable and was certainly essential for the AP exams that I took. In addition, the magnet taught me how to juggle everything from class work to extracurriculars to sports.” Kannan will study biochemistry and business in college, with plans of a career as a doctor.



Shilpa Kannan, Siemens Award for Advanced Placement Recipient (Photograph courtesy of Shilpa Kannan)

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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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