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**Montgomery Blair High School Team
Places at Japan Bowl**

Silver Spring, MD—A team of three students from the Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program earned 5th place at the 2011 National Japan Bowl, which was held April 7-8 at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. This competition was created by the Japan-America Society of Washington, D.C. in 1992 to help American students learn about Japan as a country and its relationship with the United States. The Japan Bowl is an academic competition that tests students from across the country on their knowledge of the Japanese language, culture, history, and other varied topics. Three different levels of competition are available, depending on the length of time the students on a team have studied Japanese.

Andy Gilbert of Silver Spring, Rachel Leksana of Rockville, and Kris Shin of Kensington comprised the Blair team. In Level 4 competition, the highest level of competition, the team placed 5th of 23 teams. The contest began with two trivia rounds and was followed by a conversation round to judge students' language abilities. After these three rounds, the top three teams participated in a buzzer-based championship game, where the winner of the level 4 competition won the grand prize of a trip to Japan.

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

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