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Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Alumnus Selected as University of Maryland University Medalist

Silver Spring, MD—Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program alumnus, Dylan Rebois ('07), was selected as the recipient of the 2011 University of Maryland University Medal. This medal is awarded annually to the graduating senior who best exemplifies academic distinction, outstanding character, and extracurricular contributions to the university or public communities.

Rebois graduated last month with an honors degree in mechanical engineering, including a 4.0 GPA. He has been an active member of Engineers Without Borders all four years of his undergraduate studies, serving as a project leader in the Maryland chapter. His accomplishments with the organization include developing and leading a team of students to design and construct a sustainable youth center in Ethiopia, as well as working with a team to design and build a solar-powered drive system for water pumps in Burkina Faso. On campus, Rebois has served as a leader on the university's Student Sustainability Committee and the Office of Sustainability. In addition, he worked on a team of University of Maryland students that designed a cogenerative power plant to minimize carbon emissions and suggested strategies to reduce the university's carbon footprint.

In March Rebois was named the recipient of the Environmental Protection Agency / Marshall Scholarship. This highly competitive award provides for three years of funding toward a Ph.D. in the United States or United Kingdom. Already the recipient of one of only 32 Marshall Scholarships, from a pool of 1,000 nominees nationally, he was already funded for two years of graduate studies, making a total of five years. Last year he was also named a Truman Scholar, including a \$30,000 merit-based scholarship, and received a Morris K. Udall scholarship for \$5,000. Rebois plans to earn a master's degree in sustainable energy futures at the Imperial College London and a second master's degree in engineering for sustainable development at the University of Cambridge before returning for doctoral studies in the United States.

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Rebois credits the Blair Magnet for spawning his academic focus, “Much of my desire to leverage engineering against complex questions of environmental and community development policy is attributable to my time in the magnet program. In high school, my teachers and peers encouraged me to look beyond the technical scope of the material toward broader social motivations. My experience at Blair laid a critical foundation that continues to support me at the University of Maryland, and will carry me through my career.”



Blair Magnet alumnus, Dylan Rebois ('07), receives University of Maryland University Medal.
(Photo courtesy of Rebois)

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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