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## **Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Teams Win First and Third Place at American Computer Science League Contest**

**Silver Spring, MD**—A team of students from the Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program won first place in the Senior Division at the American Computer Science League Invitational All-Star Contest on May 28 at North Haven, CT, and a second Blair Magnet team earned third place in the Intermediate Division. Teams from the United States, Canada, and countries as distant as Taiwan and Croatia were present at the competition. Blair was the only school from the mid-Atlantic area to place in the top three of the Senior and Intermediate Divisions.

The members of the first-place team, Blair's Senior Team, are Jason Hyun of Silver Spring, Andrew Lu, Lisha Ruan, and Audrey Shi of Rockville, and Charlie Pasternak of Bethesda. The Intermediate Team members are Arvind Kannan of Potomac, Michelle Noh, Jessica Shi, Scott Wu, and Charles Yin of Rockville.

Besides their first and third place honors, these teams were recognized for additional team and individual accomplishments. The Senior Team received recognition for a perfect score on the programming part of the contest and Hyun and Ruan for earning perfect scores on the individual written part of the test. Additionally, Noh and Audrey Shi were awarded plaques for perfect scores on the year-round exams, and Jessica Shi and Wu were recognized with regional high score plaques for these tests.

Blair Magnet computer science teacher and ACSL sponsor, Ms. Mary Ann Dvorsky, praises the teams, "We are very proud of both of our teams. Since our winning Senior Team is composed of four sophomores and one junior, and the Intermediate Team is all freshmen, we are looking forward to many future successes." Blair Senior Team member, Audrey Shi, explains, "I've been participating in ACSL for the past three years, so it was pretty exciting to win first place this year. I felt that we worked hard to earn it, and on top of that it was a fun experience." Fellow Senior Teammate, Pasternak, adds, "Thanks to Ms. Dvorsky's dedication and great coaching, we fielded two terrific teams, both of which were very successful. It was a great experience."

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Ms. Dvorsky and Blair Magnet Coordinator, Mr. Peter Ostrander, accompanied the teams on this trip, which was supported by a grant from the Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Foundation.



The Montgomery Blair High School Senior Division Team took first place (from left to right): Charlie Pasternak, Audrey Shi, Lisha Ruan, Jason Hyun, and Andrew Lu.



The Montgomery Blair High School Intermediate Division Team earned third place (from left): Jessica Shi, Michelle Noh, Charles Yin, Scott Wu, and Arvind Kannan. (Photos courtesy of Coach Dvorsky)

### **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

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