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## **Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Students Place in American Regions Mathematics League Contest**

**Silver Spring, MD**—Seventy-five high school and middle school students, almost all from Montgomery County, participated in the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual American Regions Mathematics League Competition at Pennsylvania State University on June 3-4. One team of high school students, mainly from the Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program, captured 7<sup>th</sup> place internationally in A Division Competition.

The members of this winning team include (all from the Blair Magnet unless indicated in parentheses): Charles Argue [captain], Andrew Hu, and Jason Hyun of Silver Spring, Brendan Berger and Samuel Zbarsky of Rockville, Alexander Bourzutschky of Potomac, Yiqi Chen (Richard Montgomery High School), Christopher Hazard (Winston Churchill High School), Diwakaran Ilangovan and Bob Ma of Gaithersburg, Brian Jones (Walt Whitman High School), Alexander Smith (Prince George's County), Gabriella Studt (homeschool), Victor Ying (Richard Montgomery), and Thomas Zhang of Sandy Spring.

Blair Magnet mathematics teacher, Mr. Eric Walstein, and Dr. Brian Hunt of the University of Maryland College Park coached and selected the county-wide teams based on rigorous weekly evening practices and testing during the spring. The pair also accompanied the teams to the competition. Long-time coach, Walstein, praises the team, "The team members all did a great job. In addition, they were young, beating teams with older members. They were dedicated, worked hard, and did everything I hoped they could, meeting and exceeding my expectations." This trip was supported by a grant from the Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Foundation.

### **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

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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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