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Three Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Seniors Named as National Achievement Scholar Semifinalists

Silver Spring, MD—Three Montgomery Blair High School seniors, all of whom are from the Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program, were named on September 28 as National Achievement Scholarship Semifinalists in the 2012 competition. The Blair Magnet Class of 2012 National Achievement Scholarship Semifinalists are Sara Gonzalez and Alice Mukora of Silver Spring and Julian Lofton of Gaithersburg.

This scholarship recognizes outstanding African-American high school students and is sponsored annually by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. These students will be considered for advancement to Finalist standing based on their academic achievement. If selected as Finalists in January 2012, they will compete for $2,500 scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, as well as corporate-sponsored awards. Of the more than 160,000 students who took the screening test for this award, the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), approximately 1,600 were selected as Semifinalists, and about 1,300 will be named as Finalists. Roughly 800 of these Finalists will earn scholarships and the title of National Achievement Scholar.

There are 28 National Achievement Scholar Semifinalists throughout Montgomery County Public Schools, represent 15 high schools. Only Poolesville High School, with five honorees, has more semifinalists in this competition than Montgomery Blair.

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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