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**Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Team
Takes Second Place at Chesapeake Bay Bowl**

Silver Spring, MD—Two teams from the Montgomery Blair High School Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program entered the Chesapeake Bay Bowl, held on February 4 at George Mason University, with one team earning second place. The second-place team members are William Cai (team captain) and Myles Wagner of Potomac, Phillip Cai and Richard Chen of Gaithersburg, and Michelle Dagne of Silver Spring. Members of the other Blair Magnet team include Sahaana Arumugam (team captain) and Maggie Shi of Rockville, Minas Benyamin and Chunwoo Baik of Silver Spring, and Sean Maguire of Potomac.

After a night of final preparations, competition saw the two Blair Magnet teams pitted against each other in the fifth round of the contest. The victorious team entered the semifinal round with a 6-1 record. After defeating a team whom they had lost to previously, this team met one from State College Area High School in Pennsylvania for the final round. In a close match, the Blair Magnet team took second place. Blair Magnet teacher Mr. Tran Pham has long served as coach for the Blair teams.

The Chesapeake Bay Bowl is an annual regional competition of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl and is open to all high school students from Maryland, Delaware, southeastern Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia. This academic contest, in its fifteenth year, involves written and oral questions to test students' knowledge of the marine sciences. This year's competition involved a record number of sixteen teams.

Team Captain William Cai graciously comments, "The competition was very exciting, and we are grateful to the Blair Magnet program and Mr. Pham for providing us the opportunity to compete in these kinds of events."

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The Montgomery Blair Magnet second-place Chesapeake Bay Bowl team, flanked by competition officials (from second to left to second to right): Michelle Dagne, Richard Chen, Phillip Cai, William Cai, and Myles Wagner, and Coach Tran Pham. (Photo courtesy of David Wagner)

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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