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## Fifth Grader to Attend Johns Hopkins Gifted Summer Program

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John Mark Holbrook Photo provided

This summer Del Rey fifth-grader John Mark Holbrook, from Orinda, will attend the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth's (CTY) which offers challenging programs for academically gifted second- through 12th-graders.

Holbrook will be taking a CTY Summer Program called Model United Nations and Advanced Geography at Johns Hopkins University. In this course, students learn how the United Nations addresses global concerns. They study the structure, authority, and processes of the UN through readings, discussions, research, and short lectures and examine how physical, economic, cultural, and political geographies influence and inform policymakers' decisions. Concurrently, students hone their writing, speaking, and critical-thinking skills and gain a working knowledge of international relations and geography which they put into action when they assume the role of ambassadors for a model United Nations simulation.

Holbrook qualified for CTY Summer Programs by participating in CTY's Annual Talent Search, which accepts applications from early September through May. During the Talent Search, advanced young learners take above-grade level tests designed for older students as a means of gaining insight into their abilities. Seventh- and eighth-graders take the SAT or ACT-the same tests used for college admissions, while second- through sixth-graders take the School and College Ability Test, an above-level test scaled for younger students.

For more information about enrolling in the CTY Talent Search, visit: [www.cty.jhu.edu](http://www.cty.jhu.edu).

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