



The Lion's Roar

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MCA Students Win State Awards

Five MCA students recently won state awards in science. At the state



Below, **Anna Gibbons** (left), and **Sarah Shepherd**, pose with their medals.

Above, left to right: **Cheyenne Rogers**, **Anna Gibbons**, **David Shinault**, **Sarah Shepherd**, and **Daniel Shinault**.



level of the North Carolina Student Academy of Science research paper competition, **David Shinault**, 6th grade, won third place in the physics division, and **Daniel Shinault**, also in 6th grade, won third place in the chemistry division. **Cheyenne Rogers**, 6th grade, won third place in the biology A division. At the high school level, **Anna Gibbons**, 10th grade, and **Sarah Shepherd**, 12th grade, won third place in the technology and engineering division. The research paper completion was held in Durham at the NC School of Math and Science. This is an annual competition with students from every county in North Carolina designed to foster interaction between student researchers and scientists. At the annual NC Science and Engineering Fair, held annually in Raleigh each year, **Anna Gibbons** and **Sarah Shepherd** also won third place for their science fair project in which they designed an ankle brace that provides 360 degree support for an ankle injury.

National History Day

National History Day is a nonprofit educational organization that promotes the teaching and learning of history in middle and high schools around the world through a variety of programs for teachers and students. Recently, MCA students put on a great showing at the 6th annual Surry Community College Regional National History Day Competition. Over one hundred fifty students from area schools competed, and all MCA students who participated will be going to the state competition in Raleigh after taking first place in both main categories! In the individual exhibits, **Annika Joyce** received third place, and **Sophia Kiser** received first place. In the group exhibits, **David and Daniel Shinault** received first place. In the junior film documentary, **Anna Banas**, **Sara Windsor**, and **Meryn Dougherty** received first place.



Over 150 students participated in the National History Day competition held recently at Surry Community College. Award winning schools are MCA, Patton High School, Atkins High School, Surry early College, North Forsyth High School, Hendersonville Middle School, East Iredell Middle School, and Classical Scholars. Photo courtesy of Mr. Rick Shelton, SCC history professor, and *The Mount Airy News*.

For more info, please visit <https://www.mtairynews.com/top-stories/60861/history-day-winners>

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Students Have Regional Win at Envirothon

The NC Envirothon is a natural resource education program designed to challenge students in an interactive, outdoor competition where student teams are tested in areas of Wildlife, Forestry, Aquatic Ecology, Soils and Land Use, and Current Environmental Issues. The Northwest regional competition covers schools in Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin, and MCA students scored fifth place out of all competing schools. They will be proceeding to the state competition.



Envirothon winners are, left to right, Bethany Shepherd, sponsor, Isabel Wishart, Conor Roche, James Marion, Elisha Spencer, Rebekah Gibson.



Eight MCA Athletes Named All-State

Eight Millennium basketball players were selected as all-state candidates from the Carolina Athletic Association for Schools of Choice. **Eliana Spencer, Sophia Kiser, Kas Sanders, and Cooper Motsinger** are from the middle school basketball teams, and **Madison Maurer, Caroline Reed, Sarah Shepherd, and Claudia Cooke** are from the varsity girls team. There were hundreds of athletes nominated for all state. The list was narrowed to the top 24 basketball players across the state for middle school girls, middle school boys, varsity girls, and varsity boys. As a result of being chosen as all-state players, athletes participated in the all star game which was hosted on March 10, 2018.



The varsity girls all-state winners are **Claudia Cooke, Sarah Shepherd, Madison Maurer, and Caroline Reid.** Coach John Lovill is at the right.



Left: **Sophia Kiser and Eliana Spencer** both played in the all stars game. Right: **Cooper Motsinger and Kas Sanders** celebrate after the all stars game. Photos courtesy of MCA Lion Prints, the MCA student newsletter, and **Claudia Cooke**, author.

