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Students Do Well at State Science Events

Six students recently won recognition at the state level of the NC Science and Engineering Fair and the NC Student Academy of Science research paper competition. In the elementary division of the science and engineering fair **RD Johnson**, 5th grade, won an honorable mention for his project entitled "Freeze Your Thirst." At the middle school division, **Natalie Cockerham**, 7th grade, received an honorable mention for her project entitled "Pigment Problems." **Jacob Smith**, 8th grade, received a special photogenic award for his project called "Shining Light on Our Plastic Production." For the research paper competition, **Silas Cooper**, 8th grade, received a 1st place award for his research paper titled "Light 'em Up." **Madison Lawson**, 10th grade, and **Alayna Smith**, 11th grade, received a 2nd place award for their research project about creating straws that are more environmentally friendly than what is commonly used. Congratulations to these students for doing so well in science - especially at the state level!



From left to right, our state level science fair winners are **RJ Johnson, Natalie Cockerham, Silas Cooper, Jacob Smith, Alayna Smith, and Madison Lawson.**



National History Day Win

National History Day is an academic program focused on historical research, interpretation and creative expression for 6th to 12th grade students. This year's regional competition in which MCA 6th-8th grade students participated was held at Surry Community College. This competition was the 2nd largest in the state with several schools participating for the first time and many repeat schools sending larger teams than in previous years. MCA students competed for the 7th consecutive year and came away with the following wins: In the Junior Individual Exhibit, winning 1st place with his project called *Elvis Presley: Jukebox Hero* is **Max Flinchum**. In the Junior Webpage division, **Silas Cooper** brought home 1st place with his presentation entitled *The Prague Spring*. In the Junior Group Exhibit winning 2nd place with their project entitled *Journey of Heart Transplants* are **Abigail Vaughan, Ava Utt, and Laken Warren**. In the Junior Individual Performance category **Samantha Medrano** won 3rd place with her self-written and performed presentation of *I Live. She Died. I Will Tell Her Story*.



Back row, left to right:
Samantha Medrano, Ava Utt, Max Flinchum; Front row, left to right: **Abigail Vaughan, Laken Warren, and Silas Cooper**

