



The Lion's Roar

Millennium Charter Academy Events Worth Roaring About

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MCA Students Perform Well at Regional Fair

Congratulations to six MCA students who won at the Northwest Regional science fair!

High school students **Sarah Shepherd** and **Anna Gibbons** won first place at the Northwest Regional Science Fair in late February for their project entitled, "In-Bracing Ankles." They engineered an ankle brace that would provide support for a full range of ankle motions for student athletes. **Jacob Smith** won second place for his project entitled "Surf's Up" in the earth and environmental science division. **Cooper Motsinger** won third place in the physics category with his project entitled "Game, Set, Match." **Sophia Kiser** won third place in the biology B division with "Putting the L in Lowering Stress," and **Cheyenne Rogers** won first place in the biology A division with her project called "Why Pay the Difference?" All these students will attend the NC Science and Engineering Fair at NC State University in mid-March.



Above, left to right: **Jacob Smith, Cooper Motsinger, Sophia Kiser, and Cheyenne Rogers;** Right, **Sarah Shepherd and Anna Gibbons.**



NJHS Induction

Twelve MCA students were recently inducted into the MCA chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. The NJHS recognizes and honors those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship. To be inducted into the Millennium Charter Academy chapter of the NJHS, students must have a grade point average of 3.75 each year of middle school. Each student meeting this criteria completed an application that included extracurricular activities and service projects. The MCA NJHS Advisory Board, which consists of MCA upper school teachers, reviewed the applications and then selected students according to the national requirements.



Meet this year's Millennium Charter Academy chapter of the National Junior Honor Society! New inductees' names are written in blue. Back row, left to right: **Leah Shaw, Sara Windsor, Addison Key, Hallie Johnson, Martina Banas, Ava Utt, Karley White, Jared Brinkley, Cooper Motsinger, Grace Phillips, Hartley Devore, Robert Marshall, and Anna Banas;** Front row, left to right: **Kalylee Wagoner, Cora Branch, Maria Windsor, Avery Brintle, Lexi Edsall, and Natalie Cockerham.**

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Students Compete Well in Mock Trial

Some upper school students recently competed in a Mock Trial competition in the District 7 regional competition held in Wilkesboro, NC. The case involved a student athlete who was competing in a college showcase tournament when she suffered an injury with concussion symptoms, of which, the coach was unaware. The student played in a subsequent game, and suffered another head injury which caused brain damage. The student sued the coach and soccer league on the grounds that the coach's and league's negligence caused the brain injury. MCA played both the roles of the defendant and plaintiff in this case, competing against Sparta Middle School, and won both trials! MCA's Mock Trial competition is a part of the Justice Iredell Middle School Mock Trial Tournament, which is an educational team program where middle school students have the opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge of civil/criminal law and courtroom procedures. Students representing attorneys and witnesses for both sides of a fictional case role play that case being tried in court. It is sponsored by the NC Bar Association.



Mock Trial students are **Max Oakley, Dalin Kump, Elisha Spencer, Kas Sanders, Anderson Devore**, (front). **Hallie Johnson, Benjamin Hiatt, Eliana Spencer, Jared Brinkley, Calvin Devore, Grace Phillips, Sophia Kiser, Cora Branch, and Colton Marion**

MCA Spelling Bee Sets Record

In the Lower School division **Audrey Hiatt** was the champion and her championship word was "paralysis." **Donovan Blake** finished second and **Samantha Flinchum** finished third. The Lower School Bee featured 36 spellers and went 12 rounds before determining a champion. The Upper School Bee featured 10 spellers, including **Audrey Hiatt** since she won the Lower School Bee. The Upper School Bee went to an unprecedented 32 rounds exhausting the entire 375 words provided in the pronouncers guide. Example words include "posthumous," "noctograph," "commendatory," "circuitous," "naology," and "subnivean." **Benjamin Hiatt** and **Sara Windsor** opted to be named co-champions of the Upper School Bee. **Martina Banas** finished third. All three students represented MCA at the District Bee on February 6 at Salisbury Academy, where **Benjamin Hiatt** won that bee in competition with 26 other students. He will continue to the Winston-Salem Journal Bee on March 18.



Top, left to right: **Audrey Hiatt, Donovan Blake, and Samantha Flinchum**; Bottom left, **Benjamin Hiatt** is the winner of the regional bee; Bottom right, **Benjamin Hiatt, Sara Windsor, and Martina Banas**

