

MCA Students Shine in Regional Science Fair and Research Paper Competition



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Winners from the MCA school science fair recently competed in the regional NC Science and Engineering Fair and NC Student Academy of Sciences Research Paper Competition held at Appalachian State University, and to say MCA had a great showing at the regional fair would be an understatement. Schools from thirteen counties participated in the regional fair, and MCA brought home winners in all three divisions of the competition!

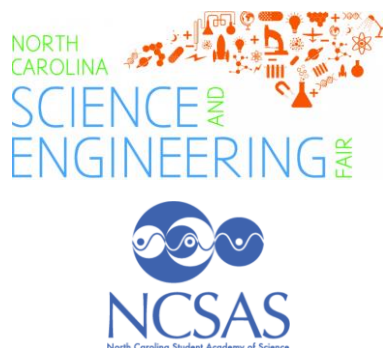
In the elementary science fair division, **RD Johnson** (5th grade) won for his project entitled "Freeze Your Thirst" and will advance to the state level of competition in March. **Taylor Pike** (5th grade) won an honorable mention for her project entitled "What Causes Tooth Decay?" **Landon Wood** (4th grade) won a special creativity award for his project presentation on "Which Brand Pops Best?"

In the Junior Division (grades 6-8) of the NC Student Academy of Science Research Paper competition four MCA students took top awards. In the biological sciences division, **Cesar Gonzalez** received a 1st place award for his paper entitled "How Does Age Affect Memory?" **Daniel Shinault** received a 1st place award for his paper entitled "Essential Oils and Prevention of Mold." **Cheyenne Rogers** and **Silas Cooper** both received 2nd place awards for their projects entitled "Chemo 'Therapy'" and "Light 'em Up," respectively. All four of these students will advance to the state level of competition held at the NC School of Science and Math in Durham, NC, in March.

In the Junior Division of the NC Science and Engineering Fair, **Addisen Key** won 1st place with her project entitled "Rise and Shine or Not." Winning 2nd place in their respective project divisions are **Cora Branch** with "Which Age Group Remembers the Most?" **Jacob Smith** with "Shining Light on our Plastic Production," **Eliza Kump** with "Can You Take the Pressure?" and **Brody Krakenberg** with "Battery Voltage Over Time." **Cesar Gonzalez** and **Natalie Cockerham** both won 3rd place with their projects "Pigment Problems" and "How Does Age Affect Memory?" respectively. All these students will advance to the state competition held at NC State University in March. **Eli Madren** also won an honorable mention with his project entitled "Put On Something Warm!"

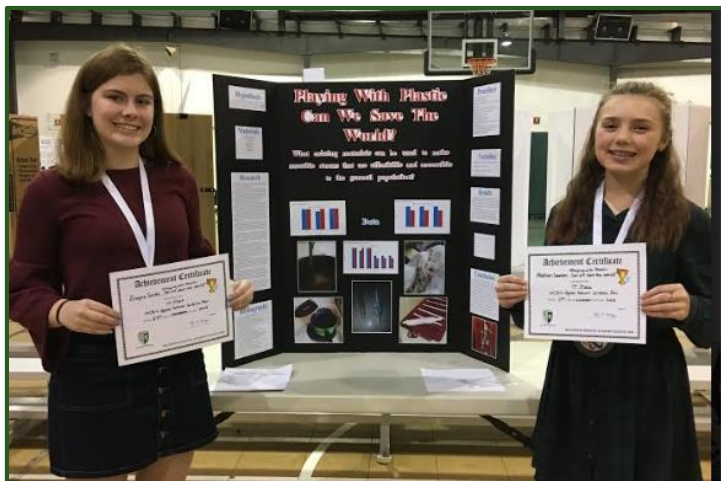


At the left are **Taylor Pike**, **Landon Wood**, and **RD Johnson**. Below are, back row, **Eli Madren**, **Silas Cooper**, **Cheyenne Rogers**, **Cesar Gonzales**, **Eliza Kump**, **Jacob Smith**, and **Daniel Shinault**; front row, **Natalie Cockerham**, **Addisen Key**, and **Brody Krakenburg**.



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Also advancing to the state level of competition with overall 2nd place awards in both the science fair and research paper competitions at the senior level are **Alayna Smith** (left) and **Madison Lawson** (right) for their project “Playing with Plastic: Can We Save the World?” which researched a better way to make plastic drinking straws more environmentally friendly.

Congratulations to our winning science students for their notable achievements!

Spelling Bee Winners Announced

As always, the MCA spelling bee was a nail biter before it was over, and the following students persevered to overcome the seemingly endless list of words. At the elementary level, winners are: 1st place, **Audrey Hiatt** (5th grade); 2nd place, **Ada Wilson** (3rd grade); and tied for 3rd place are **Lilly Thomas** (5th grade) and **Jaxson Compton** (3rd grade). At the 6th - 8th grade bee, **Benjamin Hiatt** (7th grade) won 1st place for the 4th consecutive year in a row! **Maria Windsor** (7th grade) won 2nd place, and once again, there was a tie for 3rd place. **Timothy Tipton** (8th grade) and **Audrey Hiatt**, the winner of the elementary bee, won the award for 3rd place.



Congratulations to our elementary spelling bee winners! Left to right are **Audrey Hiatt**, **Ada Wilson**, **Lily Thomas**, and **Jaxson Compton**.



Congratulations to our 6th – 8th grade spelling bee winners! Left to right are **Maria Windsor**, **Timothy Tipton**, **Benjamin Hiatt**, and **Audrey Hiatt**.



Mock Trial Students in Court

Mock Trial students competed in front of Judge William Southern and Attorneys Hugh Campbell and Susan Campbell at the Surry County Courthouse recently. The high school team was practicing for a regional tournament coming up in March, and the middle school team was having their final tournament of the season. Many thanks to Judge Southern and Mr. and Mrs. Campbell!

Above, students from the middle school and high school teams await their sessions. Making up the middle school team are **Jackson Bradley**, **Carter Bray**, **Starling Bullins**, **Silas Cooper**, **Lexi Edsall**, **Cesar Gonzalez**, **Owe Greenstreet**, **Gabby Guerrero**, **Grace Phillips**, **Kylee Seats**, **Elisha Spencer**, **Gracie St. Angelo**, **Hunter Stanish**, **Rebekah White**, and **Phoenix Wierzba**. Members of the high school team are **Quinn Cullen**, **Madison Lawson**, **Calvin DeVore**, **Jacob Hiatt**, **Sydney Watson**, **Emily Marteny**, **Andrew Lawson**, **Andrew Brooks**, **Colton Marion**, **Evan Key**, **Landon Jarrell**, **CJ Parker**, and **Cody Kirsch**.