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Student Leadership Council Hosts Record Food Drive

Student Leadership Council representatives in grades three through five hosted a food drive to support Yokefellow Ministries in Mount Airy, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping area people in need. They collected over 2800 cans of food, and it took two trucks to haul the food away. Thank you to all our students and families who helped to make this possible, and thank you for caring for our community!



SLC members pose with their collection of food. First row left to right: **Taylor Pike, Kennedy Cook, Noah Belton, Katie Patterson, Isabel Loyola-Diaz, Samantha Flinchum, Naaman Ballentine, Joe Bevard, Evie Dowd, Nellie Williams** Second row left to right: **Ashley Murchland, Brady Brewster, Remi Devore, Covia Laws, Katherine Southern, Abby Watson**; Last row left to right: **Kendall Golding, Ben Branch, Gabby Medrano, Lily Thomas, Alyssa Mitchem, Mrs. Kaitlan Gough, sponsor.** Not Pictured: **Josie Shew, Abe Jennings, Olivia Montgomery, Charlotte Tucker**

MCA Selected as Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce's Large Business of the Month for February

The Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce surprised MCA faculty at a recent meeting with their Large Business of the Month award for February, recognizing the contribution that our school in terms of education as well as our positive economic impact in the community.



Above: Staff and faculty look on as Cristie Andrews, Chamber Membership Director, begins her presentation complete with a balloon bouquet. Left: Chamber President Randy Collins presents Mr. McCrary with a certificate recognizing MCA as the "member of the month."

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Science Olympiad Teams Win at Regionals – Will Continue To State!

This year's regional North Carolina Science Olympiad (NCSO) tournament was held at Wake Forest University, and MCA's two teams (grades 6-8, and grades 9-12) scored extremely well, with the 6-8th grade team scoring 2nd place overall, and the high school team scoring 4th overall. Both groups competed against sixteen other school teams across a nine county area. Competition was in twenty-three different areas, including activities in thermodynamics, building and design, aerodynamics, mechatronics, anatomy and physiology, and map reading. From their website, NCSO "is a nonprofit organization with the mission to attract and retain the pool of K-12 students entering science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) degrees and careers in North Carolina. Every year NCSO hosts tournaments on university, community college, and public school campuses across the state. These tournaments are rigorous academic interscholastic competitions that consist of a series of different hands-on, interactive, challenging and inquiry-based events that are well balanced between the various disciplines of biology, earth science, environmental science, chemistry, physics, engineering and technology." Congratulations to our future scientists, mathematicians, programmers, and engineers!



Back row: Eliana Spencer, Kylee Seats, Wil Danley, Caleb Adams, Jack Bevard, Ryan Hawks, Eric Sorrell, Jacob Hiatt

Middle: Angel Hawks, Isaac Shipley, Nickel O'Neal, Anderson Devore, Addisen Key, Zach Wardle, Grace Phillips, Cesar Gonzales, Elisha Spencer, Jacob Smith.

Front: Alayna Smith, Madison Lawson, Brody Krackenburg, Palak Patel, Cheyenne Rogers, Kaylee Wagoner

Not pictured: Oscar Hampton, Braydon Legere, Trisaia Legere, Sydney Watson, Miles Weatherman, Caleb Willingham, Aryan Hira, Eliza Kump.

Winter Sports Seniors Recognized

Seniors **Claudia Cooke** and **Elijah Surrell** were recognized at our annual Senior Night, and we offer them a big congratulations on their athletic and other accomplishments. **Claudia** has been a member of the cross country, basketball, and track teams since she was in the 6th grade. She was selected as All-Conference and All-Association and was invited to play in the Carolina Athletic Association for Schools of Choice (CAASC) All-Star team. She plans to attend Surry Community next fall, working towards a degree in mental health. **Elijah** has been a member of the varsity

basketball team for three years. He has also been a member of the track and cross country teams as well as an active member in the school's band, theater, and choir departments. He also serves on the school's athletic council, and has been accepted to Keene State College in New Hampshire where he has already received scholarship money to attend this four year college.

Claudia Cooke



Elijah Surrell



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