



# The Lion's Roar

Millennium Charter Academy Events Worth Roaring About

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## North Carolina Science Olympiad

The North Carolina Science Olympiad (NCSO) competition is to “attract and retain the pool of K-12 students entering science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) degrees and careers in North Carolina. NCSO elevates academic learning and competition to a level of enthusiasm and support that is normally reserved only for athletic programs in schools.” This year, MCA had teams participating at the middle and high school levels in which over 18,000 students from 85 NC counties participated.



Winning awards at the competition are: **Laurel Petri and Ashton Rierson**:- third in anatomy and physiology; **Jack Bevard and Anna Gibbons** – third in dynamic planet; **Braydon Legere and Sydney Watson** – third in duct tape challenge; **Alayna Smith and Wil Danley** – third materials science; **Caleb Willingham and Sarah Shepherd** – third in mousetrap vehicle; **William Marshall and Angel Hawks** – third in thermodynamics; **Ashton Rierson and Sarah Shepherd** – third in write it / do it; **Anna Windsor and Sydney Watson** – first in herpetology; **Wil Danley and Angel Hawks** – first in rocks and minerals.

Meet the MCA high school NC Science Olympiad Team! Front row: **Alayna Smith, Sydney Watson, Ashton Rierson, Wil Danley**; Middle row: **Laurel Petri, Angel Hawks, Anna Gibbons, Anna Windsor**; Back row: **Jack Bevard, Braydon Legere, Jacob Hiatt, William Marshall, Sarah Shepherd, Oscar Hampton, Jacob Majure, Caleb Willingham**

Posing with their coach, Mrs. Brittany Branch (left) are members of the middle school NCSO team. Left to right are **Martina Banas, Elisha Spencer, Ava Utt, Jacob Smith, Dana Shaw, Zeke Harrison, Hunter Stanish, Jonathan Williams, Isaac Shipley, Luke Robinson, Leslie Moore, Ben Hiatt, Karley White, Kaylee Wagoner, Stella Blue Nester**. Not pictured: **Zane Puckett, Aryan Hira, Michael Rumley**.



The middle school team won fourth place overall in the regional tournament Division B with the following individual awards: **Martina Banas and Ava Utt** – third place in anatomy and physiology, **Isaac Shipley and Hunter Stanish** – first place; **Dana Shaw and Jacob Smith** – third place in potions and poisons; and **Zeke Harrison and Ava Utt** - second place in roller coaster.

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## Athletics Awards Banquet 2017-2018

MCA Athletics recently hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual athletic banquet awards program. This year was the most successful athletic year in the history of the school! Here are some highlights:

- Baseball and softball were added to high school sports.
- All teams had more wins than last year.
- There were 32 All Conference selections and 26 All State selections.
- Eight teams made the state playoffs.
- Middle school girls cross country won the conference title for the second year in a row.
- High School girls cross country won the conference title.
- Cross Country had three individual conference champions, an individual state champions, and a state runner up.
- Middle school volleyball made it to the quarterfinal round of the state tournament.
- High school girls basketball finished as conference runner up in the regular season and conference tournament.
- Middle school girls basketball had an undefeated season, and they had the most wins in the program's history.
- Middle school girls basketball made it to the third round of the state basketball tournament.
- Middle school boys basketball made it to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the state tournament.
- High school girls made it to the semi-finals for the state tournament.
- Track had two repeat state individual champions and a relay team that won the state.

MCA is has become a force to be reckoned with in our conference and in our state association.



Around 300 people attended the athletic awards banquet in the new high school gymnasium.

**Sarah Shepherd** and **Kaine Lovill** received the MCA High School Male and Female Athletes of the Year Awards. These prestigious awards are based on the student's grade point average, number of sports played, number of all-conference and all-state titles, character, integrity, and leadership. **Sarah** and **Kaine** are both members of the National Honor Society, and both have exemplary grades and service hours for the community. Both have played sports every season of all four of their high school years.

Many other students received awards in their respective sports, ranging from most valuable player to most improved to special coach's awards. You can check out these awards on the following pages.

MCA would like to congratulate all our athletes for an outstanding year!





## Athletics Awards 2017-2018

### Cross Country

Coaches: Rodney King, Jessica Hoerter, Andy Kopp

CAASC All State – Middle School  
Cooper Motsinger – State Champion  
Calvin Devore  
Sara Windsor  
Martina Banas  
Anna Banas

CAASC All State – High School  
Katie Brintle – State Runner Up  
Claudia Cooke

### Middle School Awards

Coach's Awards – Cora Branch, Hartley Devore  
Most Improved – Martina Banas, Calvin Devore  
Most Outstanding – Sara Windsor, Cooper Motsinger

### High School Awards

Coach's Award – Anna Windsor  
Most Improved – Claudia Cooke  
Most Outstanding – Katie Brintle, Kaine Lovill

### Middle School Volleyball

Coaches: Maria Kern, Kelly Utt

Coach's Awards – Grace Phillips  
Most Improved – Madison Marshall  
Most Outstanding – Abigail Hodges

### High School Volleyball

Coach: Angie Cullen

### All Conference

Anna Gibbons, Julia Southern

Coach's Award – Julia Southern  
Most Improved – Karlie Gwyn  
Most Valuable Player – Caroline Reid  
Honorable Mention at Conference Level from Other  
Teams' Coaches: Caroline Reid

### Cheerleading

Coach: Kaley Umstead

Most Outstanding – Caitlyn Price  
Most Valuable Player – Ellie Hooker  
Coach's Award – Julia Southern

### Middle School Soccer

Coaches: Trace Simmons, Rich Banten

Coach's Award – James Marion  
Most Improved – Sophia Kiser  
Most Outstanding – Ricky Banten

### High School Soccer

Coach: Brad Watson

### All Conference

Jack Bevard  
Daniel Cortez  
Baelin Watson

Coach's Award – Jack Bevard  
Most Improved – Braydon Legere  
Most Outstanding – Baelin Watson

### Fencing

Coach: Jason Keck

Coach's Award – Quinn Cullen  
Most Improved – Alexandra Stanley  
Most Valuable Person – Quinn Cullen

### Middle School Girls Basketball

Coaches: Kevin Gwyn, Chris Calloway

### All State

Eliana Spencer, Sophia Kiser

Coach's Award – Haley Perry  
Most Improved – Abby Simmons  
Most Outstanding – Grace Phillips

### Middle School Boys Basketball

Coaches: Zeb Norman, Kevin Harrison

### All State

Kas Sanders, Cooper Motsinger

Lion Pride Award – Zeke Harrison  
Most Valuable – Cooper Motsinger, Kas Sanders  
Most Outstanding – Grace Phillips



**Cooper Motsinger,**  
*CAACS State Champion*



## Athletics Awards, continued

### High School Womens Basketball

Coaches: John Lovill, Brian Busick

#### CAASC All State

Madison Mauer, Caroline Reid,  
Sarah Shepherd, Claudia Cook

Coach's Award – Emily Brooks

Most Improved – Laurel Petri

Most Valuable Player – Madison Mauer

### High School Mens Basketball

Coach: Timmy Tucker

#### All Conference

Kaine Lovill

Coach's Award – Grant Routh

Most Improved – Wil Danley

Most Valuable Player – Kaine Lovill

### Golf

Coach: Justin Young

#### All State

Seth Haitcock, Derek Cashatt

Coach's Award – Jansen Huff

Most Improved – James Marion

Most Outstanding – Derek Cashatt

### Middle School Track

Coaches: Rodney King, Jessica Hoerter, Andy Kopp

#### All State

Martina Banas, Sara Windsor, Sophia Kiser

Coach's Award – Haley Perry, Max Oakly

Most Improved – Natalie McCrary, Jacob Smith

Most Outstanding – Sara Windsor, Cesar Gonzales

### Middle School Baseball

Coaches: Donald Jellison, David Kern

Best Teammate Award – Hartley Devore

Most Improved – Jared Brinkley

Most Valuable Player – Cooper Motsinger

### High School Baseball

Coaches: Timmy Tucker, Sean Cullen

#### All Conference / All State

Grant Routh, JT Tucker

Coach's Award – Grant Routh

Most Improved – Cameron Adams

Most Valuable Player – JT Tucker

### High School Softball

Coach: Taylor McMillian

Coach's Award – Savannah Horne

Most Improved – Evelyn Villasenor

Most Valuable Person – Caroline Reid

### High School Track

Coaches: Rodney King, Jessica Hoerter, Andy Kopp

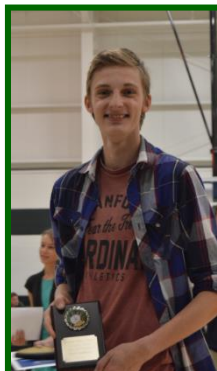
#### All State / All Conference

Katie Brintle, Laurel Petri, Sarah Shepherd,  
Anna Windsor

Coach's Award – Sarah Shepherd, Jacob Handy

Most Improved – Laurel Petri, Jacob Majure

Most Outstanding – Katie Brintle, Elijah Surrell



**Elijah Surrell**, most outstanding for high school track, runs a 5:11 mile!