



4th Annual Commencement Exercises

Millennium Charter Academy presented its fourth graduating class at the annual commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 29. This year's class is the Academy's largest with thirty-four graduates, 80% of whom are going to a college or university, including an Ivy League school, and the balance are going directly into the workforce. This year's class additionally was awarded the highest level of scholarship awards of any previous class, with senior **Madison Lawson** receiving a full scholarship to NC State University, senior **Ivet Sanchez** receiving a full scholarship to Appalachian State University, and several other seniors receiving very significant scholarships to other colleges. MCA's commencement's theme was "The Times We Are Given," a reference to how the students, school, and families courageously dealt with the pandemic, even with all the challenges presented, and completed a very successful school year. Unlike last year's commencement, which was held out of doors as families watched from their cars, this year's ceremony was held in the upper school gymnasium. Graduates were limited to six guests each, and all attendees were masked.

The ceremony opened with a welcome statement from upper school director Dr. Jarrid Looney, and the MCA Choir sang the school's alma mater, "O Millennium, Rise and Sing!" Seniors **Kennedy Byrd** and **Jacob Majure** presented the class will, and seniors **Quinn Cullen** and **Karlie Gwyn** presented the class prophecy. Seniors **Delia Ferry** and **Madison Lawson** presented inspiring addresses to the audience before headmaster McCrary introduced Mr. Stan Jewell as the keynote speaker. Mr. Jewell is the President and CEO of Renfro Brands, a company which also dealt successfully with the times they were given when they switched from sock manufacturing to mask manufacturing and literally masked Mount Airy and various other cities, creating over 6 million masks in just 6 weeks. Mr. Jewell's address offered sound advice to the graduates and all those present. He said that it mattered not so much where a person went in his or her life, but more how they got there. He encouraged every student to travel through life being authentic, to have curiosity, and to have grit and work hard in all that they do.

Lower school director Mr. Michael Reeves presented the Kirby R. McCrary scholarship to graduating senior **Madison Lawson**. This scholarship, one of the academy's highest honors, is presented by the school annually to that student who best and most consistently exhibits the virtues of integrity, conviction, kindness, gentleness, grace, and good humor. After this presentation, seniors were presented to the MCA Board of Directors, and Mrs. Renee Francis, MCA Board President, accepted them as graduates on behalf of the board. The seniors were introduced by Dr. Looney and presented their diplomas by Mr. McCrary and Mrs. Francis. Once all seniors had their diplomas, Mr. McCrary proclaimed them as graduates.



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President and CEO of Renfro Brands, Mr. Stan Jewell, delivered the keynote address.



Seniors graduating with the distinction of cum laude, having a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.749 are **Wil Danley** and **Tahtiyana Mason**, and not pictured is **Ivet Sanchez**.



Graduating with the distinction of magna cum laude, having a grade point average of 3.75 to 3.999 are (left to right) **Ashton Golding**, **Jacob Majure**, **Karlie Gwyn**, **Quinn Cullen**, and **Valerie Tart**.



Graduating with the distinction of magna cum laude, having a grade point average of 3.75 to 3.999 are (left to right) **Ashton Golding**, **Jacob Majure**, **Karlie Gwyn**, **Quinn Cullen**, and **Valerie Tart**. Millennium Charter Academy seniors graduating with the distinction of summa cum laude, having a grade point average of 4.0 or higher are (left to right) **Kayla McDowell**, **Kaya McDowell**, **Kennedy Byrd**, **Madison Lawson**, **Emily Richardson**, **Allison Mendez**, **Cameron Adams**, **Sadie O'Neal**, **Trisaia Legere**, **Haley Stager**, **Kamber Lovill**, and **Delia Ferry**.



Juniors who have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher are selected to be honor marshals. This year's honor marshals are (left to right) **Calvin DeVore**, **Hartley DeVore**, **Luke Robinson**, **Tristan Shockley**, **Sophia Gomez**, **Colton Marion**, **Zeke Harrison**, and **Max Oakley**.



Madison Lawson is the recipient of the Kirby R. McCrary scholarship, one of the school's highest honors. This award is given annually to that senior who best

and most consistently exhibits the virtues of integrity, conviction, kindness, gentleness, grace, and good humor.

Upper School Subject Award Winners

Each year MCA presents subject area awards to those eighth grade students who best exemplify scholarship throughout their 6th – 8th grade years and those twelfth grade students who do the same during the course of their high school years. Each award recipient must have an average within the top ten percent of the course and be recognized by the upper school faculty and staff to exhibit the high ideals of MCA. In addition to the academic awards, MCA presents a Citizenship Award to the one eighth grade student who best exemplifies the highest ideals of the school throughout his or her career at MCA. This individual embodies the Academy's three foundational pillars of scholarship, character, and community, and is known to epitomize the qualities of an exceptional student. Furthermore, MCA presents the Kirby R. McCrary Scholarship to the senior who most consistently exhibits the virtues of integrity, conviction, kindness, gentleness, grace, and good humor. Meet our upper school academic award winners for the 2020-2021 school year!

8th Grade Subject Awards

Art – **Syncere Ceasar**
English – **Garrett Routh**
History – **Alexavier Pell**
Instrumental Music – **Alexavier Pell**
Math - **Matthew Grubb**
Scholar Athlete – **Matthew Grubb**
Science – **Matthew Grubb**
Vocal Music – **Genevieve Quinn**
Citizenship Award – **Exavier Smith**

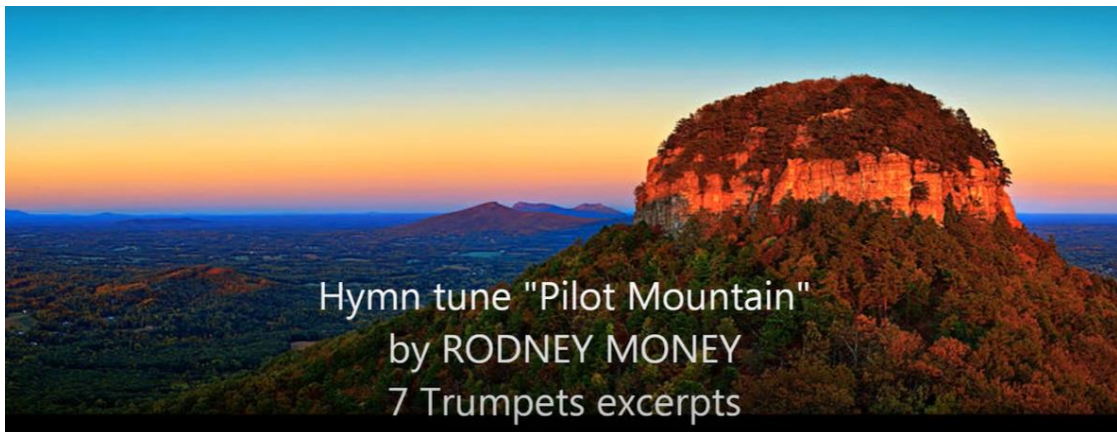
12th Grade Subject Awards

Art – **Ashton Golding**
Emily Richardson
English – **Madison Lawson**
History – **Jacob Majure**
Instrumental Music – **JT Tucker**
Latin – **Kelley Phan**
Math - **Hailey Stager**
Scholar Athlete – **Karlie Gwyn**
Science – **Trisaia Legere**
Kirby McCrary Scholarship – **Madison Lawson**

ASU Brass Ensemble Performs Hymn Composed by Mr. Money

Our very own instrumental music teacher, Mr. Rodney Money, recently composed a brass ensemble piece which was performed by the Appalachian State University Brass Studios. The piece, entitled "Pilot Mountain," is a hymn tune for a brass ensemble.

Enjoy this beautiful composition by clicking here: [Pilot Mountain, By Rodney Money](#)





Honors and High Honors Awards

We certainly congratulate our students who ended the school year on our honors and high honors lists. To receive an honors award, students in grades three through five are awarded honors and high honors based on numeric grades. To receive an honors award, a student must have no grade lower than 85. To receive high honors, a student may not have a grade less than 93. For upper school students in grades six through twelve, students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher to have an honors designation, and a GPA of 4.0 or higher to receive high honors.

Congratulations to these students for their diligent work for the 2020-2021 school year!

Lower School - Honors

Addie Alford
 Ryleigh Ashburn
 Charlotte Barlow
 Jack Barlow
 Devon Blum
 Olivia Brintle
 Henry Brock
 Rachel Brock
 Keilan Bryant
 Cora Casey
 Ila Clement
 Maddy Clifton
 Noel Collaku
 Samantha Cooke
 Morgan Cooke
 Georgia Paige Crossingham
 Kailyn Decker
 AJ DeGuzman
 Kobe Doub
 Aster Draur
 Blake Haynes
 Adalie Hiatt
 Addie Hill
 Isabella Hoerter
 Kylee Horton
 Ava Jones
 Nathan Kiger
 Peter King
 Corbin Lawson
 Kaebyn Lovill
 Will Lowry
 Nicole Marcos-Miranda
 Kadence McHone
 Isabella Michel
 Kaleigh Ostrum
 Coley Palmer
 Alana Parker
 Sunnie Pruitt
 Parker Rector
 Rylan Redden
 Ariana Reed

Lower School – Honors, cont

Alvin Rodriguez
 Luke Rogers
 Dax Sanders
 Sora Shelton
 Hunter Shew
 Maddie Shough
 Jackson Smith
 Clarissa Stanley
 London Terrell
 Pete Thornton
 Maddie Watson
 Izzy Wilson

Lower School – High Honors

Miles Ballentine
 Naaman Ballentine
 Kaleigh Bethune
 Smith Bradley
 Cambria Briggs
 Emma Edwards
 Elijah Emory
 Maya Kern
 Covia Laws
 Kashvi Patel
 Shawn Ripple
 Ariana Roach
 Keagan Rodriguez-Galarza
 Solomon Shipley
 Nolan Streeter
 Rosie Wilson
 Ada Wilson

Upper School - Honors

Finley Baird
 Joe Bevard
 Benjamin Black
 Phillip Byrd
 Ashley Cashatt
 Paisley Chilton
 Jack Claxton
 Haley Cregger
 Jozlyn Donaldson
 Jeremiah Donaldson
 Camdyn Easter
 Daniel Fitzpatrick
 Samantha Flinchum
 Hannah Flinchum
 Love Galyean
 Porter Gibson
 Diego Gomez
 Cesar Gonzales
 Trey Handy
 Truett Harrison
 Zeke Harrison
 Benjamin Hiatt
 Aryan Hira
 Abigail Hodges
 Jay Hoerter II
 Emily Hoge
 Ellie Hooker
 Shelby Kiefer
 Brody Krakenberg
 Eliza Kump
 Addison Mickey
 Alyssa Mitchem
 Krista Morrison
 Vincent Pannutti
 Alexavier Pell
 Zane Puckett
 Shelyn Resignallo
 Leslie Robertson
 Cheyenne Rogers
 Garrett Routh Routh
 David Shrum
 Connor Smith
 Jacob Smith
 Eric Sorrell
 Caleb Wheeler

Upper School – High Honors

Savannah Allen
 Lilly Bantem
 Natalie Cockerham
 Remi DeVore
 Calvin DeVore
 Hartley DeVore
 River Edge
 Ben Flinchum
 Braxton French
 Kendall Golding
 Sophia Gomez
 Matthew Grubb
 Brooks Harold
 Hope Haymore
 Austin Holland
 Ford Holmes
 Addisen Key
 Sam King
 Colton Krakenberg
 Kyndal Martin
 Clara Minix
 Max Oakley
 Daksh Patel
 Palak Patel
 Luke Robinson
 Camryn Seagraves
 Anne Rachel Sheppard
 Daniel Shinault
 Morgan Shipley
 Isaac Shipley
 Tristan Shockley
 Adia Snyder
 Mark Snyder
 Adelynn Southern
 Joseph Streeter
 Lily Thomas
 Tiffany Tipton
 Ava Utt
 Drake Wardle
 Calliope Wilkes