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#### SPECIAL EDITION - End of Year Awards and Commencement 2020

#### **Academic Awards**

Each year MCA hosts a morning awards program for our K-5 students, and an awards night with special recognition for our eighth and tenth graders. Unfortunately due to COVID-19 restrictions we were unable to conduct these events. This edition of *The Lion's Roar* is dedicated to our students who would have been recognized during the awards ceremonies, and especially to our graduating Senior Class of 2020.

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. Congratulations to our lower school honors and high honors students for the 2019-2020 school year!

### Lower School Honors and High Honors Designations

#### **3rd Grade Honors**

Miles Ballentine Riley Berta Keilan Bryant Adeline Carlson

Grant Carpenter
Savannah Chilton

Noel Colluka

Morgan Cooke Aydan Dodson

Coleman Elrod Aubrey Harford

Isabell Hoerter

Eli Jessup

Noelani Kapuni

Johnie Park

Sunnie Pruitt Alvin Rodriguez

Clarissa Stanley

Caleb Sorrell

#### **3rd Grade High Honors**

Smith Bradley Katherine Brinkley

Ava Jones

Maya Kern

Kashvi Patel

Carson Rolser



#### 4th Grade Honors

Addison Alford Charlotte Barlow Alyson Bowers Rachel Brock Madeline Clifton Jaxon Compton Samantha Cooke

Evie Dowd Aleyah Gartrell Teagan Golding

Kylee Horton Corbin Lawson Bitty Phillips Parker Rector Rylan Redden

Roro Salinas Irelynn Shoaf Ada Wilson

Jaqueline Zamora

#### 4th Grade High Honors

Mason St. Angelo Naaman Ballentine Nathan Kiger Covia Laws Ethan McBride

Kadence McHone Abel McMillian

Cooper Mitchell

Olivia Montgomery

Kiya Patel Kate Southern Stella Ward

#### **5th Grade Honors**

Lily Banten
Joe Bevard
Cohen Brinkley
Owen Dobbin
Windy Donaldson
Camdyn Easter
Hope Haymore
Eden Isaacs
Elena McComb
Caleb Tetterton
Adelynn Southern



#### **5th Grade High Honors**

Paisley Chilton
Remi Devore
Andrew Edwards
Samantha Flinchum
Love Galyean
Truett Harrison
Jay Hoerter
Ashley Murchland
Daksh Patel
Laney Robertson
Benjamin Sorrell
Anne Rachel Sheppard

Morgan Shipley

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## THE LION'S ROAR



#### **Upper School Honors and High Honors Designations**

Upper school 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 upper school students for their diligent work for the 2019-2020 school year!

6th Grade Honors	7th Grade Honors Honors:	8th Grade Honors Honors:	9th Grade Honors Honors:	10th Grade Honors Honors:	11th Gd Honors Honors:
Maddie Carswell	Maddie Carswell	Benjamin Flinchum	Silas Cooper	Savannah Horne	Quinn Cullen
Shelby Kiefer	Shelby Kiefer	Autumn Gilbert	Jozlyn Donaldson	Colton Marion	Wil Danley
Kyndal Martin	Kyndal Martin	Jaclyn Hayes	Lauren Hackett	Tristan Shockley	Ashton Golding
Gabriella Medrano	Gabriella Medrano	Addisen Key	Trey Handy		Jacob Majure
		Stella Blue Nester	Emily Hoge	High Honors:	Evelyn Villasenor
High Honors:		Palak Patel	Kalyssa Sakowski	Hartley DeVore	Caleb Willingham
Sam King		Cheyenne Rogers	Jacob Smith	Calvin DeVore	
Lily Thomas		Karley White	Elisha Spencer	Jeremiah Donaldson	High Honors:
				Sophia Gomez	Cameron Adams
		High Honors:	High Honors:	Annika Joyce	Delia Ferry
		Cora Branch	Cesar Gonzales	Max Oakley	Emma Kriek
		Natalie Cockerham	George Kriek	Luke Robinson	Madison Lawson
		Alexandra Edsall	Eric Sorrell		Trisaia Legere
		Benjamin Hiatt	Ava Utt		Kamber Lovill
		Clara Minix	Drake Wardle		Tahti Mason
		Nate Parrish			Kayla McDowell
OPICE (0	1676	Kaylee Wagoner			Kaya McDowell
					Allison Mendez
					Sadie O'Neal
					Emily Richardson
					Ivet Sanchez
12th Grade Honors					Hailey Stager

#### 12th Grade Honors

Summa Cum Laude - grade point average of 3.8 to 4.009

Caleb Adams Jack Bevard Angel Hawks Hemil Hira Alayna Smith

Magna Cum Laude - grade point average of 4.1 - 4.3999

Emily Brooks Braydon Legere Andrew Lawson Zachary Wardle

Cum Laude - grade point average of 4.4 or higher

Tommy McGuire Caroline Reid Miles Weatherman Lanie Woodcock

#### **Honor Marshals**

Valerie Tart

To be an eleventh grade honor marshal, a student must have a grade point average of 3.8 or higher.

Cameron Adams
Delia Ferry
Ashton Golding
Emma Kriek
Madison Lawson
Trisaia Legere
Kaya McDowell
Kayla McDowell
Sadie O'Neal
Emily Richardson
Haley Stager
Anna Windsor



#### Upper School Subject Awards for 8th Grade

Each year MCA presents subject area awards to those eight grade students who best exemplify scholarship throughout their 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade 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 also presents a Citizenship Award to the one 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. Meet our eighth grade academic award winners for the 2019-2020 school year!

English Lexi Edsall Mathematics **Cora Branch** Science **Kaylee Wagoner Nate Parrish** History Art Autumn Gilbert Music **Eden Gravely** Spanish Addisen Key **Cora Branch** Latin

Scholar/Athlete Cora Branch/Ben Flinchum

Citizenship Cora Branch

#### Upper School Subject Awards for 10th Grade

Millennium Charter Academy Sophomore Awards are presented to those tenth grade students who best exemplify scholarship throughout the first half of their high school career. Each award recipient must have a two-year 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.

English CJ Parker Mathematics Calvin DeVore Science **Conor Roche** History **Hartley DeVore** Art **Conor Roche** Music **Hartley DeVore** Spanish Savannah Horne Jeremiah Donaldson Latin

#### Upper School Subject Awards for 12th Grade

Each year MCA presents subject area awards to those twelfth grade students who best exemplify scholarship throughout their high school career. 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.

English Isaiah Fitzpatrick
Mathematics Alayna Smith
Science Hemil Hira
Caleb Adams
Art Isaiah Fitzpatrick
Music Braydon Legere

Female Scholar/Athlete Alayna Smith Male Scholar/Athlete Hemil Hira

Kirby R. McCrary Scholarship Award (\$1000)

Alayna Smith



**Alayna Smith** 



**Hemil Hira** 



#### The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual MCA Commencement for The Class of 2020

Commencement looked a little different this year, but our ceremony was beautiful, inspiring, and even fun, and our MCA pride and spirit showed through as brightly as the sunshine when it broke through the clouds upon the opening remarks. The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual commencement ceremony was held outdoors, on the patio of the commons, as families looked on from the safety of their vehicles in the parking lot. After an opening of the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence by **Braydon Legere**, Mrs. Pam Braley, upper school director, welcomed everyone to the event. Hemil Hira and Caleb Adams presented the class will and class prophecy. Although he was unable to attend the event, the keynote speaker was Dr. Matthew Roberts, Associate Professor of Philosophy at Patrick Henry College. His address will be provided to the seniors via recorded video. Honor students **Alayna Smith** and **Jack Bevard** addressed the students. Upon acceptance of the graduates by Mrs. Renee Francis, chair of the MCA board of directors, Mr. McCrary and Mrs. Braley granted diplomas to the students. Mr. McCrary addressed the senior class with a charge to seek truth, goodness and beauty in all that they do, and at that point, the MCA Class of 2020 was written in the record books as graduates of MCA.







Far left, **Hemil Hira** presents the class will. Center, **Alayna Smith** presents an address to the students and their families, and at the right, **Jack Bevard** delivers his honor address. Below, honking horns and cheers celebrate **Emily Brooks** as she runs across the parking lot after accepting her diploma.

#### Students Win State Level Award

**Isabel Wishart** and **Kaylee Lawson** took the North Carolina state prize for the best entry related to the Cold War or the Vietnam Era with their project: 1967 Summer of Love: Love, Haight, & Hippies. They will share in a cash prize as well.



Isabel Wishart, not pictured Kaylee Lawson.



Becky McMillian Jeanette Leonard



Pam Braley

# Left, **Zachary Wardle** waits in the car with his family just before ceremonies start.

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#### Best Wishes to Our Retirees!

Mrs. Pam Braley, Upper School Director, Mrs. Becky McMillian, first grade teacher, and Mrs. Jeanette Leonard, kindergarten teaching assistant, have retired as of the end of this school year. We thank them for their time and dedication to MCA, and we wish them much happiness as they begin this next phase of their lives.