



National Honor Society Induction



Congratulations to **Calvin DeVore** and **Hartley DeVore** on their induction into the school's chapter of the National Honor Society. The induction ceremony, which was socially distanced and streamed to all upper school classes and upper school remote learners, marked the beginning of annual Honor Day ceremonies for this school year. To be inducted into the National Honor Society, a student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 and be approved by the MCA National Honor Society faculty council based on the four pillars of scholarship, character, service and leadership. Membership in the MCA NHS chapter brings responsibilities. These students are continually expected to be role models for the student body. They are also to put their character in action by serving on the Honor Council and directing fundraisers to benefit local non-profits. At the left, **Hartley** (left) and **Calvin DeVore** wait to greet their parents after the ceremony

Honor Day Observances

On Thursday, September 17, all upper school students participated in the school's annual Honor Day, which because of COVID-19, was observed virtually by classrooms and by remote-learning students rather than our usual in-person assembly. Student class leaders led the Pledge of Allegiance and the MCA Pledge, and they offered words of wisdom. Mr. Erick Allen introduced the already inducted members of the National Honor Society, and Mrs. Bethany Shepherd and Mrs. Ann Moore introduced the already inducted National Junior Honor Society members.

Following encouraging words from Upper School Director, Dr. Jarrid Looney about living with a purpose, and a charge to live honorably from Headmaster McCrary, students signed the MCA Honor Code. The document signed by 6th-8th graders will be framed and hung in the commons, and the document signed by the high school students will be framed and hung in the atrium as daily reminders of the students' commitment to honor.

The MCA Honor Code

As an individual with endowed worth and value, I will honor others with the same respect that I am due. I will uphold the highest ideals of this institution with integrity by being respectful, honest, compassionate, responsible, and courageous.



Left: Mr. Kamer's 7th grade English class watches the NHS induction remotely. Right: Led by its two new inductees, the National Honor Society recesses from the atrium.

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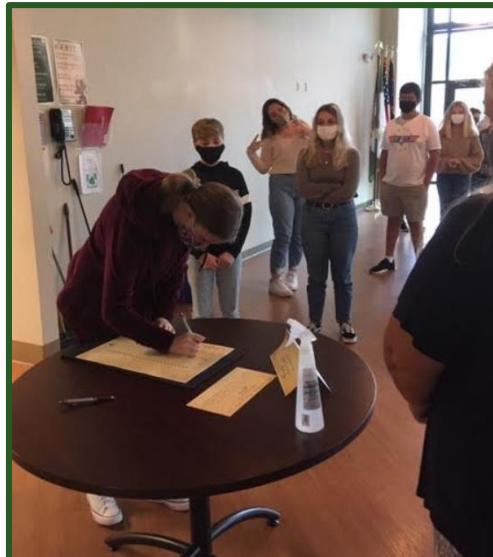
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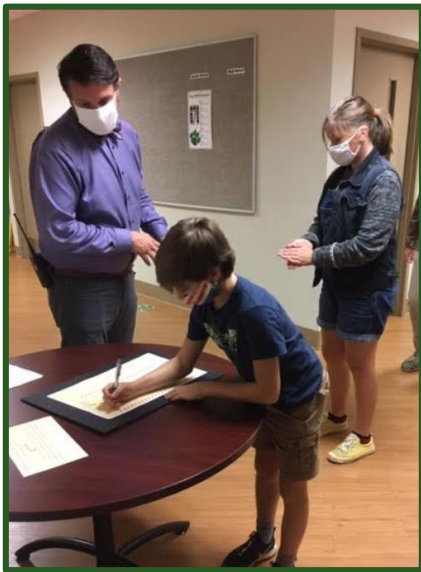


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Left: Mr. DeGraaf watches and sanitizes hands as high school students sign the honor code. Center: Mrs. Reece and Mrs. Pruitt assist 8th graders as they sign, and right, 8th graders space themselves out as they wait to sign.



Above, Dr. Looney watches as 7th graders sign the honor code.



Above and below left, 6th graders publicly sign the honor code for the first time



MCA senior **Madison Lawson** signs the honor code for the last time as an MCA student.



The MCA Pledge
Because I am a person endowed with worth and value, I pledge to engage whole-heartedly in my studies, knowing that I am building a foundation of wisdom and virtue. I pledge to think well about what I am learning, to express clearly and kindly what I believe, and to incline my heart and mind toward truth, goodness, and beauty. I pledge to conduct myself honorably; to grant respect to others, recognizing their worth as fellow human beings; to stand courageously for the right; and to lead others to do the same.