



The Lion's Roar

Millennium Charter Academy Events Worth Roaring About

November 2016

MCA Represented at All-Carolina Charter School Choral Festival



Above, choir members from eight NC charter schools perform at the All-Carolina Charter School Choral Festival (ACCSCF) in the Franklin Academy Auditorium in Wake Forest, NC.

Since August, under the direction of Mrs. Alicia Merritt, Millennium's upper school choir students have spent their class time diligently learning and rehearsing the five assigned pieces for the ACCSCF festival: Mozart's *Gloria*; Gershwin's *Summertime*; Pascanu's *Chindia*; Wise's *I've Got a Robe*; and Chatman's *The Cloud*. At the festival rehearsals, clinician Dr. Daniel Huff, Associate Professor of Music Education at UNC Chapel Hill, worked with students on shaping and refining their performance. The final performance was formal and required students to dress accordingly, long, black gowns for the girls and black dress pants, white, dress shirts with black ties for the boys. Funding for the trip came from choir parents, choir bake sales at school, and generous donations from MPACT and Mr. Marty Danley.

The ACCSCF was created to help build a community of charter school choral programs throughout the state in order to perform beautiful music by learning a standard repertoire and building vocal skills and choral technique under the direction of the classroom teacher and a guest clinician. The festival experience is also intended to strengthen each charter school's choral department.

MCA choir participants in the festival are **Bailey Backstrom, Addison Brady, Britney Brock, Grant Flake, Gabby Guerrero, Emma Hutchens, Sydney Jarrell, Mary Jones, Brianna Reams, Sophia Kiser, Nataly McCrary, and Elijah Surrell.**

MCA Hosts 1st Fencing Meet

MCA is proud to have its first fencing team and also to have hosted its first fencing at MCA. Participating schools were Bishop McGuinness High School from Kernersville, NC, Carlisle High School, Elkin High School, Morehead High School from Eden, NC, and Reynolds High School and Salem Academy both from Winston-Salem, NC. The meet, which lasted from 9AM to 4PM on Saturday, November 19, went very well and was well attended. MCA Fencing team members are (back) **Chris Marsh, Daniel Moore, Matthew Keaton, Quinn Cullen,** (front) **Coach Jason Keck, and Tony O'Rourke.**



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High School Model UN Team Competes at ASU



Twenty MCA high school students recently competed in the largest Model United Nations competition ever held at Appalachian State University. ASU hosts the competition for middle school and high school students on a biannual basis as part of their International Relations Association, which is a student run organization dedicated to the appreciation and increased understanding of world events and international organizations. MCA students were assigned the countries of Sweden and Switzerland and participated in the mock councils of General Assembly, the World Health Organization, a Commission for Refugees, a United Nations Women's Council, a United Nations Environmental Programme, and a special UN Office for Outer Space Affairs. Students debated resolutions to issues such as the situation in Aleppo, protecting worker's rights in developing countries, combating the Zika virus, economic stability of nations welcoming refugees, ending statelessness, promoting investment of low-carbon energy technologies, occupying Mars, and user of Earth observation data for disaster management and risk reduction. The team spent several weeks preparing their proposed resolutions, and the two-day competition was held on November 9 and 10. Seventeen schools and over four hundred students attended the conference where the competition was fierce.

William Marshall and **Baelin Watson**, representing Sweden for the UN High Commission of Refugees received a first place award for the best position paper.

Above, squinting in the late afternoon sun outside the ASU Student Union are back row **Joey McCormick, Braydon Legere, William Marshall, Baelin Watson, Oscar Hampton, Myles Weatherman, Brooksie Lawson, Leah Childers, Brystal Phillips, Emily Brooks**, sponsor Lu Ann Browne; front row: **John Kiger, Dalton Collins, Dawson Depetris, Taylor Inman, Tommy McGuire, Nate Hayes, Georgia Chapman, Maggie Glenn, Alyssa Collins, and Anna Gibbons**.