



# The Lion's Roar

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Millennium Charter Academy Events Worth Roaring About



## MCA Has First State Champion!

During the past fall athletic season, MCA had a cross country team at the middle school and high school levels. And, to top it off, for the first time ever MCA has a State champion and a second place team award at the state level!

MCA participates in the Central Carolina Conference (CCC), a conference of independent and private schools in the surrounding area. On October 20, MCA hosted the CCC conference championship at Fisher River Park in Dobson. At the conference championship, the MCA middle school Lady Lions won the conference championship, beating second place Clover Garden of Burlington by eighteen points. Seventh grader **Sara Windsor** placed first in the conference meet with a time in the two mile course of 14:05. Sixth grader **Martina Banas** finished fourth, seventh grader **Mary Jones** sixth, seventh grader **Anna Banas** finished eighth, eighth grader **Cameron Shaw** eleventh place, and eighth grader **Anna Windsor** twelfth.



The MCA Middle School Girls Cross Country Team: (l to r) **Martina Banas**, **Anna Windsor**, **Cameron Shaw**, **Leah Shaw**, **Anna Banas**, and **Mary Jones**, second place state level winners in the CAASC conference.

At the high school level, the MCA Lady Lions finished in second place behind the formidable Forsyth Home Educators. Four students were awarded all-conference citations by finishing in the top ten positions: Ninth grader **Katie Brintle** finished in fifth position, tenth grader **Claudia Cooke** in sixth, tenth grader **Calista Tomchick** in eighth, and eleventh grader **Emma Harsanova** in tenth.



MCA's first state champion, **Sara Windsor**.

On October 25, the MCA teams moved on to the Carolina Athletic Association for Schools of Choice (CAASC) championship. Once again, **Sara Windsor** blazed through the course, completing the nearly two-mile course in a time of 11:27, coming in ahead of all runners and winning the state championship. MCA's **Martina Banas** finished eleventh, **Mary Jones** fifteenth, **Cameron Shaw** nineteenth, **Anna Banas** twentieth, and **Anna Windsor** twenty-second. These great placements brought the team in as the state runners-up, second only to Thales Academy of Rolesville, NC.

The girls high school cross country team finished in second place at the state level, once again behind Forsyth Home Educators. **Katie Brintle**, **Claudia Cooke**, and **Emma Harsanova** finished in the top ten and were named to the all-state team by finishing sixth, ninth, and tenth respectively.

Although they did not win any state level awards, the Lions boys team also did well. Seventh grader **Cooper Motsinger** placed second in the CCC tournament and advanced to the state tournament where he came in sixth place, earning a position on the CAASA all-state team.

Cross Country wasn't the only MCA fall sport to do well this past season! Middle School Volleyball made it to the semifinal game of the CAASC Middle School State Volleyball Tournament, finishing fourth in the state. The MCA high school volleyball and middle school soccer qualified for the CAASC state tournaments. Ninth grader **Baelin Watson** and tenth grader **Kayla Friend** received All Conference Honors for high school soccer, while ninth grader **Brooksie Lawson** and ninth grader **Anna Gibbons** received All Conference Honors for high school volleyball.

The Lion's Roar is proud to roar for ALL our MCA athletes, who do such a great job, all while maintaining a C average or higher in every class! Congratulations, and GO LIONS!!!!

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## Student Leadership Council Sponsors "Hats for Help"



Recently, the MCA Student Leadership Council, grades three through five, sponsored "Hats for Help" to help a fellow MCA student that has been a patient at Brenner Children's Hospital for the past month. They rallied all lower school students for hat day. Participating students paid one dollar to wear a hat to school with all proceeds for the day going to assist the student's family. Our elementary students raised an incredible \$564 dollars! Thanks to everyone who participated in Hats for Help for your concern and care for one of our MCA families.

Meet the MCA Student Leadership Council: Back row, left to right, 5<sup>th</sup> graders **Aryan Hira, Cohen Jennings, Ayden Turner**, Sponsor Claire

Draughn, **Ariel Spencer, Cheyenne Rogers, Addisen Key** Middle row, 4<sup>th</sup> graders **Ava Thompson, Walker York, Garrett Routh, Logan Wood, Joseph Jones, Clara Marion** Front row, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders **Carter Lawson, McKinley Gwyn, Ben Branch, Carson Bowman, Brayden Holladay, Devonte Frazier.**

## PLC's Annual Pink Out Brings \$500 to SCAT

The Presidential Leadership Council, grades six through eight, once again hosted their annual pink out. MCA athletics got in on the day, and participated by wearing pink during the soccer and volleyball games. Students sold pink snacks and ribbons, earning \$440 which was rounded up by PLC to make a \$500 donation for the Surry Cancer Awareness Team. This organization helps local families dealing with cancer by providing food, snacks, comfort items, and transportation. PLC representatives for this school year are, from sixth grade **Jackson Bradley, Jansen Huff, Grace Phillips, Luke Simpson, Elisha Spencer, Christian Watson**; from seventh grade, **Jared Brinkley, Zeke Harrison, Mary Jones, Colton Marion, Abby Simmons**; and from eighth grade, **Quinn Cullen, Olivia Edwards, Wyn Hampton, Kaybri Jones, and Nate Sapp.**

## Host of Boundless Television Show Speaks to Students

Dr. Simon Denato, host of the *Boundless* TV series on the Esquire network, geologist, entrepreneur, world-renowned explorer, and ultra-endurance athlete addressed upper school science students recently. Dr. Denato spoke to students about the value of inquiry science, and helped lead them virtually through some of his recent expeditions. He and his team of athletes often travel to remote and rugged locations to obtain various data for scientists who would not be able to physically gather the data otherwise. MCA students were held in rapt attention as Dr. Denato used satellite images and basic scientific inquiry methods to help students tap in to their inner curiosity and observation skills which are ultimately helpful in all areas of study. Dr. Denato was in Mount Airy working with Nester Hosiery's Farm to Feet program and was introduced to MCA by Mr. Dave Petri, MCA parent.



Dr. Denato used satellite imagery to help the students hone their observation skills.