



# The Lion's Roar

Millennium Charter Academy Events Worth Roaring About

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## MCA Wins The Henry Salvatori Prize for Excellence in Teaching



Hillsdale College, in Hillsdale, MI, takes seriously its mission to give its students "some measure of wisdom and virtue," and through The Barney Charter School Initiative, a program at the college, they further devote themselves to expounding

wisdom and virtue through the expansion of charter schools with similar missions. Each year a \$25,000 prize is awarded to a charter school to recognize exceptional classroom teaching. The 2014 Henry Salvatori Prize has been awarded to Millennium Charter Academy! The prize was established by the late Henry Salvatori, through a permanent endowment at Hillsdale College, and has three main objectives:

- \* to focus attention on teaching, which is the core ingredient of effective education reform
- \* to support deserving schools with funds for books, equipment, and other educational material
- \* to promote the principles of classical liberal arts education

The money will be used for educational material for our students. Congratulations to MCA's faculty and staff for demonstrating the habit of excellence in all that we do. To learn more about The Henry Salvatori Prize and Hillsdale College, please visit <http://www.hillsdale.edu/outreach/charter-schools/salvatori-prize>.

## Student Leadership Council Exceeds Goal By a Long Shot!

The MCA Student Leadership Council recently set a very lofty goal of raising \$2,500.00 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for a spring project. Through bake sales, donation campaigns, and coin drives, not only did the SLC meet their goal, they exceeded it by collecting \$3,258! This money will go to help with research and hospital costs for children who are battling cancer. Way to go, SLC, for helping to stamp out leukemia!



Standing in front of a giant poster on which the word "leukemia" has been stamped out with records of donations, is the MCA Student Leadership Council. Standing, left to right, are **Quinn Cullen, Robert Marshall, Dylan Tilley, Emily Richardson, Olivia Edwards, Jackson Bradley, Owen Lundgren, Ethan Holladay, Madison Lawson, Colton Marion, and Grace Phillips**. Kneeling are **Christian Watson, Nate Sapp, Ellie Hooker, Izzy Belbin, and Elisha Spencer**. Not pictured are **Zeke Harrison and Julianna Vaughan**. SLC Faculty sponsors are Mrs. Lori Spencer, Mrs. Michele Wertman, and Mrs. Jessica Simmons.



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## MCA Students Win Awards at Spring Model UN Conference

Several students from MCA recently participated in the Spring Model UN Conference at Appalachian State University. Model UN, or Model United Nations, is an extra-curricular activity in which students role play as delegates to the United Nations, debating and determining possible solutions to real world issues. This year, students had to research and determine possible resolutions to the following topics: the crisis in the Middle East focusing on Palestine, renewing the Haiti Relief Mandate, and stability in Africa. Two teams won honorable mention: **Cooper Nester** and **Blake Wolfe**, representing the nation of China, and **Drew Tilley** and **Emily Brooks** representing Luxembourg.



Posing in the International Hallway in the ASU Student Union are, on the back row, **Skylar Belbin, Anna Gibbons, Davis Wood, Cooper Nester, John Brooke, Blake Wolfe, Coach Mike Drury, and Ana Sapp.** On the middle row are **Riley Cullen, Sadie Williamson, Montana Fornash, Claudia Cooke, Oscar Hampton, Olivia Malone, and Ben Thomason.** On the front row are **Jenna Overfelt, Emily Brooks, Drew Tilley, Ryan Wagoner, Marla Grubaugh, and Jessie Huson.**

## Regional Award at NCSO!

The MCA Science Olympiad team recently won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the region, out of twenty schools, at the North Carolina Science Olympiad (NCSO) tournament at Atkins High School in Winston-Salem. The tournament is a rigorous academic interscholastic competition that consist of a series of different hands-on, interactive, challenging and inquiry-based events that are well balanced between the various disciplines of biology, earth science, environmental science, chemistry, physics, engineering and technology. Posing with their trophy and individual award ribbons are, on the back, **Jimmy Blick, Sarah Shepherd, Cooper Nester, and Kaine Lovill;** middle row **Amy Depetris, Brianna Kiser, Mattie Bodenhamer, Amber Golding, and Abby Spencer.** Kneeling in front are **Marshall Mallory, and Jake Gunter.** MCA Science Olympiad coaches are Mrs. Brittany Branch and Mrs. Autumn Davidson.

