



The Lion's Roar

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Millennium Charter Academy Events Worth Roaring About

Character Scholarship Community

Academic Competitions at MCA

The impact of a Millennium Charter Academy education extends far beyond the walls of the school as our students participate and win in academic competitions at the regional, state, and national level. Several competitions have been held during the month of December, and you can meet our academic winners in this edition.

MCA Spelling Bee – Elementary and Middle School

MCA recently hosted the annual spelling bee, and six students will now proceed to the Piedmont Charter School Regional spelling bee in early January. Winners for grades three through five are 1st place, **Ashton Rierson** (5th grade), 2nd place, **Emma Kriek** (4th grade), and 3rd place, **Hemil Hira** (5th grade). For grades six through eight, winners are 1st place, **Andrew O'Neal** (7th grade), 2nd place, **Jerick Giesbers** (8th grade), and **Calista Tomchick** (6th grade). Winners from the regional bee will proceed to the Winston-Salem Journal Spelling Bee for a state level competition in the spring.



Elementary bee winners 3rd place **Hemil Hira**, 2nd place **Emma Kriek**, and 1st place **Ashton Rierson**.



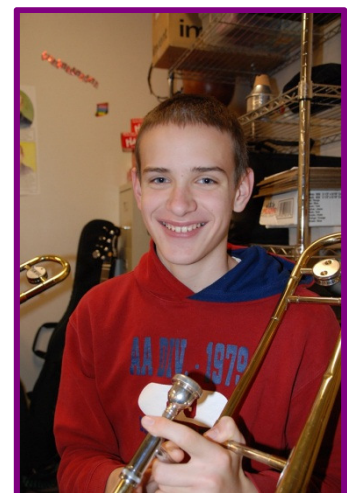
Middle school bee winners 3rd place **Calista Tomchick**, 2nd place **Jerick Giesbers**, and 1st place **Andrew O'Neal**.



Emma Ferry

Annual Patriot's Pen Writing Competition

Every fall, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Posts from around the nation sponsor the Patriot's Pen essay writing contest. The purpose of the contest is to inspire middle-school aged students to examine our nation's history and then apply it to their own experiences. Each year, students are given a different theme, and this year's theme was "What I Would Tell the Founding Fathers." MCA 8th grader **Emma Ferry** won first place at Mount Airy's VFW Post 2019, and then took second place honors at the regional level. Emma's paper will now be entered into the state level of competition. MCA 8th grader **John Brooke** won first place at VFW Post 9436 in Pilot Mountain.



John Brooke

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Mock Trial

From the North Carolina Bar Association Press Release: Millennium Charter Academy students traveled to High Point to the Guilford County Courthouse to participate in the third annual Justice Iredell Middle School Mock Trial Tournament. The tournament is held in 10 locations across the state by the Law-Related Education Advisory Committee of the North Carolina Bar Association Foundation. Millennium Charter competed against Brown Summit Middle and Northern Middle of Greensboro. Thirty teams representing 24 schools competed statewide, using ten courthouses and fifteen courtrooms.

At this year's competition, students had to participate in a mock trial in which an athletic coach was being tried for negligence in the death of a student athlete. Students had to take on the roles of defending and prosecuting attorneys, bailiffs, and witnesses. MCA 7th grader **Andrew Burciu** and 6th grade **Abby Spencer** each won Best Witness awards.



Mock Trial team members are front row **Blake Wolfe, Monica Burciu, Miriam Bullins, Calista Tomchick, Ana Sapp**, Mock Trial advisor Toby Bunton; Middle row: **Courtney Busick, Riley Cullen, Laura Browne, Abby Spencer, Lindley Williams**; Back row, Mock Trial Advisor Mike Drury, **Andrew Burciu, Cooper Nester, Sarah Shepherd**.



Andrew Burciu and Abby Spencer display their Best Witness awards before leaving the courtroom at Guilford County Courthouse in High Point, NC.

Middle School Science Fair



MCA is proud to congratulate winners of the middle school science fair. "Top Honors" awards were given to six students who will compete in the Regional Science Fair in North Wilkesboro, NC, in February. They are, back row, **Elizabeth Campbell**, with her 2nd year project entitled "Seeing Red," which asked if text color aided in memorization; **Nick Blackburn**, with "Crystal Creations," a project determining which household materials produced the best crystals; **Sarah Shepherd**, "Friction Fiction," asking if ballet rosin would help with sprint starts for track and field; Middle row: **Lindley Williams**, "The Ararat River – Do You Know What You're Rafting On," asking about water quality of the local Ararat River; **Henry Richardson**, "This is For the Birds," determining which type of seeds birds prefer; and **Laura Browne**, "Blowing Away Oil Dependence," a 2nd year project determining the effectiveness of wind turbine powered automobiles. Pictured in front are **Cooper Nester**, the recipient of the Headmaster's Award, for his project "Having a Ball," which explored weather conditions on the flight of a baseball, and **Dalton Collins**, who received an excellence award for his project "Antacids Gone Awry," testing the effectiveness of various antacids.

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