



The Lion's Roar

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Millennium Charter Academy Events Worth Roaring About



MCA Students Perform Well in National History Day Competition At Surry Community College

Millennium Charter Academy recently had an excellent showing at the National History Day regional competition held on the campus of Surry Community College. Each year at NHD, teams and individuals compete to see who can create the best history project that adheres to a specific theme. This year's theme was "Rights and Responsibilities." The competition is meant to foster a love for history, making the subject come alive for students as they research and "discover the historical, cultural, and social experiences of the past." This year, Millennium sent three entries to the regional competition, where our winning traditions from last year continued. With Millennium's first ever entry in the exhibit category, **Jessie Huson**, 8th grade, took first place with a project entitled "Protecting POTUS." Her research focused on the assassinations of US presidents and the efforts taken throughout history to guarantee presidential safety, including the creation of the Secret Service Protection. Similarly in a close battle in the Historical Paper division, **Julia Southern** and **Amy Depetris**, 8th grade, took first and second place, respectively. Julia's winning paper, "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly," focused on McDonald's ability to produce and make food widely available for the masses, but also called into question its responsibility to provide healthy food for those masses. Amy's runner-up paper, "Dr. Seuss: Young Adults and Literature, The Struggle to Keep Young Adults Interested," focused on Dr. Seuss's ability to write stories that kept masses of children entertained, while also teaching them morals. She also addressed the responsibility of current authors to do the same in young adult fiction. All three competitors will now have the opportunity to compete at the state level National History Day contest in Raleigh on April 26th.



Julia Southern (right) and **Amy Depetris** (left) won first and second place respectively in the historical paper division.

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Jessie Huson won first place in the exhibit category with her presentation on "Protecting the POTUS," an exhibit about the US Secret Service Protection detail and presidential assassinations.



NCSAS Research Paper Competition

Two MCA students won state level awards at the North Carolina Student Academy of Science (NCSAS) research paper competition held at the NC School of Science and Math. **Jack Bevard**, 6th grade, won second place in the Engineering and Technology division for his research paper entitled "How Does Ethanol Affect the Running Temperature of a Small, Four-Stroke Engine?", and **Sarah Shepherd**, 8th grade, won third place in the Biologic 2 division for her research paper entitled, "To Be or Not to Be: An Informative Study on the Effects of Monosodium Glutamate on Blood Sugar in Adults." The NCSAS is distinctive in holding competitions at the district and state levels, requiring research projects, a paper presentation, and an oral presentation. The NCSAS also provides an opportunity for the students to receive personal feedback from research scientists in their field.



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