



# The Lion's Roar

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Millennium Charter Academy Events Worth Roaring About

## Read Across America and the Cat in the Hat Come to MCA!



Read Across America Day is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually on March 2, Dr. Seuss's birthday, and thanks to Mrs. Jennifer Lovill, MCA Librarian, MCA was able to get in on the action. At 8:30 on March 2, upper school students read to lower school students. Lower school students also dressed as their favorite Dr. Seuss character and participated in a parade through the lower school that was enjoyed by all lower school students and teachers. The program teaches students that reading is fun, and that it is also fundamental to a great education.



Clockwise from above:  
(1) First grade teaching assistant Emily Mauck, dressed as The Cat in the Hat, is the leader of The Dr. Seuss parade. (2) Mia Sands, Claire Isaacs and Syncere Ceasar stop to show off their costumes. (3) Lydia Childers loves being Thing 1! (4) Annie and Nicole White look like they've stepped right out of a Dr. Seuss book! (5) Ella Goins and Mallory Puckett look great as Cindy Lou Who.

## NCSAS Research Paper Competition

Several MCA students participated in the regional North Carolina Student Academy of Science (NCSAS) research paper competition, held at Appalachian State University, and five of those students continued on to the state competition held at the NC School of Science and Math in Durham, NC. At the competition, students must present their science fair projects to a panel of judges and a group of their peers and then participate in a Q&A session about their project afterwards. The NC Student Academy of Science research paper competition is an event with the mission of promoting and encouraging the study of math and science at the pre-college level. **Jack Bevard** (7th grade, received a second place award at the state level for his paper entitled "Sink or Swim," a project that tested common exterior paints to expensive marine paints for sealing wood in a marine environment. **Ryan Wagoner**, (8th grade), received a third place award at the state level for his project that explored different surfaces and how they changed bounce statistics.



Standing in the back of the main auditorium at the NC School of Science and Math are state level research paper competition students **Ryan Wagoner**, **Sarah Shepherd**, **Ben Thomason**, **Drew Tilley**, and **Jack Bevard**.

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## MCA Students Perform Well At the Spring Mock Trial Event at ASU



Spring Model UN participants are back row, left to right: **Jack Campbell, Colby Edwards, Oscar Hampton, Quinn Cullen, Jenna Overfelt, Henry Richardson, Sadie Williamson, Dalton Collins, Anna Gibbons, Jacob Hiatt and Riley Cullen.** Middle row: **Emily Brooks, Brooksie Lawson, Brianna Banten, Cameron Shaw, Sydney Watson, and Ben Thomason.** Front row: **William Marshall, Ryan Wagoner, Cali Tomchick, and Drew Tilley.**

For the Spring session of Model UN, teams were split up into two groups: the General Assembly and Security Council. The General Assembly was reserved for teams with more experience, which allowed for deeper debate on more challenging topics. The main topics discussed in the GA were Infectious Diseases, Security Council Reform and Post-2015 Developmental Aid. MCA had three delegations representing the school within the GA. **Riley Cullen**, who represented China, took 1st place. **Ryan Wagoner** and **Oscar Hampton** took a controversial second place and **Ben Thomason** and **Drew Tilley** took home an honorable mention. In the Security Council rooms, the competition was stiff and the topics challenging. Teams debated topics such as Environmental Sustainability, Developmental Aid, and Terrorism and Security. The following delegations took home awards: **Dalton Collins**, who represented the USA, took 1st place, **William Marshall** and **Brooksie Lawson**, who represented Malaysia, took 3rd place, **Sadie Williamson** and **Jenna Overfelt** who represented the USA, took 2nd place, each delegation winning in their respective councils.



## MCA Students Participate in National History Day Competition

National History Day is a chance for students to step into the shoes of a historian. Each year students have a theme around which to build their projects. This year's theme was "Leadership and Legacy." Students who compete in NHD are allowed to submit an historical paper, an exhibit, a website design, or to perform a skit. For each medium students must perform rigorous research of both primary and secondary sources. This is a great opportunity for students to take what they have learned from their history classes and apply it in a competitive fashion.

Representing the Junior Division for MCA was **Olivia Malone, Nichole Baker** and **Emma Dowell**. They completed a group exhibit, entitled, "Women who Affected the Medical Field: Our Legacy is Your Future" They received first place for their category and will be moving to state competition.



NHD Participants: Coach Paul Rezzo, **Miriam Bullins, Amy Depetris, Riley Cullen, Julia Southern, Jesse Juson, Nichole Baker, Sadie Williamson, Emma Dowell, Olivia Malone,** and Coach Mike Drury.

For the Senior Division, MCA had multiple entries. In the Historical Paper category, **Julia Southern** and her paper entitled "Juliette Gordon Low: Her Leadership Defined a Legacy" took first place. **Amy Depetris** and her paper entitled "Harvey Milk: His Legacy as the First Openly Gay Man Elected into Public Office" took 2nd place. **Riley Cullen** and her paper entitled "Joan Jet: A History of the Woman who Revolutionized Rock for Women" took 3rd place. All three papers will be moving onto the state level. In the Exhibit category, **Jessica Huson** and her topic "Alice Paul: Suffragist, Feminist, and Political Strategist" took home a 4th place finish and will be representing MCA in this category at the state level.