



The Lion's Roar

Millennium Charter Academy Events Worth Roaring About

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MCA Track Team Finishes Strong in Conference Tournament



The MCA track team had a great season with many of its members breaking school records and personal bests. The Central Carolina Conference tournament was held at William Ellis School in Davie County, with the boys' team finishing second in the conference and the girls' team placing third. Other schools in the tournament were Carter G. Woodson, Summit, Forsyth Academy, and STEAM Academy.

Pictured left to right: Bottom row: **Chad Marteney, Abby Williams, Claudia Cooke, Jesse Lawson**; Middle row: **Lindley Williams, Sarah Shepherd, Riley Cullen, Joey McCormick, Blake Wolfe, Delaney Luke, John Brooke, Cooper Nester, Andrew Burciu**; Back row: Coach Matt Elder, Coach Mike Drury, **Grace Jernigan, Orion Ramey, Emma Ferry, Elizabeth Campbell, Maddie Willingham, Laura Browne, Nick Blackburn, Kendall Williams, Malcolm Malone**, Coach Cassie Robacker, Coach Martha Arrington

MCA Student Receives Outstanding Academic Growth Award



Isabella Belbin, MCA 3rd grade student, received the prestigious Outstanding Academic Growth at the annual awards ceremony on the last day of school. This award is given to a student, in grades K through 8, who, through intrinsic motivation and unrelenting effort, has achieved extraordinary growth in one or more academic areas over the course of the school year.

Left: **Isabella Belbin** displays her award medal for Outstanding Academic Growth. Right Isabella gets a hug from Mrs. Lori Spencer, her 3rd grade teacher, who presented the award to her.



MCA Band Students Perform at Awards Ceremony



Members of Mr. Rodney Money's Band Class performed a beautifully stirring arrangement of *Amazing Grace* during the awards program on the last day of school. Left to right are **Sydney Watson** (6th grade), **José Nuñez** (7th grade), Mr. Rodney Money, **Patrick Blevins** (8th grade), **Cali Tomchick** (6th grade) and **Marla Grubaugh** (7th grade)

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Middle School Awards and Commencement Ceremony

The Millennium Charter Academy Middle School Awards and Commencement Ceremony was held on Thursday evening, May 23. This is an annual ceremony to recognize those students who have excelled in athletics and academics, and to mark the commencement of MCA 8th graders to high school. The ceremony began with a welcome statement given by Chris Willingham, Vice-President of YourOfficeUSA and member of the MCA Board of Directors. His address centered upon the popular Internet memes, which he used to inspire the rising high school students to go out and be the very best people they can be, knowing full well that failure may be a part of the road to future success, but having the courage to continue forward will prevail.

Team coaches presented awards to members of the volleyball, basketball, soccer, cheer leading and track teams. Martha Arrington, MCA's Athletic Director, presented Bobby Robacker, coach of the soccer team, with the "Coach of the Year" award, an award determined by a vote of all coaches. Various students were recognized for outstanding work in athletics and academics. All athletes are expected to achieve in the classroom as well as on the court, field, and track.

The 2013 MCA Athletic Awards are:



The 8th grade class of 2013 poses by the "class rock" that each leaving class traditionally paints at the end of the school year. The rock is located on the bank above the soccer field.

Volleyball

Coach's Award – **Kimberly Burford**

Serving Award – **Chesney Cassell**

Soccer

Most Valuable Player - **Elizabeth Campbell**

Most Valuable Player - **Malcolm Malone**

Most Improved - **Maddie Willingham**

Most Improved - **Wesley Frye**

Cheerleading

Leadership - **Julia Rose Southern**

Boys Basketball

Leadership and Grit Award – **Malcolm Malone**

Best Newcomer Award – **Logan Moore**

Girls Basketball

Most Points Scored - **Amber Arnett**

Most Improved - **Claudia Cooke**

Track

Most Valuable Player - **Laura Browne**

Most Valuable Player - **Orion Ramey**

Most Improved - **Claudia Cooke**

Most Improved - **Nick Blackburn**

Most Improved - **Emma Ferry**

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Middle School Awards and Commencement Ceremony, continued

After athletic awards were presented, the MCA middle school teaching faculty presented academic awards. The academic awards recognize those eighth grade students who have exemplified scholarship throughout their middle school career in the areas of math, science, history, English, art, technology, and music, and who have maintained a three-year academic average within the top ten percent of the course. Students receiving academic awards are selected and recognized by the Middle School faculty as those that exhibit the high ideals of Millennium Charter Academy. The 2013 MCA Academic Awards are

English

Emma Ferry

Math

Nick Blackburn

Science

Laura Browne

History

Elizabeth Campbell

Art

Savannah Moore

Music

Kendall Williams

Technology

Abbi Freeman

In addition to the athletic and academic awards, Athletic Director Martha Arrington and Headmaster Kirby McCrary presented Scholar Athlete of the Year awards to that one female and that one male who best exemplify the combined ideals of MCA scholarship and athletics. These individuals are nominated by the coaching staff and then decided by the Middle School faculty. Not only are these individuals recognized for their highly talented performances in their respective sports and by their consistent displays of first class sportsmanship, they are equally known by the characteristics of a strong academic scholar. The 2013 Scholar Athletes of the Year are **Elizabeth Campbell** and **Malcolm Malone**.

At the end of the awards ceremony, Headmaster Kirby McCrary, and Chief Lending Officer of Surrey Bank and Trust, Peter Pequeño, presented the MCA Citizenship Award. This award is the Academy's top award nominated by the Middle School faculty, chosen by the MCA faculty and staff, and given annually to that eighth grade student who has best exemplified the highest ideals of the school throughout his/her career at MCA. This individual embodies the Academy's three foundational pillars, scholarship, character, and community. This student is known to epitomize the qualities of an exceptional student. This person, though not perfectly, clearly portrays prompt, cheerful obedience, courage, an ability to stay on task, a respect for him/herself and others, and the manifestation of MCA's eight Habits, obedience, courtesy, truthfulness, responsibility, attention, thinking, diligence, and excellence. This eighth grader not only learns from the community at large, but also serves that same community. The 2013 Citizenship Award was presented to **Laura Browne**.

Nine 7th grade students were selected as honor marshals for the commencement ceremony. To be an honor marshal, the student must have a grade point average of 3.75 and be a member of the National Junior Honor Society. This year's honor marshals were **John Brooke, Riley Cullen, Amber Golding, Madison Meadows, Ana Sapp, Sarah Shepherd, Julia Southern, Lindley Williams, and Davis Wood**.

MCA is proud of all its students and wishes a relaxing and safe summer to all!



A double rainbow arched over the middle school wing following the commencement ceremony.

8th grade students and their families enjoyed a small reception in the middle school lunchroom following the awards and commencement ceremony. Pictured here are (left to right) Maddie Willingham, Elizabeth Bray, Chesney Cassell, Elizabeth Campbell, and Grace Jernigan.

