



The Lion's Roar



Tar Heel Junior Historians from MCA take State Awards



Eight MCA students participated in the local chapter of the Tar Heel Junior Historians, sponsored through the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History. Two of these students, **Eliana Spencer** and **Max Oakley**, both in fourth grade, were recognized at the end-of-year program for their state level awards received in competition in Raleigh. Here Mount Airy Regional History Museum Executive Director Matt Edwards explains to the audience about the Junior Historians program and congratulates the winners.

Pictured left to right: Executive Director Matt Edwards, **Eliana Spencer**, and **Max Oakley**

MCA Student Receives Regional Patriot's Pen Award

Isaiah Fitzpatrick, MCA 6th grade student, received a regional award in the annual Patriot's Pen Essay contest from the Mount Airy Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2019, for his essay about patriotism and his grandfather who fought in WWII. In addition to the award, Isaiah received a \$50 check from the VFW. At right, Commander Bill Whitaker (left) and Senior Vice Commander Don Isaacs, pose with Isaiah.



PLC Ends Year with Donations

The Presidential Leadership Council ended the year generously by collecting over one hundred pounds of food for Yokefellow Ministries during their Spirit Week Food Drive, giving a two hundred dollar donation to Helping Hands Foundation of Surry County, and purchasing a brick for the upper school expansion in honor of MPACT. At left is the 2013-2014 Presidential Leadership Council. Back row, left to right, Sponsor Autumn Davidson, **Jack Campbell**, **Ana Sapp**, **Sarah Shepherd**, **Julia Southern**, Sponsor Bethany Shepherd, **Riley Cullen**, **Laurel Petri**, **Sadie Williamson**, and Sponsor Lu Ann Browne; Front row, **Brooksie Lawson**, **Abby Spencer**, **Claudia Cooke**, **Cali Tomchick**, and **Zack Wardle**.





Upper School Awards and Commencement Ceremony

The Millennium Charter Academy Upper School Awards and Commencement Ceremony was held on Thursday evening, May 29. This is an annual ceremony to recognize those students who have excelled in arts, athletics, and academics, and to mark the commencement of MCA 8th graders to high school. The ceremony began with a welcome statement given by Christopher Willingham, Vice-President of YourOfficeUSA and member of the MCA Board of Directors. His address, featuring a video clip of the late Maya Angelou, inspired the students and the audience to remember to do the right thing, no matter how tough the situation.

Team coaches presented awards to members of the volleyball, basketball, soccer, cheer leading and track teams, where all athletes are expected to achieve in the classroom as well as on the court, field, and track. Various students were recognized for outstanding work in the arts and in academics.

The 2014 MCA Athletic Awards are:

Volleyball

Most Valuable – **Abby Spencer**
Most Improved – **Casey Barnett**

Soccer

Best Offense - **Emory Bray**
Best Defense – **Jessica Huson**

Cheerleading

Spirit Award – **Caitlyn Price**

Boys Basketball

Heart of the Lion – **Davis Wood**
Most Valuable – **John Brooke**

Girls Basketball

Heart of the Lion – **Madison Meadows**
Most Valuable – **Sarah Shepherd**

Track

Outstanding Runner - **Sarah Shepherd**
Outstanding Runner – **John Brooke**

MCA Class Of 2014 Future Graduating Class of 2018



Andrew O'Neal steps forward to accept the Spanish Award from Mrs. Plumback.



Above: The 8th grade class rises to the applause of everyone in the Lion Arena as they finish accepting their certificates of promotion and Mr. McCrary officially pronounces them to be first ever MCA ninth grade class.

Left: **Madison Meadows** comes to the podium to accept the English Award from Mr. Rezzo.



Upper School Awards and Commencement Ceremony, continued

After athletic awards were presented, the MCA upper 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, Spanish, 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 Upper School faculty as those that exhibit the high ideals of Millennium Charter Academy. A special award was also presented to a student who showed remarkable growth academically across all subject areas. The 2014 MCA Academic Awards are

English

Madison Meadows

Math

Cooper Nester

Science

Sarah Shepherd

History/Geography

Julia Southern

Art

Caitlyn Price

Academic Improvement

Jesse Huson

Music

Kyla Gunter

Technology

Blake Wolfe

Spanish Award

Andrew O'Neal

In addition to the art, 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 2014 Scholar Athletes of the Year are **Sarah Shepherd** and **John Brooke**.

At the end of the awards ceremony, Headmaster Kirby McCrary, and Cory Tucker of Surrey Bank and Trust, 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 2014 Citizenship Award was presented **Julia Southern**.

Six 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 **Claudia Cooke, Jacob Hiatt, Henry Richardson, Benjamin Thomason, Calista Tomchick, and Abigail Williams**.

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



John Brooke accepts the Male Scholar Athlete Award from Mr. McCrary and Mrs. Arrington.



Julia Southern accepts the Citizenship Award from Mr. McCrary and Mr. Cory Tucker.



Sarah Shepherd accepts the Female Scholar Athlete Award from Mr. McCrary and Mrs. Arrington.