



The Lion's Roar

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Millennium Charter Academy Events Worth Roaring About

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MCA Robotics Team Wins Award

Both Millennium Charter Academy Robotics teams recently won awards at the regional competition held at Atkins High School in Winston-Salem. Team Veracissimus received 1st place in the "innovative solutions" category out of twenty-four teams. Team Optumarum received 2nd place in the "core values" category, also out of twenty-four teams. Robotics competitions are judged in three categories: a project development category, where students develop a product that goes along with the theme of the robotics missions, core values, where students are judged on their gracious professionalism and how well they work with teams from other schools, and programmed robotics missions where the actual robot is programmed to complete various missions that correlate with the year's theme. This year the theme was Nature's Fury. All projects and missions centered around natural disasters such as floods, tornadoes, hurricanes and other weather related catastrophes. For their winning project, team Veracissimus created a "filter pack," a special kit designed to filter and purify drinking water, also equipped with materials that could help families survive in the event of a natural disaster. Team Optumarum invented a device that



Posing with their trophies are Coach Brittany Branch and **Zack Hutchens** (back), **Blake Wolfe, Hamil Hira, Jack Campbell, Henry Richardson, Marshall Mallory, Abby Mauldin,** and Coach Autumn Davidson (middle), **Zack Wardle, Caleb Easter, Will Wharton, and Taylor Inman** (front).

would allow the user to extricate him or herself from a flooded vehicle, also providing a tether and an inflatable life vest. Members of Team Veracissimus, winning the 1st place innovative solutions award, are: **Abbi Mauldin, Zack Hutchens, Caleb Easter, Taylor Inman, Will Wharton,** and **Marshall Mallory.** Members of Team Optumarum, winning 2nd place in the core values area are: **Hemil Hira, Blake Wolfe, Zack Wardle, Jack Campbell, Jack Bevard,** and **Henry Richardson.**

PLC Donates to SCAT

The Presidential Leadership Council met with representatives from the Surry Cancer Awareness Team (SCAT) and presented them with a check for \$600. The money was raised during the group's annual Pink Out, and proceeds came from sales of pink ribbons, pink cookies, and pink lemonade. The MCA athletic department also donated ticket and concession sales from that week's athletic events. SCAT will use the money to help local families who are dealing with cancer by funding gas cards and other supplies to help families as they travel for chemotherapy treatments. In the picture at the right, PLC members present the \$600 check to SCAT representatives. On the back row are **Riley Cullen, Julia Southern,** and **Ana Sapp.** In the



middle row are **Sydney Watson, Claudia Cooke, Abby Spencer,** and **Cali Tomchick.** On the front are **Jack Campbell, Zack Wardle, Sadie Williamson, Laurel Petri,** and **Brooksie Lawson.** At the side, **Sarah Shepherd** presents the check to **Judy Smith,** as **Tammy Finley** looks on.

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Fifth Grade Holds Renaissance Fair

Fifth graders participated in a renaissance fair to wrap up their studies on The Renaissance. They participated in activities such as painting on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, games, working on Leonardo Da Vinci's architectural masterpieces, working on a printing press, and Shakespeare's readers theater. Students were also treated to a renaissance feast, which was brought in and served by some wonderful parent volunteers.



Madison Lawson and Piper Jennings paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel by painting on paper attached to the bottom of desks.



Erika Rosales, Jordan Rierson, Sadie O'Neal, Dockery Merritt, and Josiah Johnson see what it's like to work on a printing press.

National Junior Honor Society Presents USO Variety Show

In honor of Veteran's Day, the Millennium Charter Academy Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society hosted a USO variety show for the school and local veterans. The show was filled with comedy acts, poetry and essay readings, skits, and song and dance. MCA wants all our veterans to know that they are appreciated on Veteran's Day, and every day.



Claudia Cooke and Henry Richardson had the crowd in stitches with their comedy act.



Caitlyn Price and Brooksie Lawson sang a beautifully harmonized rendition of *You Are My Sunshine*



Sounding just like one of the Andrews Sisters, **Savannah Truitt** (center) sang *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy*, while **Lindley Williams** (left) and **Amber Golding** (right) did a dance routine to accompany her.



Performing a rousing a capella version of *Lollipop*, are **Ana Sapp, Anna Gibbons, Carlos Chichino Reyes, Jenna Overfelt, and Riley Cullen**



Right: **Cooper Nester** performs patriotic music while the students and veterans entered for the USO show.

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