



The Lion's Roar

Millennium Charter Academy Events Worth Roaring About

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MCA Students Get Awards in The Stock Market Game

Two students from Mrs. Christie Speer's "Economics and the Stock Market" elective recently won 3rd place in the middle school division of the Piedmont Region of North Carolina for The Stock Market Game. **Josh Stevens** (8th grade) and **Alex Handy** (6th grade) were honored at an awards banquet at the Sheraton Hotel in Greensboro on May 20. Alex and Josh started with a virtual cash account of \$100,000 and made an amazing 12% net return on their investments. The Stock Market Game is a statewide, interactive, online stock market simulation that teaches students in grades four through twelve about the financial markets and investing while reinforcing concepts taught in economics, math, technology, social studies, business and language arts classes. Additionally, the program fosters the 21st Century skills of integrating technology, research, teamwork, negotiating, communication, cooperation, and financial literacy. Students also learn the importance of saving and investing at an early age. When asked for investment advice for the rest of us, Josh and Alex suggested "buy low, sell high, and diversify!"



*Alex Handy, Josh Stevens, and Christie Speer
at the awards banquet in Greensboro, NC*



*Alayna Speer, at the Duke TIP Awards,
at Wake Forest University*

MCA Student Recognized for High SAT Score in Math

The Duke University Talent Identification Program's (Duke TIP) 7th Grade Talent Search identifies students across the United States who have scored in the 95th percentile on a grade-level achievement test. As part of the program, these academically talented students take above-level college-entrance exams (ACT or SAT) to learn more about their abilities. **Alayna Speer**, MCA 7th grade, qualified for the State Recognition Ceremony at Wake Forest University on May 20th. She qualified with an SAT math score of 650, which was greater than 85% of college bound high school seniors.

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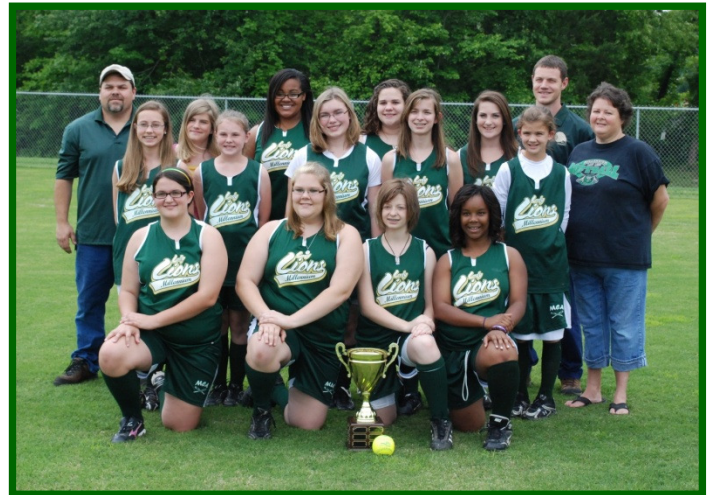
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MCA Spring Sports

Girls' Softball Team Undefeated!!

The girls' softball team had an incredible season this spring, going undefeated and bringing home the conference trophy. Teams played include Forsyth Country Day, Summit, Clover Garden, and Bethany. Pictured are front row, left to right: **Haley Spurlin, Taylor McMillian, Madison Pence, and Madison Joyce**; Middle row: **Courtney Greeson, Chesney Cassell, Emily Hiatt, Abigail Wright, and Alexis Timmons**; Back row: Coach Boyd McMillian, **Alayna Speer, LeAndra Hargrave, Lydia Gibbons, Brianna Schwartz**, Assistant Coach Brandon Palmer, and Bookkeeper Gina Hiatt.



Strong Season for Track

The MCA track team had a very strong season, with the girls' team finishing second overall in the conference. Pictured are, front row, left to right: **Malcolm Malone, Peter Balogh, Gentry Williamson, Graham Pruitt, and Jonathan Lee**; 2nd Row: **Kaitlin Stevens, Janet Snow, Elizabeth Campbell, Anna Kriska, Mary Beth Browne, and Alicia Epperson**; 3rd Row: **Kaela Simpson, TaLeaha Barr, Dana Erickson, Aly Handy, Laura Browne, and Amber Arnette**; Back row: Coach Cassie Robacker, **Jordan Francis**, Coach Nicole Kesler, **Will Campbell, Abby Shepherd, Josh Stevens, Kendall Williams, Nick Blackburn**, and Coach Karen Stevens; Not pictured are Coach Mike Francis and **Josh Huson**.



Tennis Anyone?

The MCA tennis team played well this season. The team is coached by Rebecca McLaughlin, and they played tough matches against Elkin, Summit, and Clover Garden schools. Pictured left to right in the front row: **Katie Knight, Shianna Johnson, and Kaley Umstead**; Back row: **Harriette Blackburn, Emily Parker, and Kelly Blackburn**