



# The Lion's Roar

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Millennium Charter Academy Events Worth Roaring About

## MCA's Drama Team Wins 1<sup>st</sup> Place at First Ever Competition!

The Theatre Department at Millennium Charter Academy has much to celebrate as they bring home honors from the 2015 NC Theatre Conference High School Play Festival held at Wake Forest High School November 6 and 7. MCA's high school theatre program, led by Mrs. Alicia Merritt and assisted by Mr. Neal Dawes, made the school and community proud with their presentation of *Flies, Bees, and Fusion* at the Festival, and is thrilled to bring home the festival award for "Best Physical Comedy". Before their 45 minute time limit began, students eagerly awaited hearing the starting phrase, "Your time begins NOW!", to which they responded with an enthusiastic reply. The forty-five minute time limit included setting up, performing the play and clearing the stage. Following their performance, students joined their peers in the cheering audience to receive feedback from professional actors and directors with Broadway and Hollywood credits. MCA's adjudicators were Broadway, television, and film actors, and North Carolina University graduates Jess Barbour and Lori Mahl.



Taking the main stage at NCTC are (left to right) **Oscar Hampton, Andrew Bowman, Emily Robertson, Carlos Chichino, Caitlyn Price, and Alexis Watson**

## PLC Donates to SCAT

The Presidential Leadership Council met with Judy Smith, founder of the Surry Cancer Awareness Team (SCAT) and presented her with a check for \$410. The money was raised during the group's annual Pink Out, and proceeds came from sales of 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 \$410 check to SCAT representatives



Back row, left to right: Judy Smith (SCAT), Laurel Petri, Olivia Edwards, Quinn Cullen, Jack Campbell, Olivia Malone, Jimmie Blick, Colton Marion; Front row, Drew Tilley, Jared Brinkley, Zeke Harrison, Madison Lawson, Abby Simmons, Mary Jones, Sebastian Neal. Not pictured, Kaybri Jones.

## Addition to Last Month's List of Winners for Model UN

In addition to MCA's winning teams listed in last month's The Lion's Roar, there was actually ANOTHER winning team, bringing the total number of wins at the Middle School Model UN Conference at Appalachian State University to five. Congratulations to **Drew Tilley** and **Anna Gibbons**, both eighth grade students, for their third place win representing the country of Congo.

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## Third Grade Presents The 13 Colonies

MCA third graders recently hosted their annual Grandparent's Day by presenting the Thirteen Colonies musical. Grandparents enjoyed an entertaining and educational presentation and shared valuable time with their grandchildren. Thanks to all our grandparents who visited!



## MCA Robotics Team Wins 1st Place Inspiration Award



The MCA Robotics Team recently won a first place Inspiration Award at the FIRST Lego League competition at Appalachian State University. The team was required to program a robot to accomplish certain Lego oriented missions related to re-use and re-cycling, as well as write and perform a skit that illustrated some original idea relating to re-use and recycling. The team's skit was an "infomercial" to promote recyclable shoe soles. As a result of their presentation, FLL judges awarded them the Inspiration Award. From FLL's website, the mission of FIRST is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders by engaging them in exciting Mentor-based programs that build science, engineering, and technology skills, that inspire innovation, and that foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication, and leadership.



The MCA Robotics Team: front row, left to right: **Calvin DeVore, Ricky Banten, Zeke Harrison, Nolan Haynes, and Max Oakley;** back row, left to right: **Hemil Hira and Dawson Depetris**

## Thank You from a Veteran

The following letter was sent to the high school service council after the Veteran's Day luncheon.

Dear Mrs. Speer, Good evening. I want to thank you, your fellow teachers, staff and especially the students for the wonderful luncheon on Tuesday. It meant a lot for you to do that. I took my flag and thank you note to work and put them in my office as a reminder of others' gratitude for what veterans have done for our country. Please let everyone know how much that meant. Take care.

--- *Darren Luke, US Army, Retired*

## Service to our Veterans

The MCA High School service council sponsored a Veterans' Day luncheon on November 10th in the commons area. High school students invited veterans to the event and were responsible for the set up, serving, and clean up. First grade classes made decorations, and some third grade classes wrote thank you notes for the veterans. Two members of the service council, **Delaney Luke** and **Ian Blick**, delivered speeches to the veterans. The service council served fifteen veterans along with the students who invited them. Thanks to our parents who supplied the food, desserts, drinks, and utensils. Glazed and Infused Catering prepared some of the food as well as making a donation of chicken. Thirteen Bones graciously prepared the donated chicken for the luncheon.