



The Lion's Roar

Millennium Charter Academy Events Worth Roaring About

MCA Students Have Good Showing at the NCSO State Tournament

Several MCA students recently participated at the state level of competition for the NC Science Olympiad held at NC State University in Raleigh. High school and middle school students spent many hours preparing for the various events of the tournament. One hundred eleven schools participated in the tournament. Although MCA did not place in the top three positions, the tournament lists the top ten schools in each event on a large display in the main competition arena. MCA made the board in three different events.



Meet the team! Left to right: **Kathlyn Mauck, Ashton Rierson, Alayna Smith, Hemil Hira, Cameron Shaw, Jack Bevard, Laurel Petri, Jacob Hiatt, Elisha Spencer, Lexi Watson, Sarah Shepherd, Sydney Watson, Will Erickson, NCSU Mascots Mr. and Mrs. Wuf, Emily Brooks, Jessi Hinson, Georgia Chapman, Alyssa Collins, Maggie Glenn, and Anna Gibbons.** Mrs. Brittany Branch and Mrs. Bethany Shepherd were team coaches.



Left: **Jessi Hinson, Georgia Chapman, Maggie Glenn, and Alyssa Collins** show off the working windmill they made out of duct tape to demonstrate a sustainable energy source. Right: **Alayna Collins** (floor) and **Hemil Hira** (far right) watch as their balsawood tower is tested to see if it can support over thirty pounds of sand being poured into a bucket supported by their tower.



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Girls' Track Team Wins State Conference!

Congratulations to the High School Girls Track Team for winning the Central Carolina Conference Track & Field Championships! The Lady Lions won by 43 points. The Lady Lions had 14 All Conference performances, and each Lady Lion brought home several medals for finishing in the top three of their individual events and relays. Our Lady Lions will participate in the CAASC State Championship in early May. Back row: **Alayna Smith, Kathlyn Mauck, Laurel Petri, Claudia Cooke, Jessi Hinson, Emily Brooks, and Brooksie Lawson.** Front row: Coach Andy Kopp, **Katie Brintle, Emma Dowell, Haley Moser,** and Coach Rodney King. Not pictured: **Sarah Shepherd**



Beam Signing and Lifting Up

Thanks to Omega Construction, one of the last steel I-beams for the roof of the new high school building was placed safely on the ground so that all MCA students could sign it. On Tuesday April 18, all students literally made their marks on a piece of the building. Exactly one week later, as the weather cleared, the steel beam was lifted into place. Once the ceiling of the building is finished, the names will not show, but our students can always remember that their names are literally part of the building. The lifting of the beam is symbolic of the way MCA wants to lift up our students to be virtuous, intelligent citizens who seek truth, goodness, and beauty in all that they do. Since there was no room for all our students to safely gather to watch the beam being raised into place, a video was created and posted on MCA's Facebook page so that all may enjoy it. Be sure to view the "Beam Signing" gallery for photos of signing day while you're there. www.facebook.com/millenniumcharteracademy/



Left: This group of high school students has been at MCA since they were in kindergarten. Right: Guy McMillian, building project superintendent, was very instrumental in making the beam signing possible.



Left: The signed beam is welded into place. Right: the signed beam is adjacent to the existing building on the side nearest the back driveway.

