



The Lion's Roar

Millennium Charter Academy Events Worth Roaring About

September 2017

MCA Holds Second National Honor Society Induction

Jacob Hiatt and **Emily Robertson** were inducted into the MCA Chapter of the National Honor Society in a formal ceremony. The celebration began with breakfast on the patio for the current members, new inductees, and their families before the induction. During the candlelight induction ceremony, several faculty and student speakers addressed the four pillars of scholarship, service, character, and leadership. The guest speaker for the day was Jessica Williamson, a senior at UNC-Asheville and a former MCA student. Miss Williamson spoke on the theme of "Honor with Courage."



Emily Robertson and **Jacob Hiatt**, both in the 11th grade, were inducted to the MCA Chapter of the National Honor Society.



Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Nomination

Andrew O' Neal, twelfth grade, was selected as MCA's Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen by first being nominated by the upper school faculty and then being selected by his peers. He will submit a resume to the DAR as well as write an on-demand essay addressing a prompt selected by the DAR. The DAR offers scholarship awards at the regional, state, and national levels.

Honor Code Signing

All students third grade and higher sign the MCA Honor Code, but students in grades six through twelve publically sign it in front of their peers. At this year's signing, the MCA Choir sang a beautiful new arrangement of the MCA alma mater, and the 8th grade class recited the Preamble to the US Constitution. Jessica Williamson, who spoke earlier in the day at the National Honor Society induction, delivered a second talk, continuing the theme of "Honor With Courage." The MCA Honor Code states, "As an individual with endowed worth and value, I will honor others with the same respect that I am due. I will uphold the high ideals of this institution with integrity by being respectful, honest, compassionate, responsible and courageous."



Isaac Shipley signs the Honor Code as a classmate looks on.

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MCA Students Accepted to Colleges

MCA congratulates the first of our seniors to report college acceptances!

Dalton Collins (left), will be attending Wake Forest University, where he was accepted as an early decision student. **Kaine Lovill** (center), has been accepted at Wingate University, and **Julia Southern** (right) has been accepted as Catawba College.

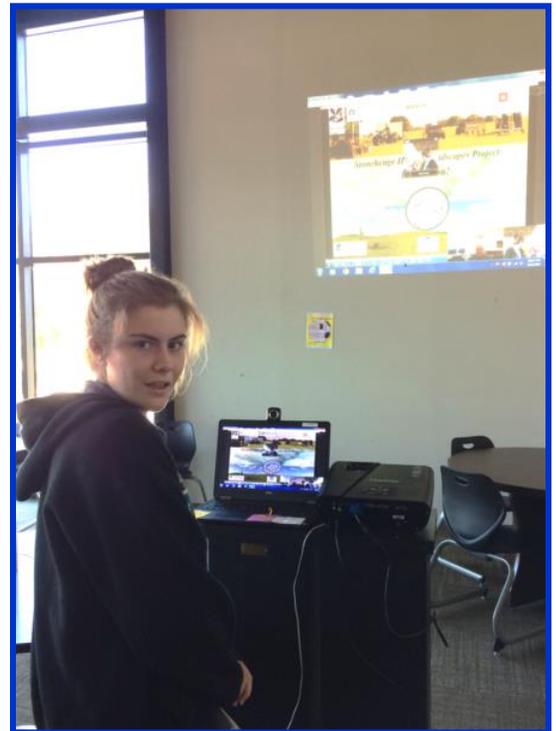
Arts Survey Class Skypes with Professor in England

MCA Arts Survey students skyp'ed with Professor Vincent Gaffney from the University of Bradford in England.

Dr. Gaffney is a prominent figure in archaeology, and he is a world-renowned Stonehenge research scientist. He is a co-recipient of the 2017 Current Archaeology Live! Research Project of the Year Award for recent revolutionary discoveries at Stonehenge. His ongoing investigation combining excavation and sophisticated geophysical technology has revealed a massive and previously unknown palisaded enclosure beneath the banks of the famous Neolithic henge. It is a discovery that is set to rewrite the site's history.

Students listened as Dr. Gaffney presented his work, and then students came forward to ask questions and speak directly with Dr. Gaffney.

The Arts Survey class is a required class for all MCA high school students.



Alayna Smith speaks directly with Dr. Vincent Gaffney to ask questions about the Stonehenge Riverside project. All members of the MCA sophomore class attended the presentation.