



THE PHOENIXES' CALL

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MCEC IN SESSION

Martin Luther King Jr.

Written by: Shanti Singthong

Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) was a Civil Rights Activist born on January 15th, 1929. MLK served as a key figure during the American Civil Rights Movement. He is most famous for his role as the leader and spokesperson during the Montgomery Bus Boycott. He also established the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. During his arrest in Birmingham Jail, his letter became widely known and popularized in modern literature. MLK is also known for his involvement in establishing and pursuing the March on Washington, as well as his infamous "I Have a Dream" speech. His representation in a fight for equality and human rights for the black/African American community sparked a historical legacy that would award him a Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts. During a trip to Memphis to show his support for a sanitation workers' strike, MLK was assassinated on April 4th, 1968. Years following his assassination, and with years of campaigning, President Ronald Reagan declared the third Monday of January as Martin Luther King Day.

https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/martin-luther-king-jr#section_7

"Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education." – Martin Luther King Jr.

College Acceptances

Written by Ah' Jada Ingram

We would like to congratulate these Phoenix students for being accepted into the following colleges:

→Meaghan Ayala: East Carolina, NC A&T, Fayetteville State, NC Central, Wingate University

→Hannah Shepherd: Western Carolina, UNC Charlotte, Wingate University, Appalachian State University, UNC Wilmington

→Ah' Jada Ingram: Wingate University, NC A&T, UNC Greensboro, Western Carolina, UNC Charlotte, Winston-Salem State, NC State University, Appalachian State, Lenoir-Rhyne University, Fayetteville State University, East Carolina University

→Kariah Butler: East Carolina, Winston-Salem State, NC A&T State University

→La'Navy Wilson: UNC Pembroke, Greensboro College, Winston-Salem State University

→Jocelyn Moore: Appalachian State, Western Carolina, Wingate University, East Carolina University, Spelman College, Fayetteville State University, UNC Greensboro, Winston-Salem State University, UNC Charlotte

→Kaylee Foster: Appalachian State, Wingate University

→Nicholas Tofflemeyer: Colorado State University

→Ajaya Price: UNC Greensboro, Winston-Salem State, NC Central, East Carolina University

→Savannah Lassiter: Wingate University

→Zykirah Quick: Fayetteville State University, UNC Pembroke

→Bailey Crump: Appalachian State University

→Olivia Goodwin: Appalachian State University

→Audrey Lemonds: UNC Greensboro, UNC Wilmington, Appalachian State University, UNC Charlotte

If you would like to be included in the next edition please let us know by emailing Ms. Beane, Ms. Pratt, or Mrs. New.

Thank you for reading The Phoenixes' Call! This publication was created completely by Montgomery County Early College students. We write, edit, and publish this work on our own. We are using this publication to showcase all of the wonderful students of MCEC and to show the community what it means to be a Phoenix. We apologize for any typographical errors or misspellings. Please see Ms. Heather Beane if you have an idea for a new story or if you would like to be involved.

Announcements:

Written by: Shanti Singthong

- Know an 8th-grade student? MCEC Applications for rising ninth graders are now available. Applications can be found online at the Montgomery County Schools website or picked-up at Montgomery County Early College, East Middle School, or West Middle School. You may also call MCEC at 910-898-9690 to request an application be mailed to you.

- If you have not done so already, stop by MCEC to pick up your report card and schedule. You can then go to the library and pick up your MCC textbooks.

- Check MCC’s tutoring session and availability

- MCC and MCEC's SGA are sponsoring a winter clothing drive. They are accepting clean, new or gently used warm blankets, hats, gloves, socks, scarves, coats, hoodies, sweaters, and etc. from January 4-22. Drop-off box is located in Mrs. Beane’s room.

- Seniors be sure to check out the MCEC Scholarship Page

- If you need assistance with technology, contact MCEC at 910-898-9690

Need a Laugh?

Written by: Raena Doutt Bender

Q: Why don’t oysters give to charity?
A: Because they’re shellfish

Q: What is a cetacean’s favorite TV show?
A: Whale of Fortune

Q: Where does a killer whale go for braces?
A: The orca-dontist

Study Tips for the SAT & ACT

Written by: Gwentyth Green

Worried or stressed over the upcoming SAT and/or ACT? Fret no more! Listed below are six study tips that will help you perform better on these tests.

1. Familiarize yourself with the test structure. (Ex: Know the number of questions in each section, what subjects are on the test, etc.)
2. Complete multiple practice tests.
3. Determine which areas you need the most help on and devote time to those specific sections.
4. Plan out your schedule in advance, creating ample time for studying.
5. Take some time to increase your vocabulary and brush up on your grammar rules - it will be infinitely useful.
6. Most importantly, don’t stress! Stressing over these exams will not benefit you in any way, shape, or form. So, don’t worry, it’ll all work out in the end. :)

Valentine’s Day Trivia:

Written by: Kayla Miliken

- 1. Which state produces the most roses in America?**
A. Virginia B. Ohio C. California D. Utah
- 2. Who will most likely receive the most Valentine’s Day cards this year?**
A. Moms B. Girlfriends C. Wives D. Teachers
- 3. What percent of women send roses to themselves on Valentine’s Day?**
A. 15% B. 52% C. 37% D. 82%
- 4. What does the word “Valentine” mean in Latin?**
- 5. In Old Ireland, a heart was carved into what object on Valentine’s Day to show love?**
A. a chair B. a wooden spoon C. a wooden chest D. a wooden charm on a necklace or bracelet

Answers: 1. C, 2. D, 3. A, 4. Valor, 5. B

Humans of MCEC: Lulea Adams

Written by: Gwentyth Greene



The dog shivered as the wind brutally ripped at his fur. This is going to be the end, he thought. I'll die on this concrete with millions of heartless people walking by me. There are no good souls left in this world, he reasoned. Wrong. Lulea Adams, when prompted with the question, ‘If you could do anything in the world, regardless of money or social status, what would it be?’ responded with “If I could do anything in the world regardless of money it would be rescuing animals on the streets.” This statement is a testament to the amazing morals Adams holds dear. Lulea Adams has an astounding personality, created from her unique character traits, future goals, and the impact MCEC has had on her in the last three years.

A person’s life is defined by the people around us, who tend to shape and mold us into who we are today. Adams credits her mother for being the most influential person in her life, “as she brought me out of my shell and helped me become more adventurous.” As proof of her adventurous nature, Lulea hopes to one day travel to Africa, like the Serengeti, and observe animals. She also intends to complete mission work in other third world countries. However, when Adams isn’t planning out her compassion-filled future, she enjoys playing with her dogs, going outside, and taking naps.

As one has probably already noticed, Adams loves animals. She hopes to own a veterinary clinic in the future, in which her love for animals will be thoroughly demonstrated. In addition to this goal, Adams plans on completing the school year with all A’s and scoring well on her ACT. She believes that MCEC will help her reach her goals faster, as well as offering a cheaper route. To continue, she also boasts about the great environment MCEC’s students and faculty create.

In conclusion, Lulea Adams is an astounding person. She has numerous, distinctive personality features, goals, and positive opinions on MCEC. Who knows, one day Adams may save your dog's life.