

The Challenger

Class 2-16, Issue 5

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5TH PROGRESS REPORT AWARD WINNERS

HONOR PLATOON 4th PLATOON

CADET OF THE DAY

Micheal Pendergrass	Oct 14 th
Bryon Kidd	Oct 17 th
Maxwell Brooks	Oct 19 th
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Cameron Elliott	Oct 21 st
Michael Gainer	Oct 24 th
Benjamin Staples	Oct 25 th
Joshua Glover	Oct 26 th
Kaylee Hulin	Oct 27 th
Jacob Nichols	Oct 28 th
Izaak Rick	Oct 31 st
Tommy Adkins	Nov 1 st
Benjamin Staples	Nov 3 rd

DIRECTOR'S AWARD
LEADERSHIP AWARD
PHYSICAL TRAINING AWARD

Merriea Ayers of Jackson County
Felicity Ayers of Jackson County
Logan Hazlett of Berkeley County

OVERALL <u>MOST IMPROVED</u> Douglas Sargent	ACADEMIC <u>MOST IMPROVED</u> Star'jae Davis	PT <u>MOST IMPROVED</u> Levi Dennis	CADRE <u>DISTINCTION AWARD</u> Micheal Pendergrass
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COMMANDANT'S CUP

Cole Burriss	Jackson McCutcheon
Ryan Carr	Hunter Porter
Levi Dennis	Kaleb Richardson
Evan Greene	Austin Stanley
Logan Heishman	

HIGHEST ACADEMIC POINTS

Felicity Ayers
Merriea Ayers
Joshua Glover
Jackson McCutcheon

HONOR'S LIST

Quentin Bowers
Brittany Isenhardt
Shawn Morrison
Bridget Omani
Hunter Porter
Austin Potoczny

MENTORSHIP AWARD

Procoro Benitez
Coy Hall
Jackson McCutcheon
Cam'ron Moats
Austin Waybright

3-D AWARD
(Ambassadors for Industry and Government Contractors)

Felicity Ayers
Natalie Galbraith
Joseph Helman
Jackson McCutcheon
McCayla Myers
Benjamin Staples

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LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS
5TH PROGRESS REPORT PERIOD

Corps Commander
Merriea Ayers
Assistant Corps Commander
Felicity Ayers
Platoon Leaders:

- 1st PLT Procoro Benitez
- 2nd PLT Joshua Glover
- 3rd PLT Jackson McCutcheon
- 4th PLT Jacob Moyers
- 5th PLT Micheal Pendergrass
- 6th PLT Austin Waybright

INSTRUCTOR'S LIST

Tommy Adkins	Procoro Benitez	Zachery Holmes	Sarah Romano
Michalla Andrews	Maxwell Brooks	Brittany Isenhardt	Jeremy Sterling
Felicity Ayers	Star'jae Davis	Jackson McCutcheon	Cody Tice
Merriea Ayers	Joshua Glover	William Michael	Austin Waybright

LEVEL ONE PT AWARD

Tommy Adkins	Shane Dillard	Joseph Helman	Corrine McGinnis
Michalla Andrews	Haylee Ferguson	Zachery Holmes	Patrick Miller
Felicity Ayers	Michael Gainer	Zachary Hunter	Destiny Nicholas
Merriea Ayers	Matthew Glaspell	Joseph Hutson	Jacob Nichols
Malcolm Baker	Hunter Grey	Bryon Kidd	Briar Robinson
Tyler Bender	Cody Harper	Hunter Lemaster	Benjamin Staples
Mark Boucher	Glen Harper	Tighler Lindsey	
Maxwell Brooks	Logan Hazlett	Austin Lusk	
Tyler Crain	Logan Heishman	Jackson McCutcheon	

- Assistant Platoon Leaders
- 1st PLT Maxwell Brooks
 - 2nd PLT Star'jae Davis
 - 3rd PLT Brittany Isenhardt
 - 4th PLT Ciara Meadows
 - 5th PLT Izaak Rice
 - 6th PLT Benjamin Staples

CARING RIBBON

All Cadets who completed the Fifth Progress Report received the Caring Ribbon. The red ribbon represents the need to be kind, forgive others, be compassionate and show you care. A person who cares feels an emotional response to both the pain and pleasure of others.

*Do you know a teen
who could benefit
from the MCA?*

*Class 1-2017 is now
forming!*

*Tell them or their
family member to call
304-791-7918
to schedule an
Orientation Date!*

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Nov 23	6 th Grading Period Ends
Nov 23	Graduation Pictures
Nov 23	2 nd Cadet Leave Begins
Nov 27	2 nd Cadet Leave Ends
Nov 29	Class 1-17 Orientation
Nov 30	Class 1-17 Orientation
Dec 2	PR6 Awards Ceremony
Dec 12-13	Cadet Hair Cuts
Dec 16	Class Pictures
Dec 16	Graduation

Important Information

MCA Graduation
Friday, December 16, 2016
1:00 pm Multi-Purpose Building
Camp Dawson
Doors Open 12:00 pm

Cadets are limited to SIX (6) guests.
Children of any age are to be counted as part of the 6 guests.
One Mentor only will be allowed to attend that will not be counted as part of the 6 guests.

All valuable documents including Graduation Certificates, TASC documents, resumes, training certifications and final progress reports will be in a large envelope the Cadets receive after the ceremony.

Do not lose this graduation packet!

The ChalleNGe Academy is growing.

. . . but it's not what you think! The MCA has started an Agriculture Program. The Program started out as a Service To Community Project. A local community group gave the MCA their first smaller high tunnel after a group of Cadets took it down for them. Since that first high tunnel went up, the Academy received \$10,000 from the West Virginia Department of Agriculture and its Commissioner, Walt Helmick, to put two additional tunnels up.

It is a labor intensive project. Part of the Cadets' job is to manually adjust the temperatures in the tunnels by opening and closing the plastic covers and to manually water the crops that are grown. The Cadets get to enjoy the fresh food produced through the Program as the vegetables are part of the salad bar that they have access to at both their lunch and dinner meals. In one day during the summer, the Cadets harvested 149 pounds of tomatoes from the tunnels. This was more than enough to cover the approximately 75 pounds that the Academy uses in one week.



Exponent Telegram photo by Theresa Marthey

Mentors Matter

**The first Mentor Monthly Report is due
January 1, 2017
for graduates of Class 2-16**

Mentors:

**Track changes in your Cadet's
Post Residential Action Plan (PRAP)
and include this in your reports.**

**MCA uses SURVEY MONKEY to deliver
the Monthly Report form via email. You
now have the option of paper or
electronic reporting.**



Visit pathwayswv.org for the latest assistance offer to WV teens under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Partners include Workforce WV, WV Department of Education and WV Division of Rehabilitation Services.