

MASTERY WITH HONOR 2017-2018

SPECIAL AWARDS & CEREMONY



MASTERY WITH HONOR PROJECTS

Honors credit at Midland Classical Academy is earned by students who meet the following four criteria:

- A.) Have an overall 92.5 average or higher in the “honors” subject at the end of both semesters
- B.) Have a participation average of 85 or higher in those subjects
- C.) Demonstrate character befitting an honor student (1 Corinthians 10:31)
- D.) Apply for and complete at least a 20-hour project that furthers the student’s knowledge in the subject and serves the community

MH SPECIAL AWARD CRITERIA

Each year a hundred or more MH projects are completed by MCA students. But among these great projects, Midland Classical Academy wishes to recognize the very best Mastery with Honor projects and the students who labored to produce them. MCA will do this by awarding the **top five MH projects**, and the **top junior high project**.

These projects are measured on the basis of Wonder, Imagination, Discovery and Arete.

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| Wonder: | the project was born out of a love for learning; a deep love and respect for the subject was evident; the project raised big questions and pursued some of them |
| Imagination: | student was creative and innovative in their approach; project demonstrates fresh thinking that does not settle for boilerplate answers; challenge assumptions |
| Discovery: | what the student learned – both academic and practical; this includes new insights, deeper understanding of the subject, improve connection and relationship of this subject to other knowledge |
| Arete: | an inspiring degree of excellence; “wow” factor; care in craftsmanship; impressive amount of effort spent in the intricate details and overall design, or effect of the MH project |

PROCESS

After students complete their MH projects in March, the tutors and deans will select a list of 15-20 top projects to recommend to an independent Awards Panel. The panel will select the top 5 high school projects and 1 top junior high project. The top 5 high school projects will be presented by the students at a special MH Awards Night.

2017-2018 TIMELINE

Oct. 2-Nov. 3	MH project applications accepted
March 23	MH projects due
March 29	Deans recommend 15-20 finalists
April 6	MH Panel selects winners
April 9	Winners announced
April 19	MH Awards Night

MH AWARDS NIGHT

During MH Awards Night, each award winner spends 5-7 minutes presenting their project to an audience of parents, peers and community, and answers questions in the Resource Center. The projects of all finalists are set out for display, along with many other MH projects. This night is set aside to recognize and honor the exceptional efforts of our innovative students.