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Mason, Ohio -- On Friday, January 30, Mars Hill Academy held its fifth annual Laurel Wreath Assembly. The Laurel Wreath is a signature Mars Hill Academy event, harkening back to the time of ancient Greece, when heroes in battle, heroes on the athletic field, and heroes of the spoken word received the accolades of their countrymen and the honor of wearing a laurel wreath. This past fall, Mars Hill Academy students in grades 1-8 memorized and practiced the delivery of a piece of Scripture, a poem, or famous speech. Selections included such pieces as "Paul Revere's Ride" by Henry W. Longfellow, "The Destruction of Sennacherib" by George Gordon and Lord Byron, and Hebrews 11:1-29. In January, each student in turn presented their piece in front of a panel of judges. Based on criteria such as eloquence, gestures, poise, and expression, the judges determined the top presenters in each class. The top presenters then delivered their selections in front of the entire student body and attending parents at the Laurel Wreath Assembly on Friday, January 30. Each year, through the Laurel Wreath event, students learn to delight in language and in truth, and through polished delivery of their selections, they enable others to delight in them as well.

This year's Laurel Wreath presenters were Leah Shaw (1<sup>st</sup> grade), Cade Reinberger (1<sup>st</sup> grade), Rylen Ericksen (1<sup>st</sup> grade), Olivia Wiles (1<sup>st</sup> grade), Austin Weber (2<sup>nd</sup> grade), Karen Reynolds (2<sup>nd</sup> grade), Rachel Dudley (3<sup>rd</sup> grade), Joshua Braden (3<sup>rd</sup> grade), Jacob Oedy (3<sup>rd</sup> grade), Lucas Admiraal (3<sup>rd</sup> grade), Caroline Hennekes (6<sup>th</sup> grade), Claire Smith (4<sup>th</sup> grade), Johanna Admiraal (5<sup>th</sup> grade), Yukari Becker (5<sup>th</sup> grade), Eben Franckewitz (6<sup>th</sup> grade), Alexis Kilgore (8<sup>th</sup> grade); William Braden (4<sup>th</sup> grade), Julianne Wonser (7<sup>th</sup> grade), Anna Becker (7<sup>th</sup> grade); Rebecca Robinson (8<sup>th</sup> grade).

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Mars Hill Academy is a classical and Christian K-12 school located at 4230 Aero Drive in Mason. Its curriculum is structured around the pillars of the classical method (grammar, logic, and rhetoric) and the Scriptural standards of truth, beauty, and goodness. Now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year of operation, 230 students are currently enrolled. Open enrollment is now underway. Please visit [www.marshall.edu](http://www.marshall.edu) or call 770-3223 for more information.

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