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# Congratulations TO THE MMCRU CLASS OF 2026!

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# What a Year in Sports!




## FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONS

The MMCRU 2026 football team has earned their title as state champions following their first ever appearance in the state football tournament.

*"WHAT A YEAR! The 2025 football season was the ultimate culmination of a decade of hard work, patience, overcoming disappointment, and defeating adversity. I am so very proud of not only this 2025 team who for the first time finished as District Champions and State Champions after a 13-0 campaign, but all the players, coaches, families, and fans along the way who have endured the lows as well as the highs. As a coach I have been extremely blessed to have great players, great coaches who prepare those players, and a great God who allowed it all to happen. I hope this will not be a pinnacle, but instead a platform of which the standard of MMCRU Football will continue to build upon."* - Kyle Oswald



## BASKETBALL STATE QUALIFIERS

The MMCRU boys basketball team fought hard earning their spot in the state tournament.

*"This basketball season was one to remember. The boys set their minds to building off of previous years success and fought to earn a spot in the state tournament. I couldn't be more proud of the effort and character of these guys."* - Cam Kuchel

# *Students competing in various competitions*

## SKILLS USA

Congratulations to the students that have qualified to compete at the National Skills USA Competition in June.

*"We are excited to qualify for SkillsUSA Nationals now for the 5th year in a row and represent the state of Iowa at the high school division. We are so fortunate to represent our state at this event, as unlike other student organizations, you cannot just go and "attend or watch" the national conference and competitions, you have to qualify by winning your state competition in your event. 5 straight years of national qualifiers is unprecedented, and I believe speaks volumes to the level of education students receive here at MMCRU!"* - Matt Hansen




Customer Service : Ashley Mouser
Team Additive Manufacturing :
Eoin Hogg and Josh Doellinger
Team Promotional Marketing Bulletin Board:
Lauren Galles, Aly Olson and Lilly Olson







## FFA

27 students attended the State Convention participating in various competitions. In between all of the contests and activities students also participated in career & industry tours to broaden their horizons. 17 of the members helped with the service project to pack Meals for the Heartland.

*"State Convention is the highlight of the spring for many of our members. It is a time where they get to show off what they have been working on but also make lifetime memories with each other. I am very proud of each and every one of them for putting the blue corduroy on and representing our chapter and community well!"* - Sarah Brady

## FIRST EVER 'CAREER CONNECTIONS' AT MMCRU

This year, MMCRU was fortunate to bring over 50 businesses to their first ever Career Connections event. This event held in February brought in 56 businesses, 11 speakers, and 190 students. Through hands-on experiences, samples, and connections, students learned what it means to work in northwest Iowa.

## CAREERS ON WHEELS

Careers on wheels gives TK-4th Grade students the opportunity to explore careers and ask questions about what they see! The 2026 event brought in nearly 40 businesses to showcase different careers for the young students.

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## READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK

Read Across America week honored America's 250th birthday through dress up days and events schoolwide. Students took time to read with their Royal Buddies, community members and classmates.

This year, the elementary participated in a Bookblast fundraiser which raised **$13,510** for the Remsen campus and **$7,715** for the Marcus campus to use towards new books.

Thank you to those that supported this event!

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# *What Makes A Royal Great?*



## GROWING RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH ROYAL BUDDIES

The Royal Buddies program is a way for the young students to build a relationship with middle and high school aged students. The students are shown what it means to be a mentor to one another, as well as how important it is to grow relationships with your peers.

## THE ROYAL ATMOSPHERE

Royal greeters bring a positive and welcoming environment to each school on Friday mornings. Featuring student organizations, local community members, parents and all those in-between, students look forward to a warm welcome to start the last day of the school week.

## SHOWING OUR ROYAL LEADERSHIP

Two programs that encourage students to show their Royal pride and leadership abilities are the Royal Role Models (Remsen Campus) and Royal of the Month (Marcus Campus). Each month, one student from each grade is chosen based on how they represent what it means to be a Royal, both in and out of the classroom.