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Ari the Lion was revealed as the new mascot for Christian Education Leadership Academy. It is the private school's second year, and first mascot.

CELA reveals new mascot

Hundreds of families gathered Thursday, Oct. 7, at the Christian Education Leadership Academy (CELA) to see the unveiling of its new mascot, the CELA lion named Ari, at the Family Community Night event.

This is the first mascot for CELA, now in its second year.

In developing the CELA mascot, the student body and administration endeavored to create a mascot that "defines and represents how the school would be viewed and perceived in the community."

That process included exploring the defining characteristics of the mascot by compiling a list of 47 possible attributes and characteristics, chiefly that the mascot represents a Christian academy.

A research of the ani-

mals in the Bible led the school to consider the lion. In the Bible, the lion is brought up in many places and circumstances.

They symbolize strength, bravery and power, are referred to as the king of the jungle, in ancient times represented the concept of "excellence." In addition, in Hebrew, the name Ari means Lion/Lion of God.

CELA's mascot, Ari the Lion, will be an ambassador in the school and surrounding community. The school hopes he presents a strong Christian image and reflects the characteristics of the school identified by CELA students as to what they want to see in their mascot, including: joyful, caring, lovable, Christian, welcoming, fun, strong, friendly, leader, happy, brave, coura-

geous, honest and encouraging.