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Fun on the Run

It's not every day you see 291 people chasing a sprinting statue. That's why runners, walkers, and stroller passengers alike were thrilled to participate in the 5th annual Sprinter Fun Run, a free one-mile course organized every year by the MLC Alumni Association.

Partakers this year ran through campus sporting teal t-shirts with the caption "Run With Perseverance." They were led by **Conifer Berg** (*LPS / St. Peter-Appleton WI, pictured*), who for the past two years has dressed as the Sprinter, a statue from Northwestern College that now calls our campus home. "It was pretty fun putting on makeup and pretending to be a statue," Conifer says. "But it was even more fun to see so many people—alumni, professors, students, parents, and little kids—run together."



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Family members traveled from all over the country to be reunited with their MLC athletes and accompany them on Parents Day. Before the cross country meet, **Sarah Hackbarth** (*Lakeside / St. Paul-Lake Mills WI, pictured*) was escorted by her mother, Donna Hackbarth, who drove almost six hours for this special day. Those whose parents were unable to make it were escorted by friends—who are basically family to them anyway!



The support of family and friends is a huge part of sports here at MLC. "We always dedicate our races to people before we run, so we dedicated this race to our families," says Sarah. "Having them here to support us gave us even more incentive to run faster." Members of all MLC teams agree that they couldn't be more thankful for their families, including their campus "families" made up of friends and teammates.

Homecoming Ends on a High Note

Friends, faculty, and families gathered with students in Chapel of the Christ to close Homecoming week with a worship service. Over 150 students participated in the service—singing in one of three choirs, serving as a cross or candle bearer, or playing organ, piano, strings, or brass and percussion instruments.

First-year **Abbie Mleziva** (*pictured*) not only enjoyed singing with Chorale, she appreciated the entire service. She says, "It's so neat how we could gather together in God's Word—as a student body and with all our Homecoming guests—and be reminded of the purpose for us all being here." Through songs, Scripture readings, and the sermon, students like Abbie were encouraged to faithfully proclaim the Word of God and demonstrate hearts for service as they continue their ministerial training.



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