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Their Free Will Pays Our Bills

With the cost of tuition going up everywhere, frustration and fear can set in. But wait, there's hope! Although the real cost for a student to attend MLC is about \$23,000 a year, nobody actually pays that amount. Every student receives over \$4000 from the WELS for their ministerial training; and through individual donors, congregational assistance, and other grants, the average MLC student pays only about \$13,000 a year. That's just 57% of what it actually costs! Yesterday, at Tuition Freedom Day, MLC students expressed their gratitude to those who help pay for their education. They signed cards and posters and recorded videos to say thank you. "The donors do so much for us," says **Jared Natsis** (MLS), one of the event coordinators. "Their generous gifts make it possible for many more students to train for ministry, and we really enjoy being able to thank them."



Jackie Ocampo (MLS) and Kristy Lendt (MVL) write thank-you cards to show their great appreciation to donors.

Meet Annie Scharf – A Big Family Gal

Annie Scharf (LPS) has always known about MLC. That's not surprising, since many of her 13 older siblings also went to school here. "My older siblings definitely had a huge influence on me. I really look up to them and respect them." Here at MLC, Annie is still surrounded by family: her brother **Matt** is a tutor, her sister **Charissa** (LPS) is a senior, and her nephew **Micah Koelpin** (LPS) is a sophomore. "Family and friends have always been a huge part of my life, and I'm glad I can enjoy my college years with so many of them." In addition to all the fun times with family and friends, she also delights in washing the laundry for the sports teams, serving as a waitress in town, knitting, and playing intramurals. An elementary education major, she is excited about her future teaching career. "My plan is to pursue my master's degree in special education, but no matter where God leads me in life, I'll always be thankful for my years at MLC, growing in faith with the ones I love."



Annie (center) and friends Ruth Wendland (LPS) and Molly Ulland (WISCO) got all dressed up for the Harvest Hoedown this fall.

For the Love of the Game

After months of anticipation, it's finally here. No, not the Super Bowl or even the Olympics. This incredible display of the world's most elite athletes could be none other than the MLC intramural basketball season. Every year, over 400 students battle it out in intramurals at MLC. That's more than half the student body. Five-on-five basketball, the sport with the longest season and the most teams, is in full stride now. Split into different men's and women's leagues, students of all different skill levels enjoy playing against their classmates. "I love intramurals because you get to compete against your friends and meet new people with your same interests," says **Josh Rathje** (Mount Pleasant HS-MI, pictured). "Also there's something for everyone: 3-on-3 and 5-on-5 basketball, sand and indoor volleyball, bowling, and softball."



Upcoming Events

2/6,7, 8: Focus on Ministry
2/8: Talent Show
2/21, 22, 23: The Giver