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A bonfire at Luther Hollow on a Sunday night was the perfect way to unwind, meet new people, and practice those all-important communication skills.

IPC Takes Over!

Interpersonal Communications is a class required in every field of study at MLC—and for good reason. It's designed to teach students the power of words and what their speech and actions communicate to the world. A recent project assigned by Dr. Paustian asked groups of students to get campus involved in a way that no other class requires.

"We were asked to serve the student body in a unique way," says **Zack Peterson** (*Great Plains LHS / St. Martin-Watertown SD*). "My group held a bonfire with s'mores and yard games, and that's all it took to get things in motion. It was a super cool opportunity to give people a chance to communicate and then step back and put everything we've learned into perspective."

Posters advertised all different kinds of events, including a movie on the lawn, board games in the cafeteria, and even a MarioKart tournament. Students got to bond in entirely new ways. The experience really drove home the purpose of the class and was a great project to wrap up the year.

"It taught us how to cooperate with a group and allowed us to combine everything we've learned about how to be more effective communicators," says **Rachel Bockoven** (*LPS / Grace-Sahuarita AZ*). "It's such an important

aspect of ministry and life in general. We learn how to relate to others, how to handle conflict, grief counseling, and many other things. It's a class I'll never forget and never stop appreciating. I've learned so much."

Koo Koo Kanga Roo

"They're so hilarious and entertaining to watch," says **Paul Koepsell** (FVL/Bethany-Appleton WI). "With final exams fast approaching, the concert was perfect for taking a quick study break, and everyone had a great time getting to interact with them afterwards."

Bryan and Neil call themselves an "American comedic pop-dance duo," and they recently performed for the MLC student body. The two men from Minneapolis compose silly, catchy songs that are sure to be stuck in your head for days.

"I love it when they come to campus," says **Rachel Nitz** (*MLS / Good Shepherd-Beaverton MI*), a big fan of the duo. "I think MLC is perfect for a group like Koo Koo Kanga Roo. Since their focus is brain breaks for elementary school students and MLC has such a large percentage of teachers, this is exactly their niche! I've never seen a group of college kids more excited for a show than theirs."



With songs like Unibrow, Rollin' in my Minivan, and Dinosaur Stomp, it's impossible not to get a good laugh while taking an hour or so off from deadlines and papers. If you're on campus next year, get a shiny gold fanny pack and join the fray—it's a performance you don't want to miss!