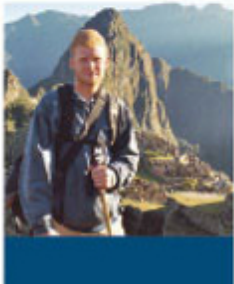


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What Will November Be Like?

Your first-year student is settling in! The late fall may bring events and emotions like these:

It's still new: New faces, new spaces, new challenges. Chapel is awesome! God is good!

Homesickness: They may call and text you a lot. Some may battle the urge to give up and go home where things are familiar. They're praying a lot. High school romances may fade, which can be upsetting.

Minnesota Cool: The average October temps are a high of 58 and a low of 40. In November your students will feel an average high of 41 and a low of 26. We can expect an average snowfall of 1 inch in October and 9 inches in November.*

Academic anxiety: They may wonder: Is this what college is really like? Can I handle this course work? Am I using my time well? Do the professors like me? What are college exams like?



Fall colors are always beautiful along the Excelsior steps.

Sports, music, fun: Musical rehearsals, set building, and costume creating. Intramural and intercollegiate soccer, cross country, football, volleyball, golf, and then basketball. Walks in Flandrau State Park.

Handling new freedoms: They're learning: Should I go out with my friends or start that big project? I really need to get off Facebook and get to work. I think I need to be more careful with my money.

It's all normal! Each student will settle into life at MLC in their own way. Be patient with them and don't worry. They're growing, and sometimes growth is painful. God is taking care of them, and they'll be fine!

* Data for Minneapolis, which is 90 miles northeast of New Ulm, from usclimatedata.com.



 **FAFSA REMINDER!**



- 1. The FAFSA Is Available Now:** You can file your Free Application for Federal Student Aid for the 2017-18 school year anytime between now and June 30. Go to fafsa.ed.gov. MLC's ID number is **002361**.
- 2. MLC Deadline:** To be eligible for MLC need-based aid, the FAFSA and MLC Financial Aid Application must be submitted to MLC by **APRIL 17, 2017**.
- 3. Want an Estimate?** For an estimated financial aid award, file your FAFSA and then contact Financial Aid Director Mark Bauer at bauermd@mlc-wels.edu.

Questions?

Go to mlc-wels.edu/financial-aid/FAQ
or call 507.354.8221

Is the Honeymoon Over?

Does the following sound familiar?

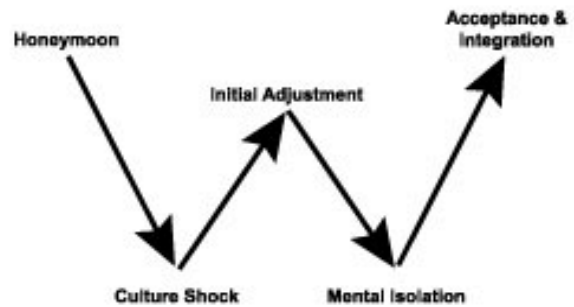
Your student was so excited to come to MLC. And the first few days were great!

Orientation was fun. They met cool people at the mixer.

Their classes sounded interesting, and the profs were nice.

They felt like real college students. Wow! Things were good. Then . . . CRASH!

For some students, going away to college is like going to a foreign country. They experience a kind of culture shock. Two psychologists, Zeller and Mosier (1993), found that students going to college for the first time experience a predictable pattern of stages called the W-Curve. [More . . .](#)



The W Curve

Balancing Academics and Athletics

You know how demanding college athletics can be. But there's no need to worry about your student's participation in sports. At MLC, our coaches are also professors, and the classroom takes precedence over the court. Read our [interview with Coach Paul Koelpin](#).



Coach Paul Koelpin

Blessings of an MLC Education

It was three short years ago that **Aaron Markgraf** (WLA) was a first-year student at MLC and his parents were getting this newsletter just as you are.

This month Aaron was honored as "Distinctly UMAC."



UMAC (Upper Midwest Athletic Conference) put out a great article and [video in which](#) this senior student talks about why he loves MLC, why he chose MLC, and how athletics is helping him prepare to be a teacher.

As your student begins their MLC journey, we thought you might enjoy a look at a student near the end of their journey. Together with you, we are grateful for all our students and the blessings God gives them through an MLC education.

Gallery Is Open!

The [MLC Photo Gallery](#) is updated regularly. Check out Homecoming and Parents' Day photos like this one, and much more.



Soccer Parents' Day

- [Orientation](#)
- [Homecoming Week](#)
- [Homecoming Worship](#)
- [Fall Sports:](#) Golf, Soccer, Cross country, Volleyball, Football
- [Brick Painting](#) for Centennial Hall women
- Other [Student Life](#) activities

Students Need a Ride Home?

Students can offer and request rides on the nifty [Ride Share tool](#) on the MLC Portal. As Thanksgiving and Christmas roll around, rides home and rides to the airport become a necessity. Have them check it out!

Here's Where to Turn

If your student calls home with a problem - sickness, relationship troubles, a

surprising

D or two - our campus has personnel who are trained to help resolve these difficulties.

Remind your student to seek out [these people](#).



VP for Student Life Jeff Schone is one person your students can turn to.

Mark the Date

Athletics : mlcknights.com

Oct 29, 7:00 pm (Chapel of the Christ):
College Choir Reformation Concert

Nov 4-5, 7:00 pm &
Nov 6, 2:00 pm (Auditorium):
The Sound of Music

Nov 20, 3:00 pm (Auditorium):
Wind Symphony Concert

Dec 3, 7:30 pm & Dec 4, 4:00 pm (Chapel of the Christ):
Christmas Concerts

Dec 8-10:
MLC Tip-Off Tournament/Focus on Ministry visits

Dec 9-10, 7:30 pm & Dec 11, 2:00 pm (Auditorium):
Readers' Theater: Greek Adventure Hour

Dec 15, 10:00 am (Chapel of the Christ):
Commencement Service

Dec 16 - Jan 4:
Christmas recess



[Full calendar](#)

Parents UKnighted!



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