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Students Conquer *The Crucible*

“Student-led productions are unique because you get to make them your own,” says **Anna Barkholtz**, who plays Abigail in the upcoming production, *The Crucible*. “My character is an intense and troubled girl with all these menacing thoughts and actions. I’ve had the immense pleasure of bringing her to life in my own way.”

Each actor takes responsibility for bringing their character to life while the director and producer work to construct a cohesive vision for the production. “Our director, **Joey Loescher** (*KML / David’s Star-Jackson WI*), does a fantastic job at setting the dark tone for the show during rehearsals and making sure we all operate within the central message,” Anna says.

Producer **Abby Lash** (*Shoreland / First-Racine WI*) skillfully weaves together the show’s details to transport the audience back to Salem, Massachusetts, 1692—the setting of *The Crucible*. “I have the wonderful privilege of helping the director make his vision come to life by working on the backstage aspects of the show—publicizing, budgeting, and working closely with the different crews,” says Abby. “This experience has taught me about leadership, the importance of delegating, time management, and theatre!”

Students also step up to create the sets, compile props and costumes, do hair and makeup, and run the sound and light booths. “It’s an incredible privilege to work with our peers on stage and behind the scenes,” says Joey. “As students take over every part of MLC drama, it trains them for many areas of ministry.” **Pictured: Anna Barkholtz** (*FVL / Bethlehem-Hortonville WI*), **Olivia Prost** (*LPS / St. Paul-Ixonia WI*), and **Grace Williams** (*Cypress Creek HS-TX / Abiding Word-Houston TX*)

The Crucible is based on the true events of the Salem witch trials. To see the product of these students’ hard work, take a trip to MLC on February 8-11! Tickets are sold at the door.



Students take a day off of classes to learn tips for Christ-centered ministry and to focus on the awesome power of the gospel.

Evangelism Day Perspectives

More than 40 speakers from all over the country came to campus January 10 to fire up students about sharing the gospel.

“So many awesome presenters shared their experiences and stories with us,” said **Anna Hemmelman** (*LHS / Trinity-Goodview MN*). “Evangelism Day puts all of our time and studies here at MLC into perspective. It realigned my focus and got me excited about ministry!”

“It was such a special day!” said **Rachel Hoffmann** (*West LHS / Immanuel-Buffalo MN*). “Each student was able to see how the Holy Spirit can work through all people for the glory of God.”

Dan Gensmer (*MLS / Christ Our Savior-Columbia TN*) added, “I enjoyed how applicable they make the Evangelism Day seminars. At times it can be frustrating to be in school taking classes when I just want to be out spreading the gospel! Evangelism Day reminds me of why I’m here and gives me that extra little shot of ‘Whoop-whoop! Let’s spread the Word!’”