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Surprise! It's Arbor Day!

Music, pots and pans, and knocking on doors woke up unsuspecting students Monday morning. *Surprise! Today's the day! It's Arbor Day!* Seniors led teams all over campus, raking leaves, uprooting invasive buckthorn from MLC's woods, and even organizing props and costumes from the year's productions. Juniors traveled throughout New Ulm to city parks and the houses of WELS members to help with yardwork. Once the dedicated workers finished, they gathered to watch the tree planting ceremony and the creative skit that initiated it.

This year, the day continued with a concert by resident MLC band, The Futons. Some students brought out blankets and even futons of their own to enjoy the music and the sunshine. Other students started games of spikeball, volleyball, baseball, and ladderball on the newly raked lawns of campus.

"I loved taking part in my first MLC Arbor Day!" says **Jacob Price** (Northland / St. Peter-Schofield WI). "It was awesome to have the opportunity to serve my Lord and help the school too. Spending time with fellow Christians in the warm weather was a bonus!"

First-Year Reflections

Ava Steinbrenner (LPS / Peace-Hartford WI): "My first year here at MLC was amazing! Time really does fly when you're having fun! I was expecting my first year to be a little intimidating and a bit overwhelming, but everyone was super welcoming and encouraging. Throughout the year, I felt surrounded by the Word and by Christian friends who encouraged me in God's Word. It helped me grow in my faith. I already can't wait for next year!"



Alizé Brassow (Osceola HS-WI / Zion-Osceola WI): "Going into my first year at MLC, I was a little nervous about finding friends and about college life in general, but being in soccer and basketball really helped me get rid of all the nervousness. Upperclassmen mentors encouraged me too! I learned to just go with the flow. It made life an adventure! I think incoming first-years should realize that it's a good idea to have an open mind when it comes to how you can best serve God in the ministry. You might end up changing your major, and that's okay!"



Zirui Wang (Shoreland / St. John-Oak Creek WI): "My first year was great. I thought it was going to be hard to transition into college from high school, but it wasn't. One of my favorite parts of MLC is how friendly the professors are. They really take the time to talk with you and get to know you! Also, just so you all know—the freshman 15 is no joke!"



Katelyn Schwartz (Evergreen / Christ the King-Bremerton WA): "My first year was busy! There were so many new experiences, new faces, and new things to do. However, I realized that when I did find myself busy, I was doing something I absolutely loved. Whether it was hanging out with friends or getting my fourth cone of ice cream after the Compline service, the rush of life was so much fun. Even though things were so busy, the biggest lesson I learned was to take a break sometimes. Take some time and just breathe and count your blessings."