

MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

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RA **Hannah Ruehrdanz** (*left*) and first-year student **Grace Bain** (*Luther / St. Paul-Onalaska WI, right*) sharing some "neature mix"—Hannah's secret recipe concocted to keep the nature walk crew energized.



Our RAs? They're Pretty Neat.

If you had hiked through Flandrau State Park Monday, you might have spotted a groundhog, a dragonfly, and a flock of MLC students all enjoying the 70-degree weather! Resident Assistants (RAs) **Hannah Ruehrdanz** (*LPS / Jerusalem-Morton Grove IL*) and **Emily Brand** (*Anoka HS-MN / Cross of Christ-Coon Rapids MN*) led the pack. This was one of many activities popping up this spring facilitated by the Centennial and Augustana RAs.

Stationed in all four residence halls, RAs are servant leaders in the student body. They help keep dorm life in order, and many hold weekly devotions for their floor. "I love the RAs," says **Jed Lyneis** (*KML / Morning Star-Jackson WI*). "The way they always help you out and are always there for you is just great."

The dorm staff also includes housing director Angela Scharf; students **Grace Schultz** (*FVL / First-Lake Geneva WI*) and **Morgan Shevey** (*LPS / St. Paul-Muskego WI*), who serve as "mini mamas"; and Tutor Paul Koester, who assists as a dorm supervisor. Your first year of college will throw countless changes your way, but the dorm staff can help you quickly master life at MLC.

"Glorifying God Is What We're Striving For"

"Moriah Hackbarth (*Lakeside / St. Paul-Lake Mills WI*, *pictured*) is one of those people who everyone just loves. She's a real light on this campus," says **Ruth Buchholz** (*ALA / Emmanuel-Tempe AZ*). "One of the coolest things that sets her apart is that she'll just make time for anyone—even when her day is packed."

Moriah is a senior with a double major in secondary math and elementary ed and lots of God-given talents. "College Choir has been a constant blessing in my life," she says. "I get to sing praises to God every day!" Athletics have also impacted Moriah's MLC life. "Volleyball and basketball have led me to meet some of my best friends," she says. "What sets MLC sports apart is that Christ is at the center of what we do. Victory in games isn't our ultimate goal—glorifying God is what we're striving for."

During a sophomore volleyball match, Moriah tore her ACL. The injury took her off the court for both volleyball and basketball, but it didn't change her drive to praise God. "I wasn't sure how that would work out for good," says Moriah. But she decided to audition for MLC Forum's winter play and was cast in *The Mousetrap*. "I was with

a new group of people, and they were just awesome!" she says. "It was the most fun I've had on campus, and I just looked forward to it every day!"

Moriah's Advice for You: "God has blessed each one of his children with a certain set of gifts, and some gifts you won't realize you have until later. You can use those gifts to glorify God in so many different ways, but at MLC what you're studying for is more rewarding than anything else I could imagine. I encourage you to consider it, knowing that God will bless and care for you always."

We have a challenge for you! **May 1 is MLC Day.** We challenge your school to make a video, take a photo, or write a prayer showing your support of MLC. Send it to <u>mlcday@mlc-wels.edu</u>, and we'll post it on MLC Day. Challenge accepted?