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Alicia Mengel enjoys the RAs' jokes during orientation week's Ballroom Blast.

First Impressions

Just a few months ago, your senior friends graduated in a flurry of tassels and caps. A few graduation parties later, they packed up their Pillow Pets and relocated to colleges across the country. Now some of them are right here in New Ulm! What's it like? MLC first-years share:

Jonah Plocher (CLHS / King of Kings-Garden Grove CA): "It's a very welcoming campus! I love being surrounded by all sorts of different people who share my faith."

Amanda Rehberger (LPS / St. Paul-Appleton WI): "Everyone is so friendly and helpful!"

Alicia Mengel (WISCO / Mt. Calvary-Waukesha WI): "The people here genuinely care about helping you grow in your faith and in your lives."

It's true: At MLC we love welcoming new students. Maybe next year it'll be you!



Maggie Gabb (LPS / St. Paul-Beverly Hills FL), Hannah Kratz, and Abby Buege pose after their first collegiate meet.

Miles of Smiles

Students are often advised to ward off homesickness and find friends by joining a club or sport. An impressive nine first-year ladies did just that by signing up for cross country.

Joining a college team may mean more miles and greater responsibility, but that doesn't scare first-year **Hannah Kratz** (Great Plains LHS / Our Savior-Birmingham AL). "My favorite part of being on the team is the team itself. I love the people who are on the team. I have fun no matter what we do because of them," she says.

Teammate **Abby Buege** (LPS / Victory of the Lamb-Katy TX) agrees. "I love doing devotions, praying, singing, and laughing together. The focus is not solely on our performance, but rather that we run to give glory to our Lord and Savior."

It's Fair Time!

They've just finished week one of classes, but you wouldn't know it by the smiles on their faces. To cap off a wild start, MLC students got in on the action by searching for the sweet corn booth, sharing buckets of Sweet Martha's cookies, and eating plenty of food-on-a-stick at the Minnesota State Fair.

"There was so much to do!" says **Anne Manske** (FVL / Mount Olive-Appleton WI). "It was awesome to ride the Ferris wheel and see how many people came."

In fact, MLC Knights helped break the fair's single-day attendance record on Saturday. What a great way to start the year!

Pictured: **Jace Fellers** (MLS / Grace-Charlotte NC) gives his approval to the State Fair.

