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MLC Forum Presents *The Nerd*

Yet again, MLC's Forum put on a fantastic performance. This time, the cast, crew, and staff decided to take advantage of the stellar spring weather and took the show out to New Ulm's brand new German Park Amphitheater! Students donned shorts and sunscreen and enjoyed a gut-busting comedy.

The Nerd's quick-witted humor and zany characters truly provided something for everyone to laugh at, and it was evident that the cast was having just as much fun on set as we were in the seats. Senior cast member **Jonah Backus** said, "My favorite part of being in *The Nerd* was seeing my fellow cast members try to keep a straight face while acting. Sometimes they succeeded, but they often didn't. I can't stress enough how great this cast was and how much I enjoyed getting to know these people."

Cast:

Willum Cubbert: **Josiah Winkel** (*LPS / Redemption-Milwaukee*)
Tansy McGinnis: **Rebecca Heyer** (*FVL / Immanuel-Greenville WI*)
Axel Hammond: **Jonah Backus** (*New London HS / St. John-Two Rivers WI*)
Warnock Waldgrave: **Joshua Aden** (*FVL / St. John St. James-Reedsville WI*)
Clelia Waldgrave: **Brooke Flunker** (*Winneconne HS / St. Paul-Winneconne WI*)
Thor Waldgrave: **Noah Cook** (*LPS / Christ-West Salem WI*)
Rick Steadman: **William DeMarce** (*LPS / Grace-Oskaloosa IA*)

Staff & Crew:

Director: **Ryan Kluba** (*Manitowoc LHS / St. John-Two Rivers WI*)
Producer: **Mikayla Kiedrowski** (*WISCO / St. Lucas-Milwaukee*)
Stage Manager: **Noah Ungemach** (*Manitowoc LHS / First German-Manitowoc WI*)
Costumes: **Rachel Goddard** (*MLS / St. Paul-Saginaw MI*)
Hair and Makeup: **Grace Waldschmidt** (*LPS / Peace-Hartford WI*)
Set Construction: **Alex Dimke** (*LPS / Good Shepherd-Cedar Rapids IA*)
AVCO: **Samantha Bunke** (*Luther HS / St. John-Dakota MN*)
Paint Crew: **Megan Buth** (*East Coweta HS / Faith-Sharpburg GA*)
Props: **Colin Krueger** (*FVL / Riverview-Appleton WI*)
Ticketing: **Maria Werre** (*Lakeside / Peace-Sun Prairie WI*)



Will, Jonah, Josiah, and Rebecca share a laugh during one of the show's many funny moments.

Determined to Serve



Chris has also enjoyed playing football while at MLC.

Preseminary major **Chris Crenshaw** (*MLS / Lola Park-Redford MI*) has been in the military almost as long as he's been a student at MLC. "I was living on campus over the summer of 2019 and met a recruiter at the grocery store," Chris said. "I saw the Army National Guard as another way to serve God and my country."

Chris started his junior year looking forward to spending time with his pastor-track brothers, starting Hebrew, and finishing his gen-ed courses. He never would've guessed that Guard responsibilities, maintaining a safe environment in Minneapolis during the Chauvin trial, would pull him from school for so long. "I tried to keep up with homework at first, but we worked every day, so it eventually got to be too much." With help from the dean's office, Chris will resume his studies in the fall.

Putting one's education on hold even for a semester can be tough, but Chris never once thought about calling it quits. "It didn't cross my mind. I have a God-given passion for this ministry. Plus, Guard duty has taught me resilience. We're told to be like tennis balls—to bend but not break, to always bounce back." Chris is grateful for the support of his campus family, a blessing he values deeply. This close-knit community is glad to have him back, and we're looking forward to welcoming you as well!