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## Creating Community

The most important skill for a future pastor, teacher, or staff minister to have is the ability to communicate Christ's love clearly and consistently. That's why we have a whole class at MLC dedicated to building this skill—Interpersonal Communication (IPC). The capstone project of the course happens at the end of each semester when groups of 4-5 students set out to bring the campus together through some kind of unique activity. This year's comm scholars organized a variety of events, including speed-friending, an escape room, and even an "Amazing Race."

"The Service Learning Project is a great way for IPC students to apply what we've learned in a real-life situation," said senior **Jonah Christenson** (*Luther HS / St. John-Cornell WI*), who was part of the team behind the escape room. "Students use their gifts and push themselves to create an activity that benefits the student body. We wanted to provide a short 'escape' from homework and to bring participants together with a puzzle they couldn't finish alone. Each group collaborated in their attempt to complete the mission, whether they successfully escaped or not."

"I love seeing how inventive people are," said junior **Rebecca Rivera** (*MLS / Messiah-South Windsor CT*). "I did the Amazing Race and the escape room on the same day, and both events helped me learn about ministry while having tons of fun. They also provided a chance to listen to and speak with new people. This was a project I personally enjoyed completing and one that I appreciate each semester as groups strive to provide opportunities for our campus community to come together."

There's so much to learn about how to communicate with one another in love . . . enough to last a lifetime. One thing's for sure—Christian community is a blessing that MLC enjoys in abundance. We treasure every opportunity to get to know the people we might serve with someday—and that includes you too.

## Spring Campus Cleaning . . . and More

IPC projects aren't all that's bringing MLC students together this spring. Each year as temperatures climb, students wait for a very specific email to hit their inbox—the one announcing our annual Arbor Day celebration.

"Everyone looks forward to Arbor Day!" said sophomore **Sarah Kramer** (*MVL / St. John-Redwood Falls MN*). "We get the chance to be outside, hang out with friends, and take a full-day break from classes to spruce up the grounds a bit. We want to keep our campus looking its best."

The day is packed full of on-campus fun, from a disc golf tournament to a picnic lunch with professors. (It's also a funny treat to see them all wearing street clothes as they help with the cleaning.)

One of the best parts of Arbor Day is that we are united in our efforts to make MLC look as clean and green as possible. As we remove dead grass and leaves from the landscaping and everything starts to look like we found it back in August, we can't help but think of you! We can't wait to meet some of you for the first time *this* August and welcome you as a part of our beautiful MLC family.



Escape room teams scoured the Cultural Engagement Center for any clues that might help them solve the puzzle.



Becca and her team took first prize, including this pile of snacks, in the Amazing Race.



**Aaron Bode** (*ALA / Emmanuel-Tempe AZ*), **Jake Vilhauer** (*RMLHS / Shepherd of the Valley-Westminster CO*), **Nick Schroeder** (*CLHS / Beautiful Savior-Carlsbad CA*), and **Sarah Kramer** enjoy the fresh air.