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First-years had lots of time to get acquainted. Recognize anyone?

First-Years Dive into Orientation

Playing games outdoors, surveying MLC's clubs, moving into dorms with the help of RAs, and meeting new friends—these are just a few of the highlights of orientation, the first-years' exciting first weekend at their new college home.

But orientation isn't all about hanging up those LEDs in your new room. The first-years also dove into MLC orientation staples like the much-anticipated "Ballroom Blast." Dancing, games, and speed dating all rolled into one are a recipe for memories made.

"The Ballroom Blast was so memorable that I'm struggling to remember what else happened," said **Anna Plocher** (*California LHS / King of Kings-Garden Grove CA*). "I expected the speed dating to be more awkward, but it was very enjoyable."

Katie Ungemach (*Manitowoc LHS / First German-Manitowoc WI*) appreciated the fire on the patio with the RAs. "It gave us time to relax and meet each other, which is when we really started to make new friends."

And **Mikey Bublitz** (*LPS / Heritage-Gilbert AZ*) summed it up: "MLC has a great environment, where you're surrounded by teachers and students who love God and are carrying out his mission. The RAs were all nice and answered any questions. The welcoming made it very easy to feel comfortable."

Students finished off the weekend with the opening service Monday morning, where they worshiped our Savior and saw 11 new faculty members installed.

He Chose MLC

"Hidden away in a small residential building" is how first-year **Yijun (Paul) Wang** (*pictured*) describes his home congregation. Born and raised in a South Asian culture that has little religious toleration, it comes as no surprise that he didn't know about the opportunities provided by the WELS.

But then his parents decided to send him to Michigan Lutheran Seminary for high school. It was there he learned how his gifts could contribute to the spread of the gospel.

"Some professors at MLS strongly suggested that I consider MLC," he said. "Professor [Seth] LaBair taught history and inspired my desire to teach it."

The alternative was tempting though—to return home, study business, and remain closer to family. After much deliberation, he says, "I felt my abilities were better suited to serving God's people." He's now aspiring to be a high school social studies teacher.

M.L.C. has students all around the globe Making Life Choices, and Yijun believes he made the right one.

