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## Academic Excellence

The UMAC (Upper Midwest Athletic Conference) recently released its academic all-conference awards for the fall seasons, and MLC was well represented. Not only did 66 MLC students receive individual awards for earning a GPA of 3.5 or higher, but MLC took top team honors in six of seven fall sports; women's cross country, football, men's golf, men's soccer, women's soccer, and volleyball teams all had the highest combined GPAs in the UMAC. "At MLC, academics are our main focus, while sports are an extracurricular," says volleyball and basketball player **Alex Anthon** (*Lakeside*). "Professors and coaches do a great job of making sure that our focal point is preparing for our future in the ministry." **Bethany Schultz** (*LPS*), pictured, led the soccer team on and off the field with her excellence in both athletics and academics.



## Mr. Concord

MLC's Winter Carnival week has arrived, and the fun has begun. On Monday, students watched first-year guys participate in the ever-comical Mr. Concord competition. Named after the dorm in which all the first-year guys live, this annual contest most closely resembles the Miss America Pageant, except the goal is to make the audience laugh. The competitors performed a dance together, sashayed across the stage in swimwear, answered ridiculous questions, and displayed their greatest talents. "It was funny to see my friends on stage," says **Ben Balge** (*MVL*). "I never would have guessed those guys had all that comedy and talent hidden inside them." In the end, **Luke Rosenbaum** (*CLHS*) was crowned champion due to his splendid singing, jokes, witty responses, and accordion playing.



Contestants Tyler Swiderski (*St. Croix*), Paul Bourman (*LPS*), Luke Rosenbaum, Todd Brassow (*MLS*), and Chris Rue (*Shoreland*) execute the kickline to perfection.

## Student Senate Trips

Student Senate sponsors many affordable opportunities for students to enjoy the assorted attractions Minnesota offers. These outings include ski trips, Twins' games, musicals at the Orpheum Theatre, and the most recent, a trip to the Mall of America and the Ice Castle. This castle stands over 40 feet tall and is made completely of icicles. **Keely Keese** (*Shoreland*) says, "My friends and I had a blast posing on the ice thrones, in the ice halls, and by the cool formations!" **Shannon Eggers** (*KML*) adds, "The Mall of America was one of my favorite places growing up, and the Ice Castle was so cool and unique!"



Monica Jaeger (*LPS*) strolls through the Ice Castle.

### Upcoming Events @ MLC

2/7-9: Focus on Ministry  
2/9: Winter Carnival Talent Show  
2/10: Wind Symphony Concert  
2/16-18: Winter Play:  
*Witness for the Prosecution*