Gratitude at Marian

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Years from now, you probably won’t remember the exact formulas you memorized for Friday's test, but you will never forget the teachers who believed in you and the friends who got you through it. Gratitude can often be understood as the feeling of being grateful around certain things such as the holidays or when receiving a gift, however, having gratitude should apply to every day. Many students look over the basic things we learn in school, but when interviewed and asked to reflect on Marian Amanda Garrelts shared some insight to everything we have to be grateful for everyday of the year. When asked what something that is often overlooked at Marian Amanda responded, “I think something the students often overlook at Marian are their teachers. The teachers at Marian are uniquely caring and involved and I think it's truly a blessing to have such great people as the ones who guide us as we are here.” Not only does her insight show how much gratitude the students have for the teacher it also shows that it is one of God’s blessings for us. Teachers and staff create a sense of belonging for each and every student. “The way the school is organized in general and being small and a tight knit community that makes gratitude easy because you build connections easier.” Marian’s community has extended well past the current students with our alumni network and support throughout the years. Their support and involvement have created a positive and engaging environment for all students as they continue their education and lives. According to Amanda, it is important to recognize the positive, “Because the positive things keep us going, if we only focus on the negative things that happen to us we are just going to become unmotivated and hopeless. You need to appreciate the little moments because they remind us life has good things to offer if we're really down in the dumps. It's easy for life to take a toll on you if you only focus on the things that take a toll on you and ignore the things that are good to you.” Marian’s community is filled with gratitude and our gratitude continues to grow as our community grows.