

From the President



Please, take my seat! Usually I'm sitting toward the back. That way I can come early and watch the students assemble in Chapel of the Christ.

Look at their faces, each one a precious sight to a mom or a dad at home. Each one a precious and permanent sight to the Father above! The Lord who counts the stars and calls them each by name also relishes in his heart the name of every student. Through his Son he even promises each one, *the very hairs of your head are all numbered.*

Look at their faces again, and silently pray as they boisterously file in—with the joy and energy and excitement of youth who are not only friends, but friends united in faith and purpose.

Pray a petition of gratitude to the Holy Spirit, for each one is a miracle of the Spirit's omnipotence unleashed through the gospel. The Spirit calls to faith, sustains faith, and raises up a new cadre of Christians who train to serve anywhere the Lord Christ deems best.

Enrollment Remains Steady for 2015-16

We are impressed each year with the talent and experience our incoming students bring to our campus, and we are grateful for continued recruitment efforts from all parents and pastors as well as our area Lutheran high schools and prep schools. Our official opening enrollment for 2015 - 2016 is 723 students on campus. Of that total enrollment, our areas of study break down in this way: Education: 541, Preseminary: 169, Staff Ministry: 5, Other classifications: 8. Our current enrollment of preseminary students continues to be lower than needed, so we ask everyone to pray for pastors and to urge gifted young men to consider the pastoral ministry.

New Faces on Campus

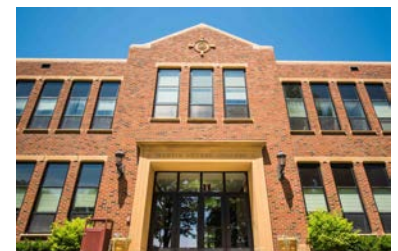
Martin Luther College has welcomed many new faces to our campus this year. Some filled new positions, some are serving in our Early Childhood Learning Center, and others filled the positions of professors who recently retired. We ask God to bless all these new and retiring servants. Admissions counselor assignment: David Roekle; tutor assignment: Isaac Crass; professor of history: Peter Baganz; professor of science/math: Daniel Fenske; early childhood lead teachers: Melissa Nehls and Heather Kressin. Returning as tutor: Matthew Scharf.



Graduate Studies Turns 10!

This year MLC Graduate Studies celebrates the Lord's blessings on its 10-year anniversary. Here are some of these blessings by the numbers.

Online courses – now 100%
MS Ed degrees awarded – 72
Courses available – 46
Summer enrollment – 133 students
– 10 courses
Current students – 134 in four emphases:
Instruction – 42, Leadership – 46
Special Ed – 24, Ed Tech – 22



Summer Reflections

MLC student Megan Schoch wrote about her experiences serving in Ft. Myers, Florida, through Daylight USA.

“No one who is enrolled into this summer Bible camp is a member of the church, and they all have different backgrounds. It is awesome to be a witness of our faith to these children. Many of them know the Bible stories already, but we tell them straight from God's Word, so many times they all learn a little more information from each story that they didn't know before. It is the coolest thing to see a child's face light up when they know the answer.

“Some days are challenging, trying to keep up with about 20 kids, but at the end of the day it is always rewarding to have been able to teach the kids and see how much they grow daily. The Holy Spirit is definitely at work here.”

This past spring and summer, 135 MLC students participated in our Daylight USA program serving over 60 congregations!



New Teacher Induction Program Expands

New Teacher Induction (NTI)—which includes mentoring for two years, training seminars for beginning teachers, and mentor observations—continues to grow. NTI is expanding from 68 mentors in 2014-15 to 106 mentors in 2015-16. In 2014, 77 teachers were mentored, and today well over 130 teachers are being mentored through the program.

NTI's purpose is to improve student academic achievement by supporting the development of new teachers. Research suggests that high-quality induction programs enhance teacher retention, strengthen student achievement, and develop teacher leadership. Many schools have recognized the value of this program for their new teachers, resulting in NTI now working in all 12 districts of our synod.



Surveys Provide Input for New Site Plan

Part of MLC's strategic planning directs the college to “develop a plan for on-going maintenance, renovation, and expansion of facilities.” Input on facilities was solicited from faculty, staff, and students through surveys last spring. The updated site plan projects campus facility needs over the next 8-10 years and will be presented to the governing board for approval. Once the board approves the updated site plan, they will consider the development of a capital campaign to fund new construction included in the master site plan on a prioritized basis. At this time the updated site plan includes the addition of a field house and additional dormitory space on the main campus, along with locker rooms, indoor practice space for spring sports, and an outdoor track and field at the athletic field complex.

Ladies' Auxiliary Active on the MLC Campus

MLC Ladies' Auxiliary funded an extensive number of requests from many MLC departments last year totaling over \$26,000. These projects funded non-budgeted needs, including outreach opportunities, international programs, classroom materials, technology needs, and audio-visual improvements. Another Auxiliary program is called “Befriend an MLC Student.” It matches students with individuals and congregations who provide encouragement in the form of cards, emails, or visits during the school year. Email mlcinfo@mlc-wels.edu for more details. The annual Auxiliary meeting will be held Saturday, October 10. Visit mlc-wels.edu for more details.