

ENROLLMENT

188 Preseminary
532 Education
10 Other



730 Undergraduate Total

507 Graduate and Continuing Education

1237 Total

MIDYEAR GRADUATION

13 Graduates



BSE: ECE – 2, EL ED – 6, SEC ED – 2, K-12 PE – 1, EL ED/SEC ED – 1
BS: STAFF MIN – 1

FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Mark Zarling's address to the December graduates

You are part of a corps of Christian witnesses to the world. All of you, living sermons of the grace and power of Jesus in your life. Some of you already are called to gospel ministry, others are yet to be called. Some go forth as salt and light in different vocations. Yet all of you are on a rescue mission, as was the Christ. You go as ones proclaiming that his sin payment is sufficient for every soul. You go to tell others, "Look nowhere else for peace. Look nowhere else for a relationship with a holy God. Look only to Jesus." You go forth knowing that the Father sees you, smiles upon your labors, and strengthens you to teach the victory. He grants you his eternal counsel in his Word. The task of teaching the Messiah is never easy. The task of living for the Messiah is challenging. Yet, as the Messiah before you, you confess that you do not go alone. The Savior God will pour out wisdom from his Word, strength and contentment through the means of grace. You go in the name of the Messiah, whose first coming we celebrate, whose coming into our hearts we pray for, and whose final coming we eagerly anticipate.



EQUIPPING CHRISTIAN WITNESSES

District Coordinators – **45** in all 12 districts
Congregational Liaisons – in place by April

Recruitment:

Pray – for the ministry of WELS, specifically the training of gospel proclaimers

Promote – MLC within your congregation so all are aware of our work

Encourage – young people you know to consider the public ministry

Financial aid:

Congregational Partner Grant Program will be the focus for ECW financial aid. Currently:

Churches participating – **235**

Students assisted – **457**

Matching funds provided – **\$375,430**

Facilities:

Focus on student housing – Building a new residence hall to provide for the changing needs of a changing student body, and allow for the renovation of existing residence halls over time.

DAYLIGHT

Summer 2018 – **38** churches served by **92** students

Panama City FL relief work (*pictured*) – **5** teams totaling **30+** students helped WELS and other community members with storm damage.

Easter 2019 – Teams serving True North Campus Ministry-Minneapolis, Queens NY, and College Station TX

MLC students are anxious to work with your congregation or school with outreach, camps, relief work, and other ministry-related assistance. Email Campus Pastor John Boeder at boederjc@mlc-wels.edu with your requests. We would love to help you!



SPRING COLLEGE CHOIR TOUR

February 28 – March 10

The MLC College Choir looks forward to sharing God's Word in song in the Midwest this spring under the theme "Wisdom from Heaven." Concerts are planned for Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana. Please plan to attend a concert near you, or follow the choir on Facebook to see videos from the concerts and stories from the students.

Visit mlc-wels.edu/go/choir-tour for more information.



GRADUATE STUDIES/ CONTINUING EDUCATION

21st Century Lutheran Principal Program

MLC is working jointly with the Commission on Lutheran Schools (CLS) to fully prepare experienced teachers to be Lutheran school principals. Cohorts of vetted candidates participate in 3 years of training, which includes a 50% tuition scholarship to complete an MS-Educational Administration through MLC.

Two cohorts are being trained, with the first cohort eligible for calls next year. Cohort member Justin Krause states, "Through this high-quality, professional cohort, I have gained the confidence needed to one day, God-willing, be the leader of a school!"

A third cohort is being organized right now. Please refer recommendations to Jim Rademan at the CLS.

The new paradigm to principal recruitment and preparation involves the following:

1. Identify an experienced teacher with gifts for leadership.
2. Fully train the teacher according to the WELS Principal Standards.
3. Once completed, call that teacher to a school that provides at least the minimum levels of time and compensation.



Promote and celebrate ministerial education by hosting an MLC Day in your congregation!

Anytime between now and May 1:

Photograph your school, class, or faculty creating an MLC greeting.

Videotape an MLC shout-out, song, or skit.

Write a prayer for our students and staff.

Share all of these with us by email or Facebook.

Gather an offering for your College of Ministry. Your gifts on MLC Day will help fund the Congregational Partner Grant Matching Fund, directly supporting MLC students.

Find more ideas at mlcday.com.

On MLC Day, May 1, we'll have a grand unveiling of all the schools' and congregations' prayers, posts, shout-outs, and songs!



If you have any questions related to this report, or other matters related to our ministry, contact us at mlcinfo@mlc-wels.edu

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