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## Hey, Knights, What's Your Story?



**Ben Bitter** (*WISCO / St. John-Milwaukee WI*), a transfer student from North Dakota State University, traded civil engineering for preseminary studies after meeting a missionary from Nepal. He came to understand the vital importance of the call to spread the gospel to people walking through life without hope. "It was Easter, and as I listened to how Jesus died on the cross for our sins, I knew I had to help spread the news to those who hadn't heard it yet. After much prayer and thought, I was led to MLC. I haven't regretted my decision for a second," Ben says. The best thing about campus, he says, is being surrounded by other students with the same faith and mission. No one is questioning *why* they're here; they know there's a greater purpose than themselves that they're working toward. God-willing, Ben hopes to be like that missionary he met and is looking forward to serving in whatever facet of ministry the Lord leads him to.

**Sarah Couture** (*MLS / St. Paul-Saginaw MI*) says that choosing MLC seemed like a natural transition, especially after admissions counselors and professors instilled the confidence in her that she could make a great teacher someday. "I was not completely sold on the idea of teaching at first," says Sarah, "but I thought I would give it a shot. I've had my doubts, but even in my indecisiveness, God's plan has kept me in New Ulm." MLC has truly been a blessing in Sarah's life. Not only has she gained knowledge and experience for her future ministry, but she's formed lifelong friendships and grown in her faith. She knows that no matter where she ends up in life, whether in a high school science classroom or somewhere else, she can use her God-given abilities to serve.



**Connor Ragner** (*FVL / Messiah-Shiocton WI*) had two main influences in his decision to come to MLC to be a teacher. One of them was Mr. Shawn Hill, a history teacher he greatly respected, who taught with such passion you knew he loved his subject and his Savior, and who made all his students enjoy learning at the same time. The other was his father, who supported everything he did and gave him the incentive to pursue ministry. "My dad is a pastor who absolutely loves his job, and I look up to him tremendously for that. After a while, it just seemed like ministry was the obvious choice," Connor says. To him, MLC is a home away from home, and many of the people who reside on campus are close enough to feel like family. Connor says he can't wait to graduate and receive a call to a school to help more students learn in a Christ-centered environment.

**Sora Lee** (*California LHS / Living Hope-Wildomar CA*) was born in Seoul, South Korea, and moved to America for high school. Her dorm supervisor, student advisor, and biology teacher offered the most influential push toward her decision to attend MLC. "As it was my first year in the US, Ms. April Cook helped me adjust to the new environment and made sure I understood all the classes I was taking. I wanted to make a difference in students' lives just like she did for me," Sora says. She loves that her professors get to know her and her fellow students as individuals, which is extremely beneficial both in and out of class. When asked about her future, Sora says she simply wants to keep studying God's Word and preparing for ministry so she can serve the Lord to the best of her ability.

