

KNIGHTWATCH

SPECIAL FLIP ISSUE - SIDE B

Choosing Martin Luther College

5 Things Parents Should Know

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PARENTS'
EDITION
2017



MLC is your *WELS* College of M

Students come to MLC from all over the country—from public, private, and WELS schools. Here they learn how to be pastors, teachers, and staff ministers. In fact, 90% of WELS called workers graduate from Martin Luther College. From MLC and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, they are called to share the gospel of Jesus in all corners of the country and the world.

MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE *The WELS College of Ministry*

369,221
WELS MEMBERS

402 PRESCHOOLS

26 HIGH SCHOOLS

1270
CONGREGATIONS

313 GRADE SCHOOLS



2015 WELS Statistical Report



On-Campus Enrollment

742 Students
49% Male
51% Female

Enrollment by Program

172 Preseminary
556 Education
14 Other

International Students

6 Countries, including:
Antigua Saint Lucia
Canada South Korea



MLC preseminary graduates go on to
WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY
in Mequon, Wisconsin, for four
more years of pastoral training.



Where MLC Students Come From

- 50% From area Lutheran high schools
- 34% From prep schools
- 16% From public, private, and home schools

First-Year Student Profile

- 3.50 average HS GPA
- 24 average ACT score

MLC *Students*



WHAT THEY EXPERIENCE

- Daily chapel and regular Bible study
- Bible history and doctrine courses
- Strong liberal arts curriculum
- Music, athletics, student government, drama, clubs
- Mentoring from professors who *are* pastors and teachers
- Ministry field experiences in congregations and schools

WHAT GOD STRENGTHENS IN THEM

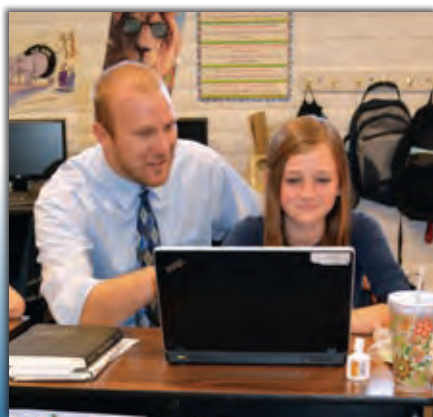
- Love for the Savior
- Reverence for the Word
- Deep care for souls
- Gifts for ministry
- Hearts willing to serve

PRESEMINARY STUDENTS focus on Greek (4 years), Hebrew (2 years), and Lutheran Reformation writings.



Did you know? Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary President Paul Wendland endorses MLC's preseminary training: "Students from MLC have a reading knowledge of both Greek and Hebrew. That means we can immediately study the Bible with them in the original languages. An advantage like this is one no other major Lutheran seminary enjoys."

EDUCATION MAJORS focus on curriculum and instruction (early childhood, elementary, secondary, or special education), staff ministry, or parish music.



Did you know? Upon graduation, MLC education majors are qualified to teach in both WELS schools and public schools. MLC is the only college that prepares students for both synod certification and state licensure.

EDUCATIONAL STUDIES MAJORS complete all the requirements for an education major except for student teaching. Though they are not certified to teach in a WELS school nor licensed to teach in a public school, they graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Educational Studies degree, which can benefit them in many different jobs or be their pathway into graduate school.

FIVE STEPS TO YOUR MLC FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE

- 1 Fill out FAFSA:** Go to fafsa.ed.gov on or after October 1 to complete and send in your FAFSA (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*). MLC's ID number is 002361.
- 2 Fill out MLC Financial Aid Form:** You will receive the MLC Financial Aid Form after we have received your application and admitted you to MLC. If you wish to be eligible for MLC need-based grants, you must submit this form to MLC by April 15.
- 3 Apply for other scholarships:** Apply for as many other scholarships as you can. Check goodcall.com/scholarships/search for starters. Report any scholarships you win to MLC.
- 4 Review SAR:** After you have completed the FAFSA, the FAFSA processor sends you what is called a Student Aid Report (SAR). The SAR will indicate your family's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and tell you if you are eligible for a federal Pell Grant. Carefully review the SAR for errors and make corrections if necessary. (MLC receives this same information electronically.)
- 5 Await your award letter:** After MLC receives your FAFSA, your SAR from the FAFSA processor, and your MLC Financial Aid form, we will send you an award letter describing your financial aid package. We begin sending these letters in early April.

For more information, contact Director of Financial Aid Mark Bauer at bauermd@mlc-wels.edu or 507.354.8221. Or go to mlc-wels.edu/financial-aid.

MLC MERIT AWARDS

MLC award \$2 million every year in institutional financial aid.

National Merit Finalist

Scholarship: \$4000 awarded to each National Merit Finalist; renewable.

Presidential Scholarship:

\$3000 awarded to each high school valedictorian; renewable.

Messenger Scholarship:

\$2000 awarded to each first-year with a high school GPA of 3.75-4.00 or an ACT score of 30 or above; renewable.

Witness Scholarship:

\$1500 awarded to each first-year with a high school GPA of 3.50-3.74 or an ACT score of 27 or above; renewable.

MLC RANKED #5 IN NATION

Every year Martin Luther College is recognized as one of the best educational values in the nation.

In 2016, MLC was ranked #5 in **MONEY** magazine's list of "50 Most Affordable Private Colleges."

In addition, MLC made the top 100 in **MONEY's** "Best Colleges" overall list. This ranking is based on educational quality, affordability, and alumni earnings.

Some of our students do graduate with debt, but our debt average is far lower than the national average.

Source: new.time.com/money/best-colleges/rankings/



COME VISIT MLC!

Focus on Ministry

Ask your guidance counselor when your high school is making their fall or winter "Focus on Ministry" trip to MLC. Attend Homecoming, the musical, the Tip-Off Tournament, or Winter Carnival. Stay overnight in the dorm and experience campus life. Meet MLC students who faced the same questions and choices you face today. Talk to athletic coaches, music directors, and professors. Discuss your future with admissions counselors.

Personal Visit

Juniors and seniors, choose a day that works for you. Come with your parents. Then plan to stay overnight with your personal MLC student host. Visit classes and enjoy cocurriculars. For the best experience possible, please contact us several weeks ahead of time to schedule your personal visit.

Meet Your Admissions Counselors



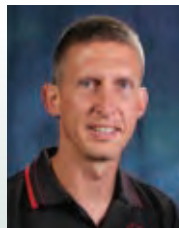
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MLC WILL VISIT YOU!

Lutheran High School Students

Admissions counselors come to all WELS area Lutheran high schools. Ask your guidance counselor when your school is scheduled.

Admissions counselors also attend Choral Fest, Band Fest, some Parents' Nights and Career Days, and also some high school sports events, plays, and concerts. Stay tuned!

Public School, Private School, and Homeschool Students

We would love to visit with you when we are in your area. Please contact us: admissions@mlc-wels.edu / 507.354.8221

Parents

If you would like to hear more about MLC, we'll be happy to visit with you when we're in the area. Please contact us: admissions@mlc-wels.edu / 507.354.8221.

HELP! MY TEEN HAS NO IDEA WHAT TO DO!

We understand. Lots of teens are unsure what career path to pursue. We have a solution: They can try **Martin Luther College**, even if it's just for a year or two. Here's why.

1. **MLC is a Christian college.** That means Christian friends and Christian professors, chapel and Bible class and religion courses.
2. **MLC offers the same general education** courses other colleges do. Your teen will gain a year of gen-ed credits, and if they decide to transfer, those credits will transfer with them.
3. **MLC is a great deal.** College costs vary, depending on a combination of sticker price and financial aid. In 2016, MLC was ranked #5 in the nation for affordability by MONEY magazine. MONEY also ranked us in the Top 100 Best Colleges overall. We offer a great education at a great price.
4. **MLC provides an authentic college experience.** We are a residential college, not a commuter college. Leaving home and living on campus is the best way for your teen to fully experience college life, meet new friends, join teams and clubs, grow in maturity, and gain independence.

In sum, MLC is an excellent place to be while your teen thinks and prays about their future.



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