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On our cover: Some of your favorite Knights make a video on MLC Day.





What Is "ONE MISSION

- Endless Opportunities"?



By Director of Admissions Mark Stein

This fall we welcomed a large class of new students. It's always exciting to see this gathering of young Christians willing to consider public ministry. Some are convinced of their goal to serve the church, others are not so sure, and still others are just looking for a place to play football or sing in a choir or be with other Christian leaders. The point is, our campus is full of young Christian leaders looking for an opportunity.

The big question for each of them is "What is my opportunity?"

Most students struggle with this question during the transition from high school to college—and even into the college years. What's unique about MLC is that although we have a single mission, it allows for *endless* opportunities—even more than you can conceive of right now.

Our one mission is to produce workers for the church. That single focus is rare these days. Most colleges and universities have many things to offer, many degrees and colleges on one campus. But MLC, like many of the first colleges in the United States now known as Ivy League institutions, was founded for that one mission.

Now, those ideas may seem to clash: MLC is a single-focused institution, but the opportunities are endless?

Let's look at it this way. Being a pastor, teacher, or staff minister is just a label. What we do is *ministry*, and we do it all over the world. Teaching, preaching, and serving take many forms: teaching English as a second language, coaching, counseling, leading Bible class—all are types of ministry, and there are endless opportunities to add to this list!

This is where our Heavenly Father comes into the picture. Our Father loves you and has your future in his hands. He provides the opportunities for you—opportunities that put your gifts to good use for his kingdom.

If you want to serve others, if you have leadership skills, if you like interacting with people, MLC may be the place for you!

From Milwaukee to Asia, from California to Africa, from Michigan to Europe, this college in Minnesota, MLC, provides endless opportunities to serve while sticking to its one mission. Come and see for yourself!

God bless you, and see you soon!



Decisions, Decisions MEET NEW ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR GALEN HOLZHUETER

In a close game, good decisions make all the difference. Swinging at the right pitch. Shooting the high-percentage jumper. Making the smart pass.

It was good decisions that helped **Galen Holzhueter '14** make his mark as an MLC athlete. A ten-time letter-winner in football, basketball, and baseball, Holzhueter finished his collegiate career with six school records, six All-UMAC awards, and ten Academic All-UMAC honors.

Yep, Galen knows good decisions. And now, as MLC's newest admissions counselor, he stands ready to help you make one of the most important decisions you'll ever face: your college choice.

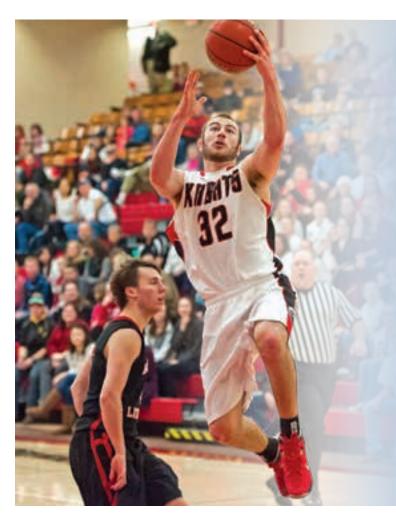
"I want to tell high school students about MLC," he says, "that it's a small college with an intimate environment and a culture rooted in Christ that they won't find at many other colleges."

Holzhueter made his college and career decision back in grade school at St. Mark in Mankato, Minnesota. "Ever since fourth grade, I knew I wanted to be a teacher," he says. "When I'd sit in class and

other students would struggle, I liked helping them out. And I remember my eighth grade teacher, Ryan Jaeger, flying around the room. It was great seeing his passion and energy in front of the classroom. I had an awesome experience at St. Mark. I came to MLC because I wanted to give a similar experience to the next generation."

During college, Galen took advantage of the endless opportunities to grow in his faith and in his skills—in the classroom, on the court, with people. "College changed me," he says, "by helping me appreciate my relationships with my friends and family. Being part of a team helped me develop relationships too. I made some of my best friends there. And no matter what kind of ministry you end up doing, you'll always be part of a team, working together toward a common goal."

Galen hopes you'll consider pursuing the public ministry—as a pastor, teacher, or staff minister—at Martin Luther College, just as he did. "Just come for a year and get a taste of it," he says, "and I don't think you'll be able to leave."



Meet Galen

Previous call: Risen Savior-Mankato MN: grades 3-4

Family: Parents Paul and Val, brothers Grant (married to Lindsay) and Greg (married to Emma), who is an MLC professor and coach

Influencer: "My father always encouraged me to become a pastor, but he was equally supportive

when I decided to become a teacher."

Hobbies: sports, games, movies, cooking

Books of choice: The Prodigal God and The Reason for God by Timothy Keller

Movies of choice: sports movies like *Miracle* and *Remember the Titans* and also chick flicks (secret favorite: *Pride and Prejudice*)

Music of choice: all genres

You'd never guess: He eats mostly raw, organic, and vegan foods.

See a January 2013 interview with Galen the night he made MLC's 1000 Point Club: **mlc-wels.edu/go/galen.**

NEW CALL, NEW HOME, NEW LIFE

Should I go to MLC? **Sarah Frost '16** wondered the same thing at your age. But she took the leap, and after graduating in May with a double major (early childhood and elementary ed), she was assigned as the early childhood director and lead teacher for 3K-4K at St. Paul-Tomah, Wisconsin. School is just about to start for her, and she's ready!

Sarah, what are you most excited about? Everything about your first call is exciting. Moving to a new city, becoming part of a new congregation, having all new experiences—it makes the years of studying and training meaningful and appreciated. But by far, I'm most excited to teach the children about the love of their Savior. Over half the families are not members at St. Paul, and a good percentage of them don't have a home church. What a wonderful opportunity to plant the seed and let the Holy Spirit do his work!

Are you nervous? I'm most nervous about the first week. Starting preschool is a huge transition for both the children and their families. The first week will be about building relationships and getting into a comfortable routine. No longer is there a veteran teacher in the classroom for me to turn to for guidance. I'm it now!

What have you done to prepare? I did inventory and sorted materials and toys—and preschool rooms need a ton of both! Then I rearranged the two preschool rooms, made block plans, and prepped materials for teaching.

You're also the director. What are your administrative tasks? I'm keeping track of tuition payments, creating a budget, writing policies for the program, drawing up plans for a summer program, and learning other aspects of my administrative position.

Did MLC prepare you for all this? The education I received at MLC was truly of the highest quality. We were given real-life advice along with textbook learning, so I don't feel overwhelmed. We were told we'd hit the ground running as first-year teachers, and I couldn't describe the past two months any better.

What's the most important thing you learned at

MLC? How important relationships are. I've already established strong relationships with my faculty and congregation. My goal is to continue growing relationships with my students and their families, and then in the community. Most important, MLC ingrained in me that my relationship with my Savior is my first priority. I know that it is God who works through me, and his love is what touches hearts.

Any surprises? What's most surprised me is how much trust and confidence people put in new teachers. Not that I was expecting the opposite, but in my mind I'm very aware that I am a first-year teacher. Yet teachers in the field and congregation members respect the training that MLC graduates receive and listen to their input and experiences. What an encouragement that's been!

What kind of teacher do you hope to be? I'd love to be the perfect teacher: the one who's always calm, always knows the right thing to say, always plans lessons that are engaging, and always has life organized. However, I realize that my students don't need a perfect teacher. They need a teacher who shows them Jesus and his love, who points them to the cross when they sin, and who is willing to grow right alongside them. I want to be the teacher who wakes up each day assured that God's grace is sufficient and that his power is made perfect in my weakness, so that I can enjoy each day with my students and show them the love of their Savior.

Finally, did you always want to be a teacher? No. In fact, I was dead set against MLC. However, God's thoughts are higher than my thoughts, and he blessed me with parents, teachers, and pastors who taught me about my Savior and encouraged me to use my gifts in service to God and others. No matter what path we as God's children choose in life, we know that our Savior is in control and gives us countless opportunities to praise him with our lives and to share the message of his grace.



YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU

MLC President Mark Zarling could not be clearer: "There is a critical need for both pastors and teachers."

At the last three Call Days (May 2014, '15, and '16), a total of 113 teacher requests and 58 pastor requests went unfilled.

And the shortage may worsen. Today's graduating classes cannot replace the large number of called workers who are retiring. And some ministries—Divine Savior in Miami and urban schools in Milwaukee, for example—are expanding.

"It is indeed true," President Zarling continues, "that there is 'One Mission, Endless Opportunities' for young people to be used by the Lord Jesus."

Jesus himself says it like this: "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few" (Luke 10:2).

Might you be one of those workers? We invite you to think about that question at Martin Luther College!



Erin Westendorf '16 hears she is assigned to Beautiful Savior-Las Vegas. She was one of 110 candidates assigned in May 2016, but an additional 28 requests for teachers went unfilled. At the seminary, 23 requests for pastors went unfilled.

THIS YEAR AT MLC

CONCERTS

College Choir Oct 29, Feb 24-Mar 5

TOUR, Mar 19

Wind Symphony Oct 2, Nov 20, Feb 12,

Apr 8, May 14-19 TOUR

Christmas Dec 3-4

Commencement May 12

DRAMA

Fall Musical

The Sound of Music Nov 4-6

Readers' Theater

Greek Adventure Hour Dec 9-11

Winter Play

The Mousetrap Feb 17-19

Children's Theater

Peter Pan Apr 27-29

OTHER FUN STUFF

Homecoming Sep 30-Oct 2

Tip-Off Tournament Dec 8-10

Winter Carnival Jan 27-29

ATHLETICS

Full schedule at mlcknights.com





#4 in NATION

USA Today

Best 10 Colleges for the Money

Top 10 in NATION

Washington Monthly

Best-Bang-for-Your-Buck Baccalaureate Colleges #5 in NATION

MONEY Magazine

50 Most Affordable Private Colleges



We welcomed 196 new first-years to the WELS College of Ministry in August. And as usual the dorm staff—and President Zarling!—did a lot of the heavy lifting!











MIXING IT UP!







The Ballroom Blast never disappoints! The new frosh danced, played games and mixers, and had a great time. They're making friends for a lifetime!











CALL DAY 2016

Here's where a few of the 2016 grads are serving!



UNGEMACH

From: Manitowoc WI To: Holy Trinity-Des **Moines WA** ECE director







SANTIAGO BOTERO

From: Bogota, Colombia To: Great Plains LHS Dorm supervisor, science



RON PILE

From: Antiqua-To: Southeast Asia South Dakota



MELISSA WOLFF

From: Fond du Lac WI To: St. Paul/First-North Hollywood CA

Gr 5, upper grade math





Arizona 🤇

CASEY SAUER

From: Green Bay WI To: CrossWalk Lutheran Ministries-Laveen AZ Staff minister

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BENJAMIN HANSEN

From: Watertown SD To: Immanuel-Hadar NE Gr 4-8, principal apprentice



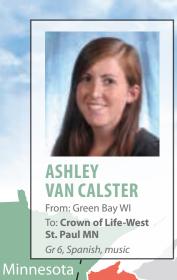
CALEB SOLOFRA

From: Laveen AZ To: Peru Teacher



ONE MISSION

- Endless Opportunities



MICAH KOELPIN

From: Dallas TX To: Wisconsin **Lutheran Seminary**



ORIE THOMFORD From: Chesaning MI To: Wisconsin **Lutheran Seminary**



WESLEY TOWNE From: Bay City MI To: Michigan **Lutheran Seminary** Tutor





JANELLE RADUE From: Waukesha WI To: Christ/St. Peter-Milwaukee

Illinois

Maryland



CHISEON KIM From: Seoul, South Korea To: Jerusalem-Morton **Grove IL** Gr 5-6, math



JESSICA WELKE From: Winnebago IL To: Divine Peace-Largo MD Gr 1-2



BEN EWINGS From: DeForest WI To: Luther **Preparatory School** Tutor



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EVODIA CASSIUS From: St. Lucia To: TLC Early **Childhood Development** Centre-St. Lucia





KEELY KEESE From: Lake Geneva WI To: Abiding Love-Cape Coral FL Staff minister



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Adam Bilitz Luther High



Elise Haselerhansen Alpha Omega Academy-IA Great Plains LHS



Ashley Andrus



Evan Willick Luther Prep



Hannah Black Minnesota Valley LHS



Desiree Grochow Minnesota Valley LHS



Jaxx Jacobsen Homeschool



Bethany Schultz Luther Prep



Daniel Zabel Luther Prep



Emily Ash Sturgeon Bay HS-WI



Jeremy Fluegge Luther High



Aimee Ashman Fox Valley LHS



Maria Tomassetti Kettle Moraine LHS



Joseph Graumann Lakeside LHS



Bethany Lisowski Luther High



Micah Jarvis Luther Prep



Lydia Dobberstein Luther Prep



Jason Shebilske Appleton East HS-WI



Blake Guth Minnesota Valley LHS



Emma Turriff Luther Prep



Joshua Wong Minnesota Valley LHS



Kristina Jensen Elk Mound HS-WI



Corey Paske Lakeside LHS



Caleb VonDeylen Luther Prep



Ida Hirsch Luther Prep



Andrew Mantz Kettle Moraine LHS



Kenna Parker Luther Prep



Evan Kolander Kettle Moraine LHS



Sarah Kjenstad **Great Plains LHS**



Morgan Palubicki Cotter HS-MN

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Adam Kock Luther Prep



Ella Loersch Luther Prep



Micah Biesterfeld Luther Prep



Moriah Poehlman Manitowoc LHS



Duane Backhaus Luther Prep



Brittany Jensen Luther Prep



Faith Otte Nebraska LHS



Noah Panzer Northland LHS



Haley Hadler Northland LHS



Olivia Prost Luther Prep



Caleb Christopher Michigan Luth Seminary



Josiah Eaker Lakeside LHS



Benjamin DeGidio Luther Prep



Hannah Zoller Ashley Ridge HS-SC



Peter Christie Luther Prep



Kaitlyn Solofra Arizona Luth Academy



Nathan Lemke Lakeside LHS



Arianna Sanchez Wisconsin LHS



Rebekah Edelburg Northland LHS



Kyle Wilson Luther Prep



Amy Weiglein Winnebago Luth Academy



Ethan Jaeger Great Plains LHS



Ruth Buchholz Arizona Luth Academy



Matthew Spoerl Fox Valley LHS



Clayton Fury Luther Prep



Lailah Thabatah Michigan Luth Seminary



Nathaniel Stein Luther Prep



Mykenna Schneiter Winnebago Luth Academy St. Croix LHS



Joseph Quandt



Grace Cook Luther Prep





Zachary Johnson West LHS



Karen Mendoza Wisconsin LHS



Ryan Gurgel Kettle Moraine LHS



Melissa Cox Luther Prep



Ian Paulsen Luther Prep



Hannah Jeske Nebraska LHS



Keith Brassow Michigan Luth Seminary Luther Prep



Gretchen Nemmers



John Tews Kettle Moraine LHS



Morgan Hill Luther Prep



Emily Loberger Arizona Luth Academy



Wesley Aguilar California LHS



Morgan VanderMissen Southern Door HS-WI



Jared Witkowiak Wisconsin LHS



Erin Wenzel Fox Valley LHS



Caleb Koelpin Luther Prep



Michael Wu California LHS



Rebecca Doering Lakeside LHS



Paul Koepsell Fox Valley LHS



Julia Schibbelhut Luther High



Owen Bain Luther Prep



Alison Lindemann Luther Prep



Rebecca Figueroa West LHS



Joshua Schroeder Luther Prep



Chloe Doble Michigan Luth Seminary



Nicholas Hagedorn Luther High



Anastasia Bornschlegl St. Croix LHS



Isaiah Duff St. Croix LHS



Stephen Vieths Luther Prep



Minnesota Valley LHS



Ronald Pratt Michigan Luth Seminary Luther High



Anna Hemmelman



Elrik Stowers Round Rock HS-TX



Madison Ott Kettle Moraine LHS



Ethan Eisenmann Fox Valley LHS



Amanda Kander Evergreen LHS



Richard Eckmann Martin County West HS-MN



Jessica Stibb Luther Prep



Carissa Friebe Michigan Luth Seminary



Zachary Meier Kettle Moraine LHS



Tessa Petersen Great Plains LHS



Brayxton Alexander Luther Prep



Sierra Mielke Luther Prep



Joseph Herrewig Winnebago Luth Academy Minnesota Valley LHS



Allison Grunke



Jonah Backus New London HS-WI



William DeMarce Luther Prep



Kathryn Krause Luther Prep



Alexander Stoeberl Luther Prep



Mary Falck Kettle Moraine LHS



Mitchell Baumgartner Michigan Luth Seminary



Emily Byhardt Kettle Moraine LHS



Sarah Dias Enochs HS-CA



Noah Bruckschen Manitowoc LHS



Karissa Nolte Minnesota Valley LHS



Zackary Zuberbier Martin Luther HS-WI



Molly Hennig Luther Prep



Brad Hengeveld Winnebago Luth Academy



Urvin Lewis Jr Luther Prep



Noelle Boucher Rocky Mt. LHS



Christopher Schoebel Luther Prep



Hannah Stegman West LHS



Brandon Leiterman Denmark HS-WI



Joslyn Hallauer Deer Park HS-WA



Allison Boggs Winnebago Luth Academy Evergreen LHS





Rebecca Pruss Winnebago Luth Academy Nebraska LHS



Elyssa Luckinbill



Jeffrey Parker Evergreen LHS



Luther Prep





Daniel Waterstradt Luther Prep



Rebecca Marley Luther Prep



Sarah Hughes Luther Prep



Alejandro Vargas Luther Prep



Grace Christman Homeschool



Yiling Leng Michigan Luth Seminary



Abby Enstad Luther Prep



Tristan Pankow Michigan Luth Seminary



Emily Brand Anoka HS-MN



Daniel Pitzner Luther Prep



Tyler Crick South Medford HS-OR



Aaron Schultz Luther Prep



Evan Keating Michigan Luth Seminary



Ella Hirsch Luther Prep



Andrew Carter Winnebago Luth Academy



Elizabeth Bartz Michigan LHS



Noah Giebel Shoreland LHS



Michael Starr Michigan Luth Seminary



Kaitlyn Bochler Luther Prep



Andrew Peternel Martin Luther HS-WI



Robert Read Luther Prep



Lydia Wilde Luther Prep



Laurel Hirschmann Wisconsin LHS



Nathan Holz Luther Prep



Rebecca Klement Michigan Luth Seminary



Ryan Kohl Luther Prep



Mikayla Hodkiewicz De Forest HS-WI



Jonah Schlomer Luther Prep



Jared Ruffin Lakeside LHS



Hannah Compton Michigan Luth Seminary Luther Prep



Adam Westra



Kailyn Dabe Michigan Luth Seminary



Caleb Schulz Shoreland LHS



Rachel Gresock Michigan Luth Seminary



Michigan Luth Seminary



Katelyn Raddatz Luther High



Christopher Biebert Luther Prep



Megan Winghart Great Plains LHS



Noah Hartmann Luther Prep



Elisabeth Hahm Homeschool



Aaron Fischer Luther Prep



Emily Orvis Winnebago Luth Academy Luther Prep



Jacob Schmidt



Adrianna Sayles Michigan Luth Seminary



Joshua Tomlin Luther Prep



Elena Mueller Divine Savior Luth Academy



Laura Cole Michigan Luth Seminary



Silas Dose Minnesota Valley LHS



Christian Monday Luther Prep



Joshua Kutz Luther High



Melissa Neumann Northland LHS



Jacob Mathena Homeschool



Andrew Lucht Luther Prep



Eli Steinbrenner Luther Prep



Joseph Wildauer Luther Prep



Jacob Zelenka Michigan Luth Seminary



Megan Garvin California LHS



Jordan Zeck Great Plains LHS



Caleb Gustafson Kettle Moraine LHS



Kasandra Wagner Luther Prep



Caleb Raasch St. Croix LHS



Jonathan Thede Luther Prep



Megan Frey Michigan Luth Seminary



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS! WE'LL BE VISITING YOU!

Arizona Luth Academy	Oct 11-12	Lori	
California LHS	Oct 13	Lori	
Divine Savior Academy	Jan	David S	
Evergreen LHS	Oct 28	Dave R	
Fox Valley LHS	Oct 6-7	Ross & Lori	
Great Plains LHS	Sep 22-23	Dave R	
Huron Valley LHS	Oct 3	David S	
Illinois LHS	Oct 5	David S	
Kettle Moraine LHS	Oct 20-21	Ross & Dave R	
Lakeside LHS	Sep 13-14	David S, Lori, & Dave R	
Luther High	Sep 21-23	Ross	
Luther Prep (seniors)	Sep 15-16	Ross, Lori, David S, Dave R	
Luther Prep (juniors)	Oct 17-18	Ross, Lori, David S, Dave R	
Luther Prep (Ministry Day)	Oct 19	Ross, Lori, David S, Dave R	
Manitowoc LHS	Sep 20	David S	
Michigan LHS	Oct 4	David S	
Michigan Luth Sem (seniors)	Sep 22-23	David S & Lori	
Michigan Luth Sem (sophs)	Nov 27	David S & Lori	
Michigan Luth Sem (juniors)	Nov 28-29	David S & Lori	
Minnesota Valley LHS	Sep 27	Ross & Lori	
Nebraska LHS	Oct 13	Ross	
Northland LHS	Sep 27	Dave R	
Rocky Mt LHS	Oct 11	Ross	
St Croix LHS	Oct 25-26	Ross & Dave R	
Shoreland LHS	Oct 13-14	Dave R	
West LHS	Sep 27	David S	PU
Winnebago Luth Academy	Sep 8-9	Lori & Ross	HC
Wisconsin LHS	Oct 4-5	Lori & Dave R	We

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Talk to athletic coaches, music directors, and professors.

Hear personal ministry stories from experienced called workers.

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Nov 3-5 (Musical)

Dec 8-10 (Tip-Off Tourney)

Jan 26-28 (Winter Carnival)

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