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Picture includes WLC students along with MLC students **Micah Otto** (LPS / St. John-Baraboo WI), **Mykenna Schneider** (WLA / Faith-Fond du Lac WI), **Markus Klingenschmitt** (St. Croix / Bethlehem-Lakeville MN), and **Andrew Mantz** (KML / Good Shepherd-West Bend WI)



Madison Ott (KML / Faith-Sussex WI)



Professor Daniel Fenske enjoys the view on top of the hill used by Jamaica's first bobsled team to prepare for their world debut in 1988.

Winter in Jamaica? Yeah, Mon!

Frigid temperatures and howling winds froze New Ulm to 20, 30, even 40 degrees below zero this Christmas break. Meanwhile, students from MLC, WLC, and BLC escaped to 85-degree Jamaica to take a one-of-a-kind marine ecology course.

At a marine laboratory in the small town of Discovery Bay, Jamaica, students snorkeled through coral reefs and collected creatures to study. "It was incredible seeing so many different creatures living in the same ecosystem," says **Madison Ott**. "Pictures of coral reefs just don't do them justice."

Not only did students snorkel each day in the Jamaican sun, but they also ventured into the lagoon at night. "I saw octopus, barracuda, jellyfish, eels, and stingray," says **Mykenna Schneider**. "At first it was unsettling to swim in the dark, but seeing all the creatures was amazing!"

The people that MLC students met along the way also made the experience exceptional. "As Christians, there was an immediate bond among the students from the different colleges," says preseminary participant **Micah Otto**. "By the end of the trip, it was hard to believe we had only known each other for ten days!"

Students interviewed locals in the nearby town for an assignment and came out of it with new Jamaican friends. "The local people reminded me of the importance of friendliness," Micah says. "I was constantly greeted with a smile by people that had no reason to greet me."

The next Jamaica Marine Ecology Trip is planned for December 2019. Everyone interested in sea creatures, unique cultures, and warm weather is welcome to sign up! You won't regret it!

PROFile: Professor Daniel Fenske

Professor Daniel Fenske spearheaded the academic portion of the marine ecology course. He made sure students had fun but also mastered the concepts. Besides this course, Prof. Fenske also teaches biology—a required class for most majors. Learning science at MLC is different than at public universities. It's taught with a focus on God as the creator of all things. "In biology, we see God's hand and involvement in a totally unique way," says Prof. Fenske.

Besides spending time with his wonderful family, Prof. Fenske also loves fishing for muskie and hunting turkey and deer. Hunting and fishing grounds were plentiful for the 20 years that he taught at Northland LHS, but we're thankful he gave it up to be our professor here at MLC!