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## A Successful Start for STEM&M

With just 20 wooden Keva planks, students set to work on building the tallest tower possible. Dozens of students dedicated time to the task—the most persistent stayed for hours! **Christian Arnold** (*LPS / St. Paul-Oconto Falls WI*) won the contest with a carefully constructed tower of 119 centimeters. This was the first event run by MLC's newest club: STEM&M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, & Ministry).

After weeks of sharing ideas for a STEM club at MLC, interested students met on a Sunday night and put it all together. Student Senate's approval, a colorful bulletin board, and a successful first event made it official. "Forming a new club at school has had its challenges and struggles, but it's been extremely rewarding," says co-president **Sofia Spiegelberg** (*LPS / Saving Grace-Mobile AL*). "Without supportive professors, enthusiastic students, and hardworking members, STEM&M would be nothing."

What's its goal? "My hope is that it can help our future teachers be ready to handle the rapid growth of science and technology, and prepare the next generation for a life reliant on such tech," says **Jayson Tuman** (*CLHS / King of Kings-Garden Grove CA*).

"We hope that STEM&M can provide MLC's teachers-in-training with activities and tools they can use someday," says co-president **Callahan Diersen** (*MVL / St. John-New Ulm*). "Whether this is an activity like building towers or learning to use a 3D printer, we look forward to finding ways to integrate STEM into classrooms."

Interested? STEM&M wants students like you to keep it going for years to come!



**Josh Schoenfeld** (*Lakeside / St. John-Waterloo WI*) watches his tower come crashing down.

## The Knights Referee Association

**Jacob Schmidt** (*LPS / St. Matthew-Oconomowoc WI, pictured*) tosses up the ball for the tipoff, and another game of the MLC grade school basketball tournament begins. Over the past two weekends, WELS grade school teams have traveled to New Ulm to compete. Running up and down the courts alongside them were the referees—MLC students with a passion for basketball and the know-how to make games run smoothly. These students are part of the Knights Referee Association (KRA).

Besides reffing MLC grade school tournaments, KRA refs also travel to schools in and around New Ulm and as far away as the Twin Cities for games at St. Croix and West LHS. This year they'll cover about 350 games in all!

"As someone with a coaching minor, reffing has made me even more familiar with basketball rules that coaches will have to deal with," says **Alison Lindemann** (*LPS / St. John-Lewiston MN*). "Reffing also forces you to have tough skin, which is a great life skill in general. It's a great way to stay connected to the game of basketball and make great money while doing it!"

**Nic Liu** (*GPLHS / St. Martin-Watertown SD*) is the commissioner of the KRA. He's passionate about what he does and works hard to match up student refs to games and prepare them to be successful. "Dealing with the fans, players, and coaches—that's a big part of officiating," says Nic. "It's important to learn from mistakes and improve, because all those kids deserve a fair game."

