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Introducing Counselor Klug

Counselor Ted Klug didn't always plan on going into the ministry. As a teen he dreamed of playing sports professionally, editing videos, or attending culinary school.

But family and friends pointed the Lakeside grad in a different direction. "My parents were huge supporters of my going into the ministry even though I was the first in the family. I was blessed with an amazing group of faithful, Christ-centered teachers throughout my grade school, high school, and college experiences," he says.

The turning point occurred when Counselor Klug's high school principal, Jason Nelson, pulled him aside: "Ted, I just want you to know that the faculty prayed for you this morning at our devotion," he said. Those words stuck with Counselor Klug. "They were taking the time to care about me so much that they took my name to our God in prayer. Wow! After that, I knew I wanted to do that same thing for every one of my students."

Counselor Klug spent his years at MLC making friends, playing intramural basketball, and meeting his wife, Kirstie Lange. Afterwards, he served at Luther Prep as a tutor, at Our Savior in San Antonio as principal, at Lakeside as tech director and basketball coach, and at Evergreen as principal and basketball coach.

Now, after teaching everything from second grade to high school, Counselor Klug is back to the beginning: he's MLC's newest admissions counselor, hoping to encourage the students who, just like him, are hesitant about MLC.

If you attend Divine Savior Academy, Apostles LHS, Rocky Mountain LHS, Nebraska LHS, Luther Prep, Wisconsin LHS, St. Croix LA, Lakeside LHS, Kettle Moraine LHS, or Kingdom Prep LHS, Counselor Klug is headed your way. He hopes to tell you: "Try it. Give ministry a chance." (Full interview of Counselor Klug: mlc-wels.edu/ted-klug)

Pictured: The Klug family: Ted, Kirstie, Anastasia, and Elliana.



Time to Teach!

"It was a thrilling experience to finally put into practice what I've been learning for the past four years," says **Moriah Hackbarth**. This semester Moriah is student teaching math courses ranging from pre-algebra to pre-calculus at Cedar Mountain High School.

This elementary and mathematics double major already has a semester of grade school student teaching under her belt—at Bloomington MN—and is back for take two. Like all education majors, she must student teach at both a WELS and public school for each of her majors.

Moriah (*Lakeside / St. Paul-Lake Mills WI*) admits that being in new places can be tough, but at Cedar Mountain she hopes to jump in and maybe even coach a sport, saying, "I've never regretted opening up and making new connections."

For many MLC students, their professional semester is when all the pedagogy falls into place and the excitement of being a teacher sets in. "It's one thing to learn about the best ways to help a child grow and understand new content in a classroom," she says, "but it's a completely separate thing to actually watch a child transform through the activities I plan, the lessons I teach, and the adjustments I make from assessment."

Pictured: The daughter of Moriah's host family at Bloomington Lutheran presents her for show-and-tell.