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We Love Our Internationals

MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

It's true—most of MLC's student body calls the Midwest home, but we do enroll students from across the country and the entire globe. Our 12 international students this year *(pictured)* hail from Antigua and Barbuda, China, Colombia, South Korea, Vietnam, and Ukraine.

During International Education Week, our students got to know their international peers and gained insight into the diverse cultures they may encounter in their future ministries. They attended presentations by their international friends, learned about opportunities to study and serve abroad, answered questions at international trivia night, and participated in an international badminton tournament.

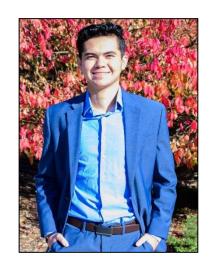


And the caf staff stepped up too. With the international students' help, they offered different international foods every night, mixing up the regular menu with everything from empanadas to egg drop soup, from fried plantain to borscht.

One of our internationals is Juan Escobar *(pictured)*, a grad of Divine Savior Academy originally from Colombia. Why would a Colombian choose snowy New Ulm? Juan's answer is this: "I am very social. I like talking to people. That's one of my passions. And on top of that, sharing God's Word and the gospel of Jesus. So there's no better career than to be a pastor and no better place to study for that than at MLC.

"Everywhere in the world, everyone is different," he adds. "Everyone has different ideas, different cultures, different beliefs. You just have to understand them and be respectful."

Whether you're from Milwaukee or Beijing, MLC is a place to grow in faith and prepare for the ministry. Here we're all united in our calling to serve Christ.





College Choir edifies morning worship at First Evan. in Racine for their 170th anniversary.

Now Thank We All Our God

Christmas music may have already taken over the radio, but College Choir spent last weekend singing songs of thanksgiving during their fall mini-tour.

Choir members explored the Capitol building in Madison, Wisconsin, sang at Lake Geneva, Racine, and Appleton, and visited Fox Valley LHS. "Every stop was awesome. Each one was memorable and a great opportunity to witness," says **Emma Dorn** (*Illinois LHS / Trinity-Crete IL*).

Carley Techlin (WISCO / Christ the Lord-Brookfield WI) adds, "My favorite part is getting to see our brothers and sisters in Christ. Seeing people preparing for the ministry means a lot to them. I love the joy on their faces."

It's a lot of miles in a short time, but **Maria Werre** (*Lakeside / Peace-Sun Prairie WI*) doesn't mind: "Just seeing the gratitude and joy from the congregations made the whole trip worth it."