

MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

God Gives Gifts for Ministry

Meet Mr. David Biedenbender, another recruiter here at MLC! Mr. Biedenbender is a fantastic example of what it means to be a well-rounded servant of the Lord. From a young age, he had two passions: music and sports. He worked hard to sharpen the tools God had given him any chance he got, whether it was practicing football in the yard with his dad or playing trombone in the middle school band.

This didn't change in high school. Mr. Biedenbender says his time at Kettle Moraine Lutheran provided many excellent opportunities to serve God with his talents. Unfortunately, those high school years fly by faster than anyone expects them to. Before he knew it, he was off to college—the land of tests, student teaching, scholarly papers, and no time to do anything fun! Right?

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Wrong, thankfully! Soon after he arrived in New Ulm, Mr. Biedenbender realized that a core value of Martin Luther College is to celebrate the God-given abilities

of each individual and to provide avenues to use them. After all, no two future called workers are the same, and college is a perfect time to prepare for many different evangelism opportunities. In his own words, "I just want high school students to know that Martin Luther College is a great place to develop all the abilities God has given them. Our school provides a fantastic environment to grow and prepare for ministry!"

Before coming to MLC as a recruiter, Mr. Biedenbender wore many hats at schools around the country. He served as an organist, band director, coach, principal, and a teacher of everything from elementary education to high school social studies.

How about you? What unique talents do you have for ministry? First Corinthians 12:4-6 says, "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work."

The harvest is plentiful! We ask that you prayerfully consider how you could use your gifts and abilities here at MLC and out in the public ministry. Mr. Biedenbender would love to meet with you someday to hash out all the details.



Social distancing is a must, even in the fitness center. The new updates to the fitness center allow us to stay fit and stay safe!

Fit for Ministry

It's important to keep our minds fresh and our bodies healthy as we prepare to be faithful messengers of the gospel. We're blessed with some great exercise facilities here at MLC. Our fitness center just reopened a couple weeks ago after some exciting updates. Workers knocked down walls to make more space for machines and applied fancy new decals to spruce up the place. Throughout the day, students can be found down here loading up squat racks, walking on the stair machine while drilling Greek vocables, or putting in some miles on the treadmills when the Minnesota weather gets a little too brisk.

Fitness room supervisor **Claire Pagels** (*LPS / St. John-Lannon WI*) says, "We are very blessed to have such a nice place to exercise at MLC, especially as it starts to get colder outside. It's good to start building healthy habits while in college in order to continue them in our ministries!"