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Almost Two Semesters Down . . . How'd It Go?



Dan Buth and **Noah Kvidth** (*Northgate HS / Faith-Sharpsburg GA*) enjoy the sun after their soccer scrimmage.

Daniel Buth (*MLS / Faith-Sharpsburg GA*) couldn't wait to start his pastoral education. But how could college be all that it's cut out to be in a year like 2020? How would he make new friends if he couldn't see the bottom half of their faces? These were just a couple of the many worries rattling around in Dan's head as he awaited orientation week back in August.

But when Dan arrived on campus, he found himself at home almost immediately. "The orientation activities were so awesome and really helped me meet my classmates," he said. "Each student gets paired with an advisor, and they are all so friendly and willing to help answer any questions."

Like many first-year preseminary majors, Dan wondered how he would survive daily Greek quizzes. Fortunately, MLC language profs are pros at making verb endings and vocab words stick in our young, malleable brains. At MLC you're also surrounded by hundreds of people working just as hard as you for the same purpose—a blessing not found at many other schools.

When Dan isn't hitting the books, he loves to play on our soccer team. It was a bummer that soccer season got shifted to the spring, but the fall intersquad scrimmage was a favorite memory of the year so far. What an awesome chance to play the sport he loves with new friends! He said, "The weather was perfect, and all the other students that came from campus to watch made for a great game."

Lydia Krenke (*Lakeside / St. John-Jefferson WI*) grew up watching her parents spread the gospel each day and couldn't help but picture herself following in their footsteps. But as the years flew by and she found herself applying to MLC, receiving an acceptance letter, and packing her bags, Lydia started feeling something she hadn't quite expected . . . uncertainty. Was she prepared to handle a collegiate level workload? How would she grapple with a new social environment and the stress of living in a different place all at once?

Like Dan, Lydia found her experience here in New Ulm far less intimidating than she imagined. "New Ulm is a relatively small town, but there's tons to do!" she said. "There are cute coffee shops and lots of parks—I love hiking in Flandrau State Park with my friends, and it's just down the street!" Lydia went on to explain that it's totally normal to be a bit nervous about starting college, but there's really no reason to worry!

"The Lord has blessed me here with amazing friends," she said, "lots of great clubs and activities to be a part of, and a community with which I share the same faith." She especially treasures MLC's weekly Compline services on Monday nights—a time dedicated to singing, prayer, and meditating on Scripture. What could be more important for future called workers? At MLC, we have the privilege of living in the light of the gospel each day as we prepare to faithfully share it with others.



Lydia Krenke smiles with her friend **Anna Borgwardt** (*WLA / Redeemer-Fond du Lac WI*) after MLC's Easter service.