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## Applause for New Addition

We have a new blessing to be thankful for—and Knight athletes will have a “field day” with this one! It’s the Betty Kohn Fieldhouse with 36,000 square feet of turf, baseball and softball batting cages, golf simulators, and locker rooms. On Saturday of Homecoming week, President Gurgel led the dedication service (*pictured*).

Named in memory of a beloved Christian whose husband gave a transformational gift, this fieldhouse “is a perfect addition to our campus that will serve MLC athletics and physical education for years to come,” says **Jake Vilhauer** (*Rocky Mountain LHS / Shepherd of the Valley-Westminster CO*).

Those of you who’ve come for a Focus on Ministry visit can attest that it’s impressive—including “that new-car smell of the turf,” according to **Aidan Lewis** (*MLS / Messiah-Johns Creek GA*). When you enroll at MLC, you’ll have year-round access. Fall and spring athletes will love practicing indoors when the weather is bad. And through intramurals, PE classes, or personal fitness regimens, all students will enjoy the Betty Kohn.

## PROFile: Mark Paustian

Sweaty palms and stammered words are telltale signs of an unprepared speaker. Advanced Christian Rhetoric’s main purpose is to help students become more comfortable speaking—especially sharing the gospel in public.

Prof. Mark Paustian, the professor for this “speaking-intensive” course, says, “Our goal is to put students on a lifelong path of learning what it means to communicate Christ, both in the sanctuary and out in a questioning world. Students will learn what a thrill it is to give ourselves to these tasks.”

Advanced Christian Rhetoric is highly student-driven and is taught with two units in mind, homiletics (or preaching) and Christian apologetics (a defense of our beliefs). It sees each student speaking in front of the class for over an hour across the semester, leading discussions in smaller groups, and crafting a devotion to preach in evening chapel. Nearing the end of the semester, students prepare major speeches that address common questions people have about Christian truths. These projects also allot time for the rest of the class to react and provide constructive feedback.

Prof. Paustian encourages MLC students—and prospective students like you too—to “grab all the experiences you can in front of audiences of any kind. Nurture your love for reading, give yourself fully to your writing assignments, and participate in any creative outlets that come your way.”

