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Of All the Colleges . . . Why MLC? (Part 2)

We know the college decision is one of the hardest ones you've ever had to make. So many choices! And you have so many different gifts and interests—which ones do you follow? Truth is, the decision was difficult for some of our student ambassadors too. Maybe reading about their journeys will help just a little bit with yours.



A passion for fitness: MLC was never really on my radar until my junior year of high school. Prior to that, I'd been set on the medical field, whether it be athletic training, physical therapy, or chiropractic. I've always been in awe of God's creation of the human body and how we can praise him by being the healthiest version of ourselves. A particular teacher of mine, **Mrs. Sarah**

Proeber MLC '17 brought to my attention my God-given gifts and how I could use those in the public ministry as a teacher. My visit with MLC **Admissions Counselor Lori Unke** helped me realize how I could use my passion for fitness in the public ministry through a physical education major. It's the best of both worlds for me to study physical education in a setting where God's Word is integrated, day in and day out.

Jordyn Heckendorf (*KML / Shepherd of the Hills-West Bend WI*)



Be the change: While thinking about a career path, I wanted to become someone who would try and help the next generation. In a predominantly German denomination, black leadership in the church is minimal. So I decided to become a pastor to change the narrative—because when you want change, you need to be the change. Plus, what's better than working for Jesus every day?

Corey Tipton, Jr. (*WISCO / St. Lucas-Milwaukee*)



What can she say? She loves school: Ever since 4th grade, I strongly considered attending MLC. I loved school, and I loved the idea of being able to help others learn. My grade school teacher, **Mr. Phil Stern DMLC '86**, was an amazing role model for me and helped me solidify my desire to attend MLC. I was slightly considering a local Christian college, but I'd been on

MLC's campus a few times, and I'd always been so excited to come here! And I'm so glad I did!

Kay Prigge (*NEHLS / Faith-Rising City NE*)



He tried preaching—and liked it:

I locked into MLC after giving chapel my senior year. The thought of being a pastor had been in my head for a long time, and the experience of sharing God's Word with my classmates was invigorating. I also received plenty of encouragement from family, teachers, and friends. MLC became the obvious choice!

Grant Gawrisch (*SCLA / New Life-Shoreview MN*)



Feels like home: I've known I wanted to be a teacher since 3rd grade, but I didn't actually consider MLC till my sophomore year. I have hardly any family that are called workers, and it was hard for me to consider moving six hours away. But once I came on a Focus trip, I just loved how homey the campus felt. I ended up talking more with my teachers in high school, and they all encouraged me to pursue going to MLC! I've always had a deep appreciation for my teachers and loved the student-teacher relationships we formed, and I knew that if I was able to have just one of those in my ministry, it would all be worth it!

Natalie Luebke (*KML / Trinity-West Bend WI*)



So much encouragement: My dad is a pastor, so I've always had this possibility in the back of my mind. I even wrote that I wanted to be a pastor on my 2nd-grade "About Me" poster! However, as I continued in my schooling, I realized there were other options out there and I didn't need to limit my opportunities to just one occupation. But this drive for being a pastor never left. I

received an abundance of encouragement from family, friends, pastors, and teachers who told me I have the skills to be a pastor. And this encouragement hasn't stopped now that I'm at MLC. My professors continue to give their encouragement and prayers as I progress in my studying for the public ministry.

Ryan Boggs (*LPS / St. Luke-Watertown WI*)