

## Thinking About the Journey

Hey, Knight Nation! While you're on break, you'll probably be doing some thinking about the future. Where are you in this journey to college? A few of our Student Ambassadors share their journeys with us in this issue. Maybe you'll recognize yourself in their stories—the way they try to picture themselves in different careers, the way they listen to the important people in their lives, the way they talk to God about it. Give their words a read, and know that here at MLC, there are people praying for you every day, asking our good Lord to guide you on your journey, whether it's here to our campus or somewhere else. We know he's going to use you well! Merry Christmas!

**Isabelle Steidl** (*WISCO / St. Paul-Muskego WI, right*): During high school, I was blessed to go on three different mission trips and learned so much from each one. We often ran VBS for little children, and it was so fascinating to see a child who came in on Monday, not even knowing who Jesus was, screaming “Jesus Loves Me” at the top of their lungs by Friday. Moments like that, seeing God work faith in little hearts, made me so excited to one day have a classroom of my own.



**Luke Latzke** (*Illinois LHS / Trinity-Crete IL, left*): MLC was a difficult decision for me. I never even had it on my mind until junior year, and I wasn't committed until my senior year. So, it's never too late to make a decision! I believe that the people at my church who encouraged me constantly to use my gifts for the public ministry are a big part of what pushed me here. People want to see you succeed and be a positive influence in the ministry!

**Hannah Bodden** (*Concordia LHS / Abiding Word-Houston, right*): I originally refused to attend MLC. Because my dad is a pastor, it felt like coming here was expected of me. I applied and was accepted to nine other schools as a creative writing major, but I was worried about job security. I applied to MLC as a secondary education major on a whim last December, and after praying about what to do with my life, I knew MLC was the right place for me.



**Grace Schneider** (*WISCO / St. Paul-Muskego WI, left*): I didn't spend my first year of college at MLC. I was actually at a small Division 2 school in South Carolina! I went there to play beach and indoor volleyball. It was a fun time, but as much as I loved the sport, I knew I wanted to work in the ministry, and I knew the best place to prepare me for it was MLC. I transferred this year as a sophomore, and I haven't looked back since!

**Nathan Pausma** (*WLA / St. Luke-Oakfield WI, right*): Some advice: Talk to your family and friends; they know you a lot and can help guide you in this decision. So can your teachers. Think about your talents and the things you enjoy doing most, and see if there's a career where you can do that full-time. That way, this job you choose becomes something you enjoy rather than dread. And pray—that's the most powerful tool in your arsenal.



**Hailey Rice** (*Rocky Mountain LHS / Living Hope-Commerce City CO, left*): Some final advice: Take a deep breath. You have so much time to figure out what you want to do, even if it doesn't seem like that in high school. Just know that once you set your mind and take action on a plan, it's okay if it changes. You're going to have some trials and errors in your journey, and in the end you'll figure out what suits you. God has given us many blessings and unique gifts, and he will use you in such incredible ways—even if you can't see it now.