

## Wind Symphony Players in Their Own Words



**Joshua Kallies** (ALA / Grace-Glendale AZ) junior - preseminary studies

**Auditions scary?** Auditions were the scariest part of orientation. I was so stressed about whether or not I'd make it in. Turns out, the audition is mostly for Professor Wurster to make sure you have some experience and to figure out how he'll arrange the band. All you need to do is practice a few scales, and play two pieces. You'll make it in.

**Sure, the music is harder:** Luckily over time your skills do improve, and it becomes easier to play the pieces. Then it almost feels like the same level of difficulty as in high school.

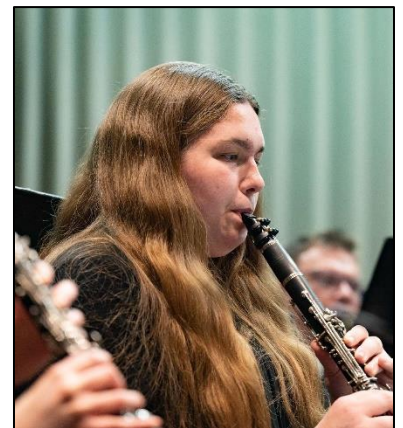
**You'll find your place:** To anyone doubting they'd be a good fit at MLC, I'd say to come! I guarantee that in Wind Symphony, you'll find your place. I'm involved in just about everything I can at MLC, and nothing compares to the relationships you build in Wind Symphony.

**Meghan Johnson** (Luther High / First-La Crosse WI) junior - elementary education

**What's not to love?** I love getting to create music every day while praising Jesus. When we prepare sacred music, that is my absolute favorite. I also like Wind Symphony because of the many friendships. I've met some of my closest friends here. Gathering together four times a week with your friends to make music is special.

**Professor Wurster is the best:** Perhaps the best part of creating music with him is his sense of humor. No matter the piece of music or season of the year, he has a dad joke prepared! Most of the time, the joke really isn't that funny, but the delivery is always the best. I also really appreciate that he genuinely cares about my life. He knows that some days are harder than others, and he's willing to offer advice when needed.

**You really need to give MLC a try:** Come tour MLC! Experiencing the culture on campus is amazing! The bond between students and professors is something most colleges can't offer. Here we are family in Christ. Everything we do is built on the foundation of Jesus and his selfless love. To be at a school where everyone has the same mission is truly amazing. Plus, you get to play some awesome music in concerts, church, and chapels.



**Luke Rogotzke** (MVL / Zion-Sanborn MN) senior - preseminary studies

**It's just fun:** It never feels like I *have* to go to band. I *get* to go!

**Years from now:** I love playing trumpet, whether it's in band right now or for church, like on Easter Sunday. (Is it really Easter without trumpets?) I do hope I can continue to use these gifts throughout my ministry, whether it's playing for church or perhaps in the local community band. It can be used as an opportunity for evangelism when you introduce yourself as the pastor of Such-and-Such Lutheran Church or the teacher at Such-and-Such Lutheran School.

**In addition to Wind Symphony:** There are plenty of other opportunities to use your instrumental gifts at MLC, whether it's playing in worship ensemble, accompanying choirs, or participating in the talent show. MLC is a great place to be!