

“I Was Pleasantly Surprised to Find . . .”

This week we asked first-year Student Ambassadors what surprised them about MLC. They were high school students last year, just like you, and they had preconceptions about what MLC would be like. When they got here, they found out that, in some ways at least, they were completely wrong! We call these “pleasant surprises.”



Malachi Hulse (*Manitowoc LHS / Immanuel-Manitowoc WI, pictured left*) I was surprised by all the things you can do around the city of New Ulm. It’s super easy to go to a coffee shop or a restaurant with your friends, and it’s super fun just driving around.



Emma Frey (*St. Croix LA / Foundation-Las Vegas, pictured right*) A pleasant surprise for me was how many worship opportunities there are. I figured this would be similar to my WELS high school, where there was chapel during the day and maybe a Bible study once a week, but there’s a new opportunity around every corner here! From group Bible studies to outdoor worship services to extra chapel services to volunteer opportunities in community churches, there’s always something for us to be a part of.



Noelle Berg (*WISCO / St. John-Mukwonago WI, pictured left*) A pleasant surprise about MLC for me was the overwhelming support of RAs, professors, and mentors. I also found that it’s not true there’s nothing to do. There’s so many activities and groups to be a part of: intramural sand volleyball and Hilltop Worship Small Group are two I enjoy right now.



Jake Albrecht (*KML / Christ Alone-Thiensville WI, pictured right*) Something that surprised me when I got to MLC was how close everything was: the caf, classrooms, dorms. I expected it to be a long walk between the buildings, but it takes only a couple of minutes to get across campus, which is going to help when we get the freezing weather and snow.



Arthur Robinson (*LPS / St. Paul-New Ulm MN, pictured left*) Coming to MLC, I can honestly say I didn’t have the maturity to invest my time in studying, wanting to just fly through college like high school. I soon realized that, with a higher level of education, I’d have to set apart specific times to study.



Adelyn Kemnitz (*WLA / St. Paul-North Fond du Lac WI, pictured right*) One of the most pleasant surprises was the incredible support from the professors and others around me. I’d expected the curriculum to be overwhelming, but the professors are so kind and willing to help, and there are countless other resources for you to understand a class better and enhance your learning. This support made me feel reassured and confident in my future at MLC.