

Pleasantly Surprised by MLC

Hey, Knight Nation! Our Student Ambassadors admit they came to MLC with a few—shall we say—*misperceptions*? “New Ulm is boring . . . MLC is too easy . . . only called worker kids go to MLC . . .” Those are a few of their early thoughts. But once they were here, they were pleasantly surprised. Give it a read. You might be pleasantly surprised yourself!



Tom Balge (*LPS / St. Paul-New Ulm MN, left*): “I expected MLC to be boring. This is not the case. There’s a lot to do. Even during the winter, there are different activities set up by Student Senate: Winter Carnival, SPaM ball, broomball, intramurals, and many other things. On top of all this, the city has many different things you can do. Whether it’s disc golfing, electric scootering, or exploring Flandrau State Park, New Ulm has a lot to offer.”

Hailey Rice (*RMLHS / Living Hope-Commerce City CO, right*): “I don’t have any family members in the public ministry, and my school wasn’t in the Midwest, so I was really scared I wasn’t going to make any friends. But I couldn’t have been more wrong. Within the first two days of school, I’d made so many friends! I know it’s scary when you come from public schools or you’re not from a ministry family, but let those fears subside. MLC is a place where we all come from different backgrounds for one mission.”



Olivia Klabunde (*Redwood Valley HS-MN / St. John-Redwood Falls MN, left*): “It was a pleasant surprise to learn that all of your professors actually care about you. I was always told in high school that my college professors wouldn’t care about me or my learning experience, but MLC proved that wrong!”

Kate Mensching (*LPS / St. Luke-Watertown WI, right*): “Even though it’s a small town, I appreciate how safe and quaint New Ulm is. I love going for scenic walks and runs around town and through Flandrau State Park. There are also so many jobs! It’s great knowing the community appreciates and respects MLC students, and a good number of students work off campus.”



Ella Bergemann (*LPS / Good Shepherd-Downers Grove IL, left*): “I expected MLC to be an intimidating and strict environment, but I found the opposite. I can truly feel how the love of Christ permeates the entire campus, influencing every interaction. Yet MLC’s gospel-centered environment does not compromise in the slightest on quality of education. I am held to a high standard of excellence.”

Connor Heckendorf (*LPS / Light of the Valleys-Reno NV, right*): “When considering MLC, I was concerned that I would be bored on a comparatively small campus. This could not be further from the truth these past three years. I feel almost more involved than I would be at a large university and never have trouble finding stuff to do.”

