

Advice from the Veterans

We asked the RAs (resident assistants) for their best advice for first-year students. As campus veterans, they understand how things work around here, and they remember well what it was like to be a new student in a whole new world! You'll find some great tips here, no matter where you're going to college—but it's especially helpful for those of you headed to MLC next fall!



1 Josiah Guenther (*MVL / St. John-New Ulm MN, pictured front*): The biggest temptation for me as a freshman was to lock myself in my room, scroll through Instagram, and avoid people at all costs, but the best thing you can do is go out and talk to people. Get involved. Join a sport. Join a club. Join Forum. Just join something. You'll thank yourself for it later.

2 Aubrey Bode (*LPS / Cross of Christ-Coon Rapids MN, pictured front*): Don't be afraid to try things outside your comfort zone, because doing just that was one of the things that helped me meet some of my closest friends. And don't be afraid to ask anyone on campus for help. All the students and faculty are amazingly kind and willing to help.

3 Alexandra Schroeder (*MLS / Good Shepherd-Burton MI, pictured in blue T-shirt*): Grades are important. Extracurriculars are important. However, do not underestimate the importance of forming good relationships. Meet lots of people, make quality friends, and be kind to everyone. Worries melt away when you have fellow Christians lifting you up spiritually and emotionally.

4 Noah Bickelhaupt (*LPS / Apostles-Billings MT, pictured front*): Take time for Jesus. Set a few minutes aside every day and read God's Word—in addition to chapel and religion classes. In his Word, you'll find comfort, peace, assurance, hope, and certainty that God has you in his hands. God will never leave you or forsake you. So take a few moments and be reminded of his truths and his promises.

5 Katie Rosenau (*Leesburg HS-FL / St. Mark-Leesburg FL, pictured far left*): What I wish someone would have told me my first year is that it's okay not to have everything figured out right away! Moving to college can be stressful. It takes time to feel settled and secure, but that's normal! God's got you!

