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What the First-Years Love Already

Though it's only been three weeks, some first-years told us what they've already come to love here at the WELS College of Ministry. If you've visited here, you'll know just what they're talking about!



MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

Caleb Martin
Michigan Lutheran Seminary

Preseminary Studies –
Biblical Languages

Everybody on campus has been super welcoming. I've already had multiple amazing conversations with upperclassmen.

And I love chapel here. Singing

praises to our Savior with 500 people every day is amazing.

It's just wonderful to have a whole **campus united in one faith** and focused on achieving one goal: to serve our Lord and spread his Word.



Greta Nolte

Fox Valley LHS
Elementary Education

Throughout my first week at MLC, I was overwhelmed with how kind and welcoming everyone was. Every time I turned a corner, there was a new smiling face who genuinely wanted to get to know me.

I've also fallen in love with **volleyball**. Trying out for the team allowed me to make new friends before orientation even began. I love having a practice routine every day where I can spend time with teammates and coaches—who are already beginning to feel like family.

Chapel is by far my favorite part of MLC—worshiping in the Chapel of the Christ with hundreds of people my age who all have their hearts set on sharing the gospel.

Maddie Rowe

Luther Prep Secondary Vocal Music Education

I'm absolutely loving the music department and all its teachers. The programs and classes are amazing, and I can see the passion of everyone involved and how much they love to let God's light shine through everything they do.



I also love the **campus** as a whole. It's really beautiful here. I love that there are benches and tables to sit at outside and do your homework. There's an overlook behind the Centennial dorm where you can see almost all of New Ulm, and there are beautiful sunrises and sunsets there every day.

Micah Buschkopf

Wisconsin LHS
Preseminary Studies –
Biblical Languages

The worship culture—holy cow—is it beautiful! Singing hymns and saying the Lord's prayer with a chapel full of people with hearts on fire for God is incredible. Twice or even three times a day I get to set everything else aside and worship.



The **student culture** is so good. People go out of their way to say hi or smile at you or help you out at the library.

And I'm truly enjoying my **courses!** Yeah, they can be difficult, but I'm learning something I'm passionate about.