



Advanced Music and Ministry at MLC

Are you an exceptional pianist, vocalist, flautist, violinist . . . ? Are you looking for the best way to sharpen your gifts and put them to powerful use? At MLC, you'll find the rigorous music studies—and the music ministry preparation—that will propel you to excellence in service. We talked to several advanced piano students—the kind of musicians who could have studied music almost anywhere—and they told us how excited they are about their growth as musicians at MLC.

Eliana Geiger (KML): piano, voice, clarinet, violin, organ / College Choir, Wind Symphony, Pit Orchestra, Talent Show

What she loves: I love how you can use your musical gifts and be involved in the ministry of the gospel. It's really the best of both worlds!

What she's learning: Dr. Balge is an absolutely fantastic piano teacher! Before coming here, I really didn't understand how much expression and technique you can put into your music. I've learned so much from her!

John Balge (LPS): piano, trombone / Männerchor

What he loves: The best part of advanced piano is the high expectation level. Pressure makes diamonds. MLC is a superb school for growing your musical talents, and you'll be fitted for a teacher at your skill level.

What he's reaching for: My end goal for piano is to be able to prepare music for a church service in an hour, in case the pianist is gone.



Eliana Geiger



Will Archer (*front*) and John Balge

Will Archer (LPS): piano, French horn, organ, bass guitar / College Choir, Wind Symphony / soccer

What he wants to do: I came here because I want to serve others and serve Jesus in the public ministry.

What he loves: I love studying music here because I get an excellent music education and get to be involved in a wide range of things. You can play your favorite sports, play your favorite instruments, and participate in your favorite activities while you prepare for ministry.

Ella Bergemann (LPS): piano, flute / College Choir, Praise Ensemble, musical

What she loves: Like everything else at MLC, music studies are centered around the gospel. We don't focus on performance for our own personal glory. We do the best we can out of thankfulness to the God who gave us music—and, far more importantly, his Son!

What she loves about her teacher: Dr. Balge is a brilliant world-class pianist who has profoundly helped me in my performance by getting to know me personally and honing in on my strengths and weaknesses. She's also continually kind and encouraging. Her love of piano is clear and contagious.