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MLC Alumni Association  
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Dear MLC Alumni Association,

My name is Ryan Mitchell, and I'm a senior in the pre-seminary program at Martin Luther College with an emphasis in Mandarin Chinese. Thank you so much for Alumni Association Scholarship that you've established and for your care and support for the students here at MLC. I only have a few more years here, and then I'll move onto the Seminary, where I'll spend four more years studying to be a pastor. As I take more classes here at MLC, I get more and more eager to continue my education and eventually become a pastor in the WELS.

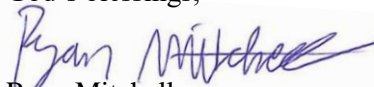


I'm from South Haven, MI, and I attended high school at Michigan Lutheran High School. I have a younger brother here at MLC, who is a freshman in the teacher track. Throughout high school, I changed my mind a lot about what I wanted to do after I graduated. I thought about going to Wisconsin Lutheran College for music production, then thought about going to my local community college to take culinary classes. I even thought about joining the Navy. I changed my mind several times until my then-girlfriend decided she was going to MLC to become an elementary English teacher. In a last-minute decision, I decided to go to MLC to become a pastor. During my time here, I've learned to love MLC, and my appreciation for the ministry has grown immensely. I can't wait to share the Gospel with others and grow in my faith at the same time. Also, my "then-girlfriend" has become my fiancée. We are getting married in July of '21 after we graduate from MLC.

On-campus I enjoy doing things with friends, watching MLC sports, and getting to know other students around campus. I worked in the MLC library for a few years, and I'm going to be working at late-nite in the cafeteria this year. I've also volunteered at the Jesus Cares camp at Camp Omega, and it has been amazing to share God's word with others.

Again, I'm so grateful for your prayers and support. I'm paying for school by myself, and it's not an easy task. I thank God for fellow believers and brothers and sisters in Christ that care for other students and me at MLC. Thank you so much for everything.

God's blessings,

  
Ryan Mitchell