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MLC Alumni Association
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Dear Members of the MLC Alumni Association,

My name is Emmaline Hagedorn, and I am a junior in the elementary education program at Martin Luther College with a minor in coaching. Thank you so much for the MLCAA Scholarship that you have established. Your gift helps many students, including me, prepare for our lives as called workers.



I grew up in West Bend, Wisconsin, but moved to the La Crosse area right before my senior year of high school. I graduated from Luther High School in Onalaska. I have two younger sisters and a younger brother. When I was deciding which college to attend, I always thought that teaching and the ministry was not the way for me. Since my mother is a called worker, I saw all the stress and complications that came with teaching. I did everything in my power to stay away from recruiters and anything that had to do with MLC.

After our move, I started thinking more and more about what the Lord may be calling me to do, and he led me to consider the ministry. After much thought, I decided I wanted to work with younger children. I then began to consider attending Martin Luther College. I talked to some of my high school teachers about what might be best, and I concluded that teaching was for me. I have the privilege to teach young children about our Savior and help them grow closer to Christ. I also get to teach them many different subjects and connect them to Christ. Knowing all of this now, I wish I had never knocked it out of my possible career choices.

Here at MLC, I am a member of the indoor and outdoor track and field team. I participate in events such as shot put, discus, and the hammer throw. I also enjoy participating in intramurals to help me stay active and get to know my fellow schoolmates.

I hope that in the future I can become a God-fearing, humble, and effective teacher and role model for the children of God. I am thankful for the prayers and the financial support. It gives me comfort to know that God takes care of his children in many different ways.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Emmaline Hagedorn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Emmaline Hagedorn