MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

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MLC Alumni Association
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Dear Members of the MLC Alumni Association,



My name is Matteah Gehl. I am a senior majoring in elementary education at Martin Luther College. Thank you for providing the MLCAA scholarship opportunity for students at MLC. This opportunity will help alleviate some of the financial stress of tuition payments and upcoming deadlines.

I have a unique story about my journey to MLC. I was born in San Antonio, TX, and adopted after my second birthday, along with my older sister. I also have a brother, whom my parents adopted before I was born. With my dad being a pastor, we moved many times. Shortly after my third birthday, we moved to North Carolina. We were later in Wrightstown, WI, for eight years. Three summers ago, my dad took a call to Cross of Christ in Kingman, AZ.

Despite my eagerness for ministry now, if you had asked me when I was five or even my freshman year of high school, I wanted to be a veterinarian. I have always loved animals. We had horses in North Carolina and have always had dogs in our house. In my junior year, I went on a focus trip to MLC, and it opened my eyes to what ministry actually included. Hearing the stories and enthusiasm of the different people that I got to meet was very inspiring. My dad attended DMLC, and his experiences in the ministry also influenced my decision. He has had such an impact on the lives of others through sharing the gospel, and I wanted to have that opportunity as well. My aunt attended MLC and is currently teaching in a 1st-grade classroom.

I am currently on the track and field team. At first, I was very unsure about joining, but it has been such a wonderful experience. My teammates are encouraging and supportive. My favorite class so far is Spanish because I love learning different languages. I have also been enjoying worshiping as a campus at chapel and Compline (evening chapel). There are so many people and reminders around me that support my spiritual growth.

Thank you once again for providing this generous gift that allows me to continue my ministry education.

God's blessings,

Matteah Gehl