MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY A Ministerial Prep School of the WELS

# SNAPSHOT Fall 2021





#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Sometimes the goal gets lost in the length of time that is yet to come. They step on our campus as fourteen year old freshmen and some of them don't reach their goal until they are twenty-six year old men with children of their own. That's a long time, nearly half of their young lives! In that time, many will go through times of uncertainty, searching, fear, and anxiety. Many will doubt their ability to complete the course. Many, if not all, will question their own trust in the Word they are preparing to preach and teach. The enemy is active in those eight and twelve years.

But then you get to days like May 15 (MLS Call Day) and May 20th (WLS Call Day) and it all makes sense. For eight or twelve years that precious soul has been shaped and nourished by the gospel that is the center of our very existence. They have been prayed over and supported by God's people for years. They have been encouraged by professors and teachers, coaches and directors who know all too well the feelings of doubt that enter into minds from unholy sources. They have grown in their confidence, not in themselves, but in the Word that they proclaim. And then the Lord calls them, clay jars though they are, to unleash the Spirit of the gospel in the world to save sinners.

That fourteen-year-old might be your son or daughter, your congregation member or your student. Maybe you see gifts in them when they only see weakness and failure. Maybe you see someone that has the keen ability to convey truths to friends that others simply don't have. Maybe you see a heart that is compassionate in times when others are judgmental. Maybe you see someone who has deep joy in talking about Jesus and his words of forgiveness that can only be Spirit-given.

Please encourage them to think about ministry as something that is eternally rewarding. Please take the time to mention to them what you see in them - their love, compassion, wisdom, or evangelistic spirit. Please encourage them to consider a school like MLS that has the goal of encouraging the use of those gifts for ministry in the church. And maybe, if the Lord wills, they will be the next pastor, teacher, staff minister or missionary that is God's servant to bring gospel blessings to so many - a goal that is so worth the time.

Loving and serving Him,

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Rev. Mark Luetzow, President

## **ENCOURAGEMENT GRANTS**

This August, eleven freshman students were selected to receive Encouragement Grants. These grants are designed to acknowledge students who display interest in and gifts for the public ministry. They also recognize families and congregations who are sending their first students to MLS. Students were nominated by their grade school faculties and selected by the Admissions Department. We pray that God would encourage these students through these grants and, more importantly, through his Word to continue their training at MLS and our fellow Ministerial Education schools.

- Carolyn Mattes (Northdale, Tampa, FL) First in Congregation Grant
- Camden Fager (St. Paul's, Monroe, MI) First in Family Grant
- Brock Ochoa (St. John's, Saginaw, MI) Leadership Grant
- Addison Whitmer (Good Shepherd, Midland, MI) Leadership Grant
- Wyatt Schuette (Good Shepherd, Midland, MI) Leadership Grant
- William Schoch (Zion, Chesaning, MI) Ministry Grant
- Kaylee Green (St. Paul's, Saginaw, MI) Ministry Grant
- Jackson Schroer (St. Paul's, Saginaw, MI) Ministry Grant
- Laurelei Harris (St. John's, Saginaw, MI) Fine Arts Grant
- · Harrison Beyersdorf (Good Shepherd, Midland, MI) Fine Arts Grant
- Nathan Everett (Gloria Dei (ELS), Midland, MI) Fine Arts Grant

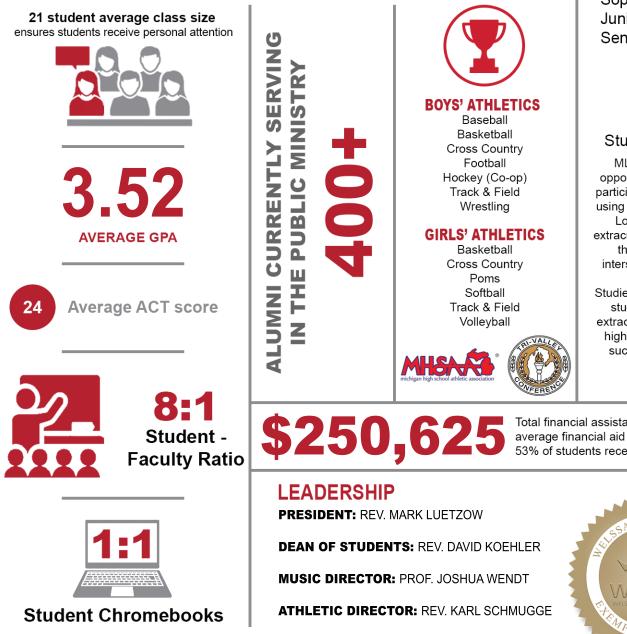




# FAST FACTS 2021-22

# SMALL SCHOOL ADVANTAGE; BIG SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Located in Saginaw, Michigan, Michigan Lutheran Seminary has been fostering spiritual, academic, and personal growth for high school students from across the nation and the world since 1910. This growth happens through the truths of God's Word, a rigorous slate of classes, and a campus culture that promotes involvement and service to others. It's our hope that this growth serves students well in whatever career they choose, especially those who decide to continue training for the public ministry of the gospel.





Total Enrollme	nt
Freshmen	42
Sophomores	48
Juniors	54
Seniors	38

**91%** 

**Student Participation** 

MLS offers a variety of opportunities for students to participate in extracurriculars, using their gifts to glorify their Lord and Savior. MLS' extracurriculars include music, theater, fine arts, and interscholastic competition.

Studies show that high school students who engage in extracurricular activities have higher indicators of school success and ACT and/or SAT scores .

Total financial assistance awarded. The average financial aid package was **\$3,267.** 53% of students receive financial aid.



Visit www.mlsem.org to learn more

# **FAST FACTS 2021-22**



# 2021-2022 COST

Tuition	\$7,650
Room & Board	\$4,850
Total Charges	\$12,500
Avg. Tuition Assistance	\$3,267

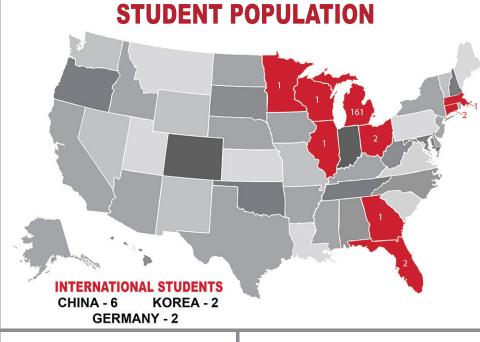


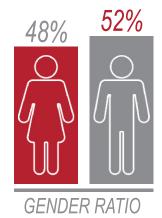


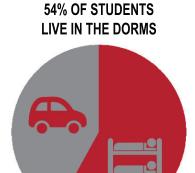
MLS alumni currently at Martin Luther College

MLS alumni currently at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

MLS class of 2021 who went on to college or the military









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### **NEW FACULTY**

Seven new faculty members were installed in the Opening Service of the 2021-22 school year. **Prof. Josh Wendt** will teach music, piano and organ lessons, as well as direct the Concert Choir and the Court Street Players drama productions. **Mrs. Beth Arnold** will teach Art, History, and Algebra this year. **Mrs. Kaylee Swanson** was installed in the English department teaching American and British Literature. **Miss Elena Mueller** was assigned to MLS as an instructor to teach Spanish and English. **Mrs. Abby Beyersdorf** accepted the call to teach piano lessons. Finally, **Ben Balge** and **Matt Swanson** were assigned from WLS as tutors in our boys dormitory. They bring a wide variety of experiences and spiritual gifts that will be a blessing to the MLS ministry of encouraging and equipping future gospel servants.



# PRESS BOX COMPLETED!

Over the past three years, the MLS Foundation has worked hard to improve the athletic facilities for our students. In June of 2018 they installed bleachers on the visitor side of our football field. In 2019 the home side bleachers with seating for 750 fans were installed. In August of this year, the press box and concession stand passed final inspection and is now ready to welcome its first visitors. Concessions will now be served in a restaurant quality kitchen and fans will be able to use indoor restroom facilities for the first time!

A dedication event was held on Friday, August 28 before the first varsity home football game marking the completion of this facility upgrade. There it was announced that a \$100,000 matching grant gift was given to the MLS Foundation to reduce the loan debt in half by the end of 2021. If you or your congregation want to assist with that effort, please visit www.mls-foundation.org to make a contribution!



## **2021 PROJECT TITUS**

Since 1981, MLS students have traveled during summer months to cities in the U.S. and countries abroad. These trips offer an amazing opportunity for cross-cultural immersion and outreach. Students gain real-life experience in a mission field and are encouraged to continue their training for the public Gospel ministry. Many MLS alumni have stated that Project Titus played an important role in encouraging them toward the preaching and teaching ministry.

This year our students traveled to the following destinations:

- · Messiah Lutheran Church, Johns Creek, GA
- · Camp Shiloh, Dallas, TX
- · Living Savior Lutheran Church in Asheville, NC

MLS is grateful to all of our host congregations!





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