

# MLC REPORT 2022-2023 SEMESTER ONE

# **ENROLLMENT**

629 Undergraduates on campus

Representing 29 states and 5 countries



# MINISTRY PROGRAMS

Part-time and full-time students

#### **EDUCATION**

Includes Staff Ministry

109 First-year

109 Sophomore 97 Junior

113 Senior

23 Fifth-year

15 Other

#### **PRESEMINARY**

Year of graduation

43 2025-26

**36** 2024-25

**47** 2023-24

**37** 2022-23

**163** Total

**466** Total

# CONGREGATIONAL PARTNER GRANT PROGRAM

**550** Students supported

**276** Congregations participating

\$720,722 Given by congregations

Amount as of 8/29/2022

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

**66** ECE program students

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER

69 Children

4 Lead teachers

9 Student teachers

**4** Student workers

5 Full-time staff

4 Part-time staff



#### CONTINUINGED/GRADUATESTUDIES

897 Continuing Education students

**141** Graduate Studies students

15 MA Theological Studies

**56** MS Educational Admin

**14** EC Director

39 Principal

3 Technology Director

70 MS Education

14 Ed Tech

25 Instruction

15 Leadership

16 Special Ed

### **NEW TEACHER INDUCTION**

**203** Beginning Teachers

148 Schools

157 Mentors





### **NEW FACES ON CAMPUS**

Martin Luther College welcomes these new faculty members who were installed in the 2022 Opening Service on August 22, 2022.

(Back row) Paul Huebner, Head Football Coach and Recruiter; Heath Dobberpuhl, Professor of Science; Adam Pavelchik, Director of Field Experiences; Jacob Behnken, Professor of Music and Dean of Chapel; Isaiah Degner, Professor of Spanish; Nathan Savage, Dormitory Supervisor and Instructor

(Front row) Hannah Scharf, Admissions Counselor; Rebecca
Doering, Professor of Physical Education and Coach; Mya KesslerPeshon, Teacher at Early Childhood Learning Center; Melissa Berg,
Director at Early Childhood Learning Center; Kayte Gut, Professor
of Early Childhood Education; Rachel Youngblom, Professor of
Special Education; Halie Flores, Admissions Counselor



# FROM THE PRESIDENT

#### MLC ANNOUNCES A NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

Here's a lens to view this report: partner with us and pray for us as MLC focuses on **Pursuing Excellence Under the Cross.** 



MLC's **Equipping Christian Witnesses** campaign ended June 30. That campaign gave many reasons for thanksgiving! We thank God for many encouraged toward ministry. We're thankful for gifts that helped graduates' educational debt decline significantly! We rejoice in campus improvements your gifts made possible.

But if we allowed that momentum to die on July 1, we would dishonor MLC's mission. Training gospel workers isn't a three-year campaign. It's the work of every generation. So we continue to partner with you to ensure that faithful messengers are ready to proclaim the gospel.

That's why, on July 1, we launched a new strategic plan to direct MLC's work for years to come. **Pursuing Excellence Under the Cross** has **three foundational beliefs:** 

- We pursue excellence not as slaves but as loved children under Christ's cross;
- We *pursue excellence* by offering him our best with the unique talents given to each of us; and
- We pursue excellence under our cross by dying to mediocrity and rising with the courage to risk all for the gospel.

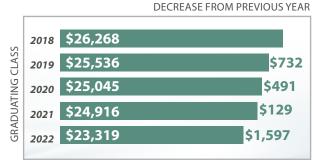
#### This pursuit of excellence has four key initiatives:

- We embrace our family's identity as a Lutheran college dedicated to preparing gospel ministers for our synod and its mission fields.
- We empower our family's formation as we help everyone grow spiritually and academically while also supporting emotional and physical health.
- We expand our family's reach as we reflect the multicultural reality of the Church before Christ in eternity.
- We endow our family's home as we make MLC more affordable while providing an excellent college experience.

Please partner with and pray for us as we Pursue Excellence Under the Cross.

#### MLC GRADUATES ARE BORROWING LESS

We are thankful to report that for four years in a row, our graduates borrowed less money to pay for their education at MLC! Borrowers in the class of 2022 borrowed \$1,600 less, on average, than the class of 2021. Reducing student debt is one of the primary objectives in our strategic plan, *Pursuing Excellence Under the Cross*. With God's blessing, donors' generous support, and the cooperation of parents and students, our goals are to see first-year students with no loans and graduating seniors with low loans.



TOTAL DEBT PER BORROWER OVER FOUR YEARS

# YOU ARE INVITED . . . BETTY KOHN FIELDHOUSE DEDICATION

Join us on **Saturday, October 8, 2022, at 9:15 am** at the MLC Athletic Complex (1800 Boettger Road, New Ulm) as we dedicate and give thanks for the newly constructed MLC facility.

The Betty Kohn Fieldhouse, made possible by the generous gifts of many, including the transformational gift of Robert and Betty Kohn, features 36,000 square feet of turf, batting cages, a state-of-the-art golf simulator, track and field equipment, and flexible interior walls.

