



### Student Snapshot: Madison and Llyod Baranoski

Madison and Llyod are twins and have been a part of the GPA family since their sophomore year in high school. They are now juniors. They grew up in the Bolton School System and their school was very small. When they moved from Bolton to Rockville, they began the search for a different school to go to, to see what kinds of opportunities were out there.

They see GPA as (in their words):

- ...a place to make great connections.
- ...a place with great opportunities.
- They think that it is amazing to be on the campus, in the environment.
- Being on campus is awesome, but taking the college courses is an amazing experience, too.
- They both began to take MCC courses their sophomore year and aspire to have one full year of college credits on their transcripts when they graduate next year.
- They think it will help them adjust to college life.
- They are excited about the changes this year and having the same staff back again
- They love the small class sizes- 15-20 kids, max.

- They love the fact that their schedules can be fitted to take college classes with their high school friends- Lloyd has two of his friends in Math 158 (= Algebra II honors).
- They feel like the staff is supportive of them, but that they put a lot of pressure on themselves. They know where they can go to talk about this and how to help them manage their time.
- They feel like GPA is starting to have kids here that REALLY want to be here, which is a great feeling.