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## Meet Your Departmental Student Advisor!

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**Hometown:** Dexter, MI

**Majors:** Music and English – Writing Emphasis

**Study Abroad:** Gaborone, Botswana

**Favorite Ice Cream Flavor:** Mint Chip

**Best Adjective to Describe You:** Goofy

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### **In 10 words or less, why should someone want to be a part of this department?**

In one word: Dr. Les Tung. He rocks and rolls.

### **When did you know you wanted to study this area? What pathway led you to this department?**

I have always loved music, but I never thought I would pursue it in college. The music department is so flexible and accommodating that it made it a more realistic option for me. They take so much time and effort to help you through the major. Such a supportive bunch, couldn't have asked for a better crew of professors!

### **What is the best way to get (and stay) connected to this department?**

Pop in and visit. The professors aren't just interested in your minor scale progressions, and they are some of the most quirky and interesting people I have ever met. They are so supportive and can be really helpful both in and outside of the major!

### **What would you miss the most if you were no longer a part of this department?**

Les Tung's pony tail. And the relationships with the professors. They take the time to really get to know you, and truly value their majors and minors. It's a small department, and it allows you to really get close to your teachers as well as fellow majors/minors.

### **What are your career aspirations/next steps after K?**

Currently playing it by ear. I hope to eventually end up in education, but may take some time to pursue music and have a go studying voice and auditioning.

### **What has been the biggest surprise you have encountered at K?**

Starting as an AnSo major and ending up as a Music and English (with an Emphasis in Writing) double major without having to overload once (knock on wood).

### **How does your department connect to your other interests and activities?**

The department has so many ensembles and opportunities. I have been able to sing in the choir and meet so many fun and talented people as well as observe a music teacher at work during an independent study with Tom Evans.

### **What has been your favorite class at K? Why?**

My favorite class was a Painting Class my freshman year. Because the music department is so flexible I have had time to take classes outside my major(s) and really explore my interests! I love that I have had the opportunity to take classes I would never have gotten the chance to be involved with at a bigger university or bigger department.

### **What is your SIP?**

Working with Ubuntu Soul Writers, a creative writing group I started while studying abroad, and researching the connection between Poetry and Culture in Gaborone Botswana.

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