

December 2023

Second Founding Day, December 1

Today is officially recognized as our **Second Founding Day**. We commemorate the incredible generosity and vision displayed by the Mayes/Cooley Family in stewarding Waldorf University as part of Columbia Southern University for 12 years. Last year on this day, the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation officially assumed ownership of our thriving school. We are so grateful for the partnership that serves as a milestone toward our incredible future.

Celebrate Christmas with us!



Soup • Assorted Breads • Christmas goodies • Christmas Music • and more

Waldorf will be hosting a holiday season coffee/open house for our entire community of friends, employees, alumni, and students on **Thursday, December 7th from 11-1pm in the Salveson Ballroom**. We plan to offer a soup selection, along with cookies, bars, breads, and other Christmas goodies! Come say "hello" and join us in the holiday spirit. We look forward to seeing you!

Giving Tuesday 2023:
Thank You!

**GIVING
TUESDAY**

Click to See Our "Thank You"!



We extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who generously made a gift for Waldorf's [Giving Tuesday](#)! Your generosity helps us fulfill our promise to make Waldorf University education accessible and affordable to all and nurture individuals in mind, body, heart, and spirit. Thank you for being part of this inspiring journey as we move forward together as a strong Waldorf!



Thinking of continuing your education? Apply now!

A Masters through Waldorf University may be a perfect next step in your professional and educational journey. We are here to help you chart your path! [Request information](#) or fill out the [application](#). Starting the conversation is the first step.

[Bachelor's Certificates](#) and [Master's Certificates](#) are also available for current or aspiring professionals to advance their career-related knowledge and skills. Certificates are stepping stones and can be applied to our online degree programs.

Waldorf graduates land with jobs, are promoted or start their next degree within six months of graduation. Offering a litany of associate, bachelor's and master's degree programs — **on campus and online** — Waldorf has an answer for every student's academic needs.

Share with your network that we specialize in helping people with significant amounts of completed postsecondary coursework to quickly complete the [Bachelor of Applied Science](#) (BAS) programs.

Ever evolving, Waldorf has led the charge for change since 1903, embracing technology and academic programs that best prepare our students to lead and serve in a rapidly changing world.

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Request Info



What's new with you? Have you moved? Did we lose you? Got a new job, expanded your family, received an award? You can always email us at Alumni@waldorf.edu or use the [online form](#) to update your info and share your alumni news!



A Window of Opportunity!

The outpouring of support tells us we made the right decision for Waldorf. The *Window of Opportunity Campaign* helps us with the costs the Foundation incurred purchasing the University. With a hefty \$2.5M goal, this covers necessary infrastructure, software, IT, and legal fees associated. There are still matching dollars from our donors who pledged \$500,000 for 1:1 matching gifts to make sure Waldorf has what she needs.

For 2023 tax deductible giving:

- Gifts by credit card have to be made online by midnight CST December 31 **online**.
- Gifts by mail should be postmarked by December 31.
- For stock and appreciated asset transfers, we encourage you to initiate those gifts before December 22 so we can help make sure they are received in 2023.

While the University is closed between Christmas Day and New Year's Day, we are still here to help you make your gifts. Call Ms. Severin Roberts at 515-460-1765.

Thank you for celebrating Waldorf University's future with us.

Make a Gift Online

Warriors in the News

Kara (Knisley) Berhow '08 and Holly Kilstrom recently founded Oh My Dog Rescue in Urbandale, IA. It's a non-profit organization to help dogs find a second, third, or even a fourth chance to land in

their "forever" home!

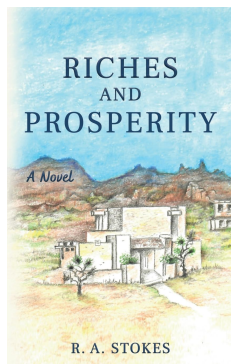
Kara and Holly met when they adopted dogs from the same rescue. Then they they were both drafted to be foster moms for dogs. Kara has spent 10 years fostering dogs, and Holly has fostered dogs for 5 years.

They founded Oh My Dog to help many more pups find their forever families!

[Full Story](#)



L-R: Oh My Dog Rescue founders, Kara (Knisley) Berhow '08 & Holly Kilstrom giving their pup friend a wash and haircut.



Randy Stokes '76, recently published "*Riches and Prosperity*," a Christian fiction novel and the second he has published.

The book takes readers into the lives of a group of believers in success-driven, prosperity-minded America in the days before the return of the Lord.

Waldorf gear makes a fantastic present!



Check out the newest items! Be sure to wear your Waldorf gear, provoke conversations about Waldorf with friends and family, and connect with the high schoolers in your network. Share your Warrior Pride! Order [online](#) by December 11 to make sure they are delivered in time for holiday gift giving!

What's Your Waldorf Story?



Student Council members are D. Hoxeng, T. Berg, M. Potter, B. Lomis, B. Bogenschutz, M. Weller, ROW 2: J. Hayden, B. Knutson, G. Anderson, D. Thompson, ROW 3: S. Pursch, B. Isebrand, D. Anderson, V. Charlson, K. Vik,

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The 1967-68 Student Council certainly has stories to share!!

Do you have a great "Waldorf Story"? We like to feature alumni stories in the newsletter, online, and in the [Waldorf Magazine](#)! Send us your short stories and long narratives with a picture to alumni@waldorf.edu, or use link below.

We look forward to reading your stories.

[My Waldorf Story](#)

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