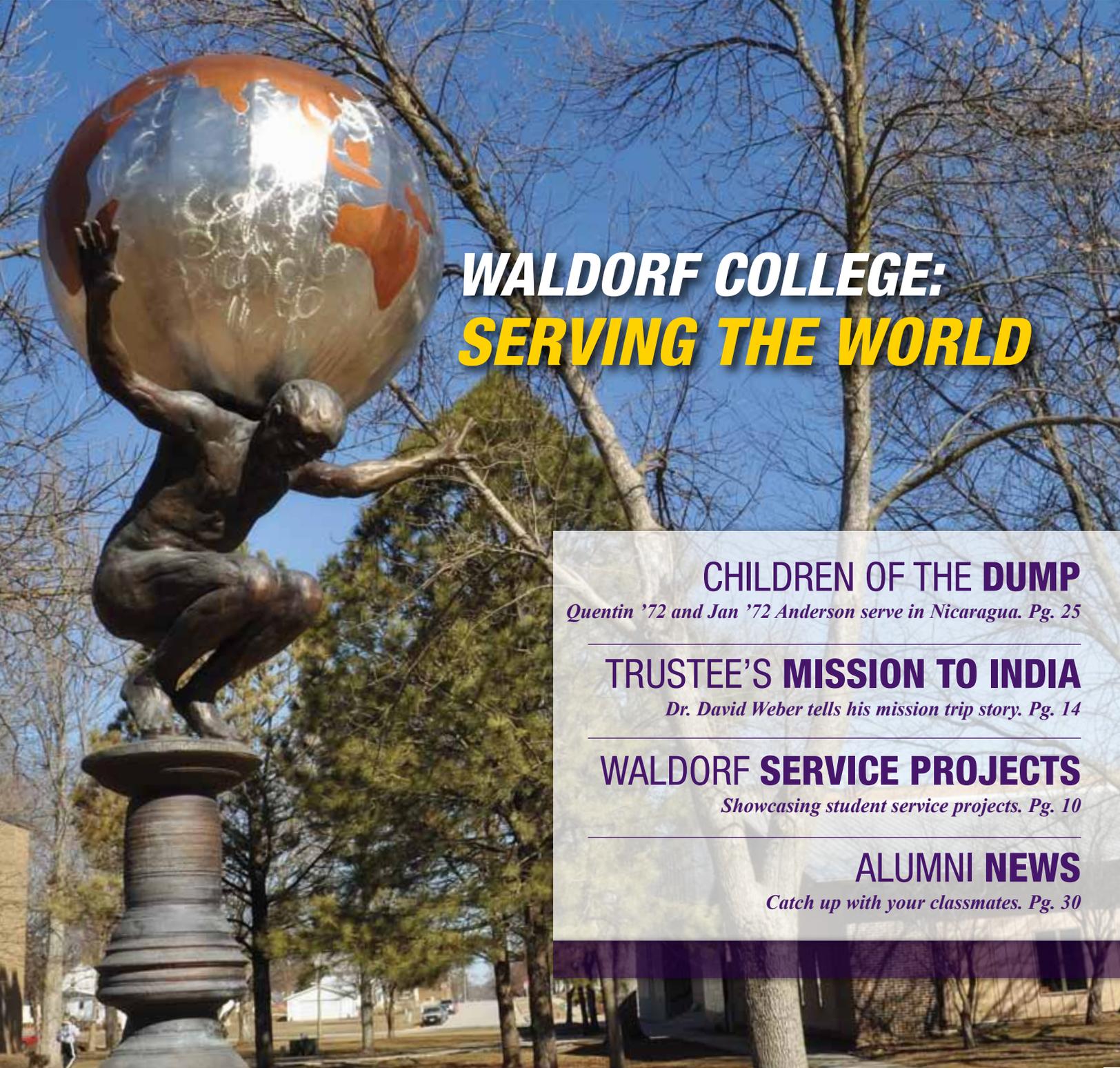


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We are reminded in 1 Peter 4:10 (TNIV) – “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

Love and service to God and others are not only core to the Ten Commandments, but central to Waldorf’s mission as well. They remain part of our heritage and our future. We are proud to highlight several alumni in this issue who are serving the world and their communities in extraordinary ways.

Board of Trustee member Dr. David Weber ’62 shares his experience of serving in a mobile health clinic in India and his eye-opening account of the disturbing human trafficking and sex slavery that goes on in Mumbai, India. Jan (Shurson) ’72 and Quentin ’72 Anderson delivered donated boxes of clothing and supplies on behalf of Rotarians to Nicaragua and made a huge impact on ‘the children of the dump.’ Teeg ’98 and Amy (Ruter) ’99 Stouffer each followed their calling to care for Creation, and Francis “Buzz” Burnham ’41 continues to volunteer at his alma mater by preserving history for future generations. Read on for more on their stories.

In this issue President Bob Alsop talks about what has changed and what has stayed the same at Waldorf in his column on page 2. As a valued member of the Waldorf community, you are invited to attend President Alsop’s inauguration on April 27.

If you missed the Homecoming coverage in the e-newsletter, be sure to read the Homecoming recap, and check out the class reunion photos throughout the magazine. Also, save the date for Homecoming 2012!

In other news, the new Waldorf Lutheran Association of Congregations is represented by a faithful group of Lutheran pastors and delegates who continue to meet and talk about new ways to support campus ministry. If your church would like to become a member of the Association, turn to page 21 for more information.

As always, this issue also features news about students, faculty, staff and other alumni. Please send your news to the alumni office by July 20, 2012 to include in the fall issue.

We value this opportunity to connect with you and inform you of College and Foundation news. The Waldorf Magazine is largely made possible from gifts received by the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation. Thanks to those of you who financially support this important form of communication. If you would like to receive monthly updates on the college via email as well please contact the alumni office at alumni@waldorf.edu. As faithful stewards of our resources, we are offering the option to receive the Waldorf Magazine online rather than through the mail. If you would care to ‘go green,’ please let us know.

Yes, we are all called to serve. In addition to the many ways you serve your community and the world, we sincerely thank you for also being an enthusiastic ambassador for Waldorf College! We hope you enjoy this spring issue.

Warmest regards,



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Students participate in the annual Rake-A-Thon service project.



Kids Against Hunger

The annual food packaging event had 521 volunteers, raised \$15,228, and packed 60,912 meals! Learn more about this service project and others inside this service-focused edition of the Waldorf Magazine.



It's been just over two years since the ownership of Waldorf College transferred from an association of Lutheran congregations to Mayes Education. Since that time Waldorf has become a bit of a curiosity, not just in the local area, but in the region and the nation (not surprising since Waldorf College represents a new model in higher education). In most ways Waldorf is operating as we have for most of our history as a private, liberal arts college, but we can now leverage our relationship with Columbia Southern University to bring the Waldorf experience to a whole new demographic of online students. In this transition, some things have changed, yet many have stayed the same. For example:

1. **Mission:** Waldorf College's mission has always emphasized critical thinking, vocational discernment, faith, and service, though over 108 years some of the words have changed. This mission has always been important for the staff, students, and alumni, and it continues to this day to inform the strategic planning of the college.
2. **Governance:** Be assured that decisions for Waldorf College are made in Forest City! Waldorf faculty controls the curriculum for both campus and online programs. The governance framework of the College has remained intact, with committee structures that promote shared governance. Vice presidents, deans, and directors report to the President, and the President reports to the Board of Trustees.
3. **College Leadership:** Six of Waldorf's 12 senior leadership positions have been with the College eleven years or longer, and one other has five years of service. Three new positions (Online Dean, Director of Online Enrollment Management, and Chief Information Officer) were created to support the new online program. The two remaining positions, in marketing and athletics, were recent hires.
4. **Campus:** The Waldorf campus has never looked better. Many improvements to facilities have been made and services have been expanded to meet the needs of our students. We are committed to providing a superior academic and co-curricular experience.

5. **Online Curriculum:** The distance education program, designed to bring the Waldorf experience online, was developed by Waldorf faculty. Many of the online courses are taught by our residential faculty. With a curriculum that emphasizes the liberal arts, vocational discernment, critical thinking, faith, and professional excellence, our online program offers a valuable alternative to other online schools. New technology is also allowing us to build a community between our residential and online students by streaming events and hosting chat rooms.
6. **Ownership:** Waldorf is fortunate to be owned by a family and a corporation with decades of experience in higher education. We are privately held, not publicly traded. While Waldorf College and Columbia Southern University are both owned by Columbia Southern Educational Group, we are separate entities, with different accreditation, governance, and academic programs. However, we do collaborate when and where appropriate, and this has strengthened both institutions.

This has been a wonderful year for Waldorf College. Our academic, fine arts, and athletic programs have received national recognition this past semester, and a national survey of over 750 colleges and universities ranked Waldorf College in the top ten percent for providing a supportive campus environment and faculty-student interaction. With over 900 students taking classes on campus and online, there are more students taking Waldorf courses than ever before. We still have plans to grow both programs as we combine the richness of our tradition with new modalities of learning.

In sum, Waldorf College has retained its integrity as it embraces the best of educational innovation. So whether you are an alumna or alumnus, or a friend of the college, you can be proud of your local college. We're still Waldorf. The flame still burns.

Sincerely,

President Bob Alsop

WALDORF STUDENT LEAPS INTO BIGGER ROLE IN THE **SCRIBEAMERICA PROGRAM**



Waldorf College student Ashley Lutrick's dream of attending medical school is steadily becoming reality.

Just three months after getting accepted into the prestigious ScribeAmerica program at Mercy Medical Clinic in Mason City, the junior has been promoted to the role of chief scribe.

“This gives me an idea what my life will be five years from now.”

-Ashley Lutrick

“I'm really hardworking!” said Lutrick, who is aiming to apply for medical school this summer. “When I started the ScribeAmerica program last year, I finished my training in two weeks instead of a month. We are asked to commit to 20 hours a week, but I try to put in 30 when possible.” As part of the program, Lutrick primarily shadows physicians and documents the medical

information of a patient. As the chief scribe, she also manages schedules of everyone in the program, hires scribes as necessary, and follows up with physicians to make sure the scribes are working within guidelines.

“Along with the physicians, I also get to work with medical school students,” she said. “This gives me an idea what my life will be five years from now.”

Before joining the program, the Norwalk resident was unable to get a volunteering opportunity with a physician in her hometown area because of her commitment to college. “I would have never gotten to see patients, or get any time with physicians had I not been in this program,” said Lutrick. “It's great experience. I'm going to have in-depth knowledge going into medical school that my peers may not have.”

Waldorf College faculty have noted Lutrick's commitment. “She is involved in several things here on campus, but she

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-Ashley Lutrick

never forgets her top priority: academics,” said Dr. Paul Bartelt, associate professor of biology and Lutrick's advisor. “It took the Mercy Hospital staff only a couple of months to recognize Ashley's abilities, intelligence, and commitment to medicine.”

Lutrick's passion for medicine primarily stems from personal experience. She lost her father to liver cancer five years ago, and since then has been fascinated with the science of the human body “I want to do the best for my family,” she said. Lutrick inherited her belief in hard work from her grandmother, an immigrant from Laos, who strived for her family's survival after coming to the U.S. as a refugee. “I want to keep working hard, and not disappoint my family.”

As much as she is involved with her academics, Lutrick is extraordinarily active with clubs and organizations on campus. She is the president of the Biology Club, the vice president of Waldorf's Student Senate, a member of the Wellness Club, a volleyball player and a science tutor. Her activities not only create a diverse and more enjoyable campus experience, but also improve her chances at getting into a top medical school.

With hardly any free time left on hand, Lutrick is mostly buried in books preparing for her MCAT. She does, however enjoy occasional dinners with close friends.

“I'm a very motivated person,” she said. “I want to give the best life to my mother and my siblings!” ■

FAQ ABOUT OUR ONLINE PROGRAM

How many majors are offered under Waldorf Online?

5 Business Administration
Criminal Justice Administration
Fire Science Administration
Organizational Leadership
Psychology

When did the online programs start?

January 2010

There are 10 term start dates in a year.

How many staff and faculty work for Waldorf Online?

20 Staff, 40 Faculty

Numbers vary by term

How many residential faculty/staff teach for the online program?

17 Numbers vary by term

Which is the most popular online program and why?

Fire Science Administration

Our regionally accredited fire science administration program sets us above other schools and adds to our high-quality reputation.

What is the course workload like?

Equivalent to Residential Courses

Online students participate in discussion boards, read multiple textbook chapters and other supplemental reading, and have at least one graded assignment or text each week.

How many credits equal full-time status?

6 Students taking six credits in each of the five terms per year will complete their degree in four years.

Do students have to come to campus?

Students must participate in a residency course every 30 hours of earned online credit. These residency courses are offered tuition-free, and are located at various locations throughout the country. 2012 residencies will be held in Phoenix, Atlanta, Denver, Detroit, and the Forest City area. For students who wish to attend a residency and graduation, there is at least one residency the week of graduation.

Are there support services available?

Of course!

Students have access to online library resources and APA help in addition to the Writing Center, Math Center, and their own student services representative.

Are students eligible for financial aid?

Yes. Federal financial aid is available, and Waldorf accepts military VA and TA benefits.

What is the average age of our online students?

35

Can high school students take online courses?

Yes. Waldorf works with high schools to assist juniors and seniors with enrolling in courses. Interested students should contact a Waldorf admissions counselor, who will then work with the high school to determine eligibility.

Do students have to pay for textbooks?

No. Textbooks are part of tuition!

What is the cost of tuition?

\$225 per credit hour

For more information on Waldorf College's online program call 877.267.2157 or email onlineadmissions@waldorf.edu!

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Online

WELLNESS PROGRAM WINS NATIONAL WELLNESS INSTITUTE AWARD

Waldorf College has won the prestigious National Wellness Institute's Distinguished Academic Program Award for its outstanding Bachelor of Arts in Wellness and Fitness Management degree program.

The award was presented at the 36th Annual National Wellness Conference in July last year, honoring the program's experiential learning, community service, and hands-on application.

"It's a big honor to be recognized by the mecca of wellness in the US and also internationally," said Kristi Leonard, department chair of the wellness program at Waldorf. "There were hundreds of people at the conference and some had never heard of Waldorf before. Now people know who we are and what we do."

Waldorf's wellness program started in the fall of 2001 and has since introduced newer tracks, enhanced practical opportunities and also seen an uptick in student enrollment. The degree distinguishes itself from those of other colleges by offering health promotion and exercise science both under one umbrella.

"Our aim is to develop well-rounded, balanced students," said Leonard. "Our students are fantastic. They represent us well."



Mishaun Marshall (left) and Macey Hickes (right) assist Kevin Encinas (center) as he uses the Monark exercise bike.

In addition to classroom learning, students in Waldorf's wellness program are given many experiential learning opportunities. During the spring semester upper-class students become personal trainers to a staff or faculty member at the college. They also get to work with Iowa-based companies where they either create or enhance the employee wellness programs. In the past, students have worked with Cummins, 3M, Kingsland, Holland Construction, and Farm and City Insurance.

"They learn how to serve in our program, and continue to serve the community once they graduate," said Leonard.

In addition to the fieldwork, Leonard also facilitated a study abroad trip to Yucatan, Mexico, in 2008. Occasionally, students attend out-of-state conferences and make trips to facilities of other universities.

The Distinguished Academic Program Award is not the first national recognition for Waldorf's wellness program. In 2008, the National Student Affairs Best Practices Report recognized the program for the best practice in wellness education. And in the same year, *Fitness Business News* ran an article about Waldorf's outstanding wellness program. ■

THREE STUDENTS NOMINATED FOR ACTING AWARDS



From left to right: Nicole Grisham, Chelsey Shreeve, and Haley Mosley.

Three Waldorf College students have been recognized by the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival for their performances in *Lost Socks*, an original play by associate professor of theatre Dr. Robert AuFrance.

The three actors who received nominations for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship were freshman Haley Mosley (in the lead role of Sharon), sophomore Chelsey Shreeve (Mitzi) and junior Nicole Grisham (Gertie). They competed on a regional level in Ames, Iowa in January.

The nominations are a significant honor for the students and Waldorf's theatre program. "This is the first time in the history of Waldorf College that we have been given three nominations," said Dr. AuFrance, who both wrote and directed *Lost Socks*. "To Waldorf, Irene Ryan means students qualified in a nationwide acting competition," he said. "It sets a benchmark that says our theatre program is maturing in a positive way."

Haley Mosley is a freshman from Watkins, Iowa, majoring in theatre. *Lost Socks* was her first Waldorf College production. Chelsey Shreeve, a sophomore majoring in history education and theatre from Marine City, Mich, has starred in the Waldorf productions of *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Three Sisters* and *Kiss Me Kate*. The third nominee, Nicole Grisham, is a creative writing major from Chicago, Ill. Grisham, a junior, has starred in a number of Waldorf shows, including *Our Town*, *Merchant of Venice*, *Peer Gynt*, and *Much Ado About Nothing*. ■

RECAP: CHRISTMAS WITH WALDORF

The not-so-snowy month of December was showered with a heartfelt Christmas celebration, the Christmas with Waldorf program. Waldorf and Forest City community members attended the 90-year-old annual celebration of the holiday season, showcasing Waldorf College's fine arts department.

“The choirs sang their best and conveyed the many emotions and expressions of Christmas with honesty and beauty,” said Dr. Adam Luebke, assistant professor of music and artistic director for the event. The “Christmas Homecoming” theme was a great success that symbolized both the warm offerings of the season, and the familiarity of many of the musical selections. Dr. Luebke’s favorite moment was the opening note of the first concert on the night of December 3. “Our collective energy and work up to that point created a strong sense of anticipation for that single moment when the performance began,” says Dr. Luebke.

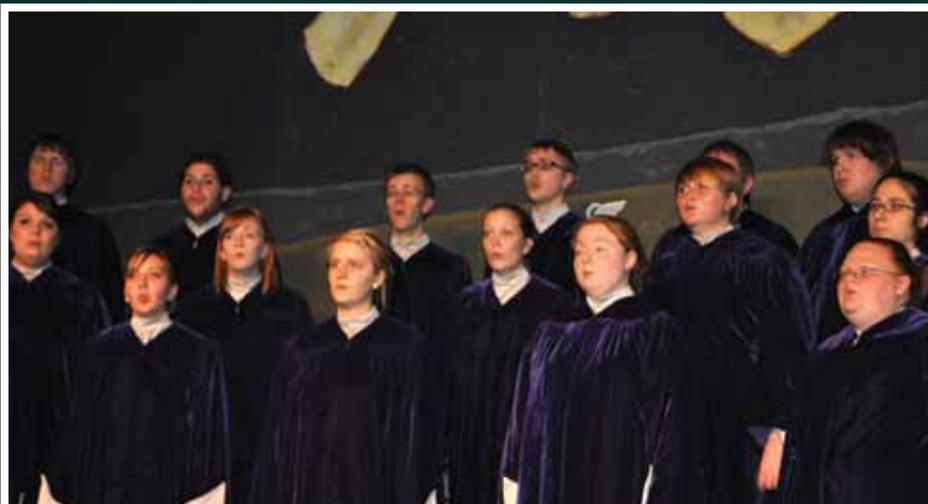
The concert featured performances by the Waldorf Choir, Waldorf Wind Symphony, Schola Cantorum, Sangkor, and Viking Chorus. The performances included



Christmas Cantata by Daniel Pinkham, *Lullabye for Christmas Eve* by F. Melius Christiansen, *E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come* by Paul Manz, *Here's a Pretty Little Baby*, an African-American Spiritual arranged by Andre J. Thomas, and a collage of familiar carols that invited audience participation.

Christmas with Waldorf also offered a feast of traditional Scandinavian food with American holiday favorites. The buffet-style meal was served in the Waldorf College Atrium prior to the concert and continued the tradition of serving lutefisk.

Christmas with Waldorf dates back to the early 1900s, when the program included different styles of performances and acts highlighting the festive season. ■





LAUGHS AND PLAYS: WALDORF SHOWCASES THEATRICAL TALENT

After the success of the fall production of *Lost Socks*, which won prestigious nominations for student performances and playwriting, the Waldorf College theatre department collaborated with members of the Waldorf Choir this spring to present the musical *Pippin*.

“*Pippin* was a wonderful musical with a strong message,” said Dr. AuFrance. “And everyone loves a musical.”

Originally created by Stephen Schwartz, and a big Broadway hit in the early 1970s, *Pippin* is the story of a young prince in search of the meaning and significance of life.

“It was an interesting idea. It questioned the purpose of life and ‘what is a successful life lived?’” said Dr. Robert AuFrance, associate professor of theatre at Waldorf College and co-director of the musical. The lead character Pippin was played by sophomore William Eilts, who is also a

member of the Waldorf Choir. “William did a fantastic job,” said Dr. AuFrance. “He had the perfect amount of young nervous energy to effectively portray the character.”

Dr. AuFrance also enjoyed sharing the director role with colleague Dr. Adam Luebke, director of choral activities at Waldorf College and co-director of music for *Pippin*.

“It was a wonderful opportunity to be able to collaborate with colleagues,” Dr. AuFrance said.

Dr. Luebke, who directed a musical for the first time, agreed. “I’ve always loved the combination of music and drama. It was very exciting to be a part of the theatre production,” he said. “Our students were really invested in this musical. They worked very hard, and did a great job.” The musical had 14 cast members, five of whom were freshmen. ■



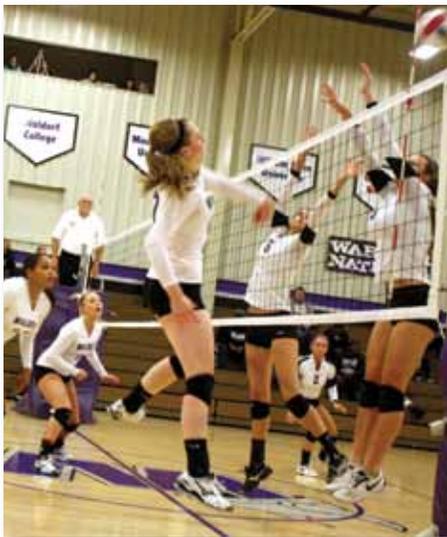
FALL SPORTS RECAP



VOLLEYBALL

The Waldorf College Women's volleyball team finished the season with an overall record of 9-29, finishing ninth in the Midwest Collegiate Conference.

A strong point in their game this year was their 2147 digs to their opponents 1241. Leading the team with digs was junior Jennifer Henke of Rosemount, Minn. with 883, and following her was junior Ashley Lutrick of Norwalk, Iowa with 311. The high level of performance from Henke landed her the honor of finishing the season third in the nation for total digs. Sophomore Lilliana Cole of Buffalo Lake, Minn. and sophomore Emily Shields of Onamia, Minn. led the team with blocks, Cole with 40 and Shields with 39. Offensively, they finished the season with a total of 1197 kills, 311 of which came from junior Kinzie Towry of Medford, Ore. and 273 from freshman Courtney Palmer of Rochester, Minn. ■



SOCCER

The Waldorf Women's Soccer team ended their 2011-2012 season with an overall record of 4-13-1 and an MCC (Midwest Collegiate Conference) record of 2-5-1. Defensively, the Warriors had a total of 121 saves, led by freshman Kaylee Vital of Las Vegas, Nev. with 112. They had a total of 23 goals in the season and 204 shots.

Tied for most goals in the season were junior Molly O'Brien of Aurora, Colo. and senior Tiffany McNelly of Stuart, Iowa, each with 5. O'Brien also led the shot count for the season with a total of 37. Freshman Arien Curry of Hayward, CA earned the honor of collecting an honorable mention for the 2011 Midwest Collegiate Women's All-Conference team. She had 22 total shots on goal over the season (with 4 goals), placing her tied for sixth in the MCC in goal percentage at 50%.

The Warrior Men's Soccer team had a difficult schedule this season, leading them to an overall record of 2-11-0 and an MCC record of 0-8-0. Offensively, the team finished the season with 7 goals and 80 shots. Junior Danny Minniti of Tacoma, Wash. led each of the rankings for the Warriors this season, with 3 goals, 31 shots and 1 assist. Defensively, they had a total of 99 saves, with 84 of those coming from sophomore Erik Hundevad of Burnsville, Minn. ■

FOOTBALL

Waldorf football came through a difficult season with an overall record of 2-9. Defensively, the Warriors had a total of 11 sacks on the season for a loss of 86 yards. Over the course of the season, they gained 1482 rushing yards and 1124 passing yards.

Leading the rushing yardage for the Warriors was freshman Marshall Williams of Irmo, SC with a gain of 474 yards and sophomore Ryan Young of Walton Hills, Ohio was not far behind with a 441-yard total gain. Sophomore James Lloyd of Lake Wales, Fla. also had a strong season with the Warriors, finishing with a total gain of 310 rushing yards (third on roster) and 323 passing yards (first on roster) in the season. For this 2011 season, he also earned a spot as a Return Specialist on the Second Team Offense in the Midstates Football Association (MSFA), as well as an honorable mention as a wide receiver.

Two Waldorf offensive players, junior Nicholas Larios of Lehigh Acres, Fla. and senior Reese Isaacson of Clive, Iowa, earned honorable mentions as MSFA Offensive Line starters. Two were given an honorable mention for defensive line, freshman Adrian Mendoza of Montebello, Calif. and sophomore Ebben Mignott of Pensacola, Fla. Sophomore Kenny Brown of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. earned an honorable mention as a defensive back. ■



WINTER SPORTS RECAP



BASKETBALL

The Warrior Men's Basketball team finished the season with a record of 14-13, the most wins they have had since the 2007-2008 season placing them fifth in the Midwest Collegiate Conference. The Warriors had a total of 1883 points and 960 rebounds this season.

A key player this season was senior Brian Tollette of Hot Springs, Ariz. who had an average of 6.8 rebounds per game and a team-leading total of 339 points on the season, with an average of 13 points per game. This performance placed him in one of the ten spots on the MCC All-Conference First Team. Other contributors to the successful season were senior Eddie Taylor-Boyce of Green Bay, Wis. who averaged 12.8 points per game and senior Sean Chennault of Philadelphia, Pa. who put up 311 points and averaged 5.5 rebounds per game.

"Replacing these seven seniors will be tough but we have some returners who will be expected to play a huge role in getting our new guys adjusted when they get here. Our expectations in this program are high and the new guys will have to step up to the challenge to meet those expectations," said Coach Nigel Jenkins.

The Warrior Women's Basketball team finished a challenging season with a record of 7-22 and a tenth place finish in the MCC. They had a total of 1652 points and an average of 37.6 rebounds per game.

Leading the Warrior women in the 2011-2012 season was senior Aubrey Draves of Andover, MN who averaged 11.3 points and 6.1 rebounds per game, earning her Honorable Mention All-Conference Honors. As a Warrior, Draves appeared in 119 games in four years amassing 1,440 career points, which places her fifth on the all-time scoring list. Draves is also fourth on the career rebounding list with a total of 766.

Other strong players on the court for the Warriors this season were sophomore Ellie Markwardt of Pewaukee, Wis. who put up an average of 9.5 points per game and junior BreeAnn Hageman of Ossian, Iowa who averaged 8.0 rebounds per game and 8.3 points per game. ■



ICE HOCKEY

The Waldorf College Ice Hockey team closed their inaugural season with a 14-6 record. Highlights from the 2011-2012 season included big wins over Minnesota State-Mankato and Iowa State University "B," with scores of 4-3 and 5-3 respectively. For the 2012-2013 season, the hockey team will compete as a member in the Western Collegiate Club Hockey Association (WCCHA).

Waldorf College Head Hockey Coach Brett Shelanski stated, "It is a well-established and well-organized conference with quality teams and schools and we are very proud to be a part of it." The Warriors look to be a strong competitor in this conference. ■



WRESTLING

The Waldorf College Men's Wrestling team concluded their 2011-2012 season with a great finish. Following a tough dual schedule, nine wrestlers qualified for the National tournament on March 1. The nine Warriors included junior Gabe Vasquez of El Paso, Texas, sophomore Brock Binversie of Whitelaw, Wis., senior Jacob Combs of Whittemore, Iowa, senior Rashad Moss of LaGrange, Ga., senior Jeff Ohnemus of Greenfield, Iowa, freshman Kenny Pero of Las Vegas, Nev., freshman Bo Bettinson of Reno, Nev., freshman Dillon Spates of Minden, Nev. and senior Jeremy Padilla of Henderson, Nev. Seniors Combs (285lbs), Moss (165lbs) and returning All-American Padilla (157lbs) all earned All-American honors. Padilla and Moss are four-time National qualifiers, while Combs has competed in the National tournament two times and was a JUCO All-American before completing his career at Waldorf.

The Waldorf College Women's Wrestling team competed in January at the WCWA Nationals where they placed ninth out of 15 teams. The Warriors finished with a total of six team points. Freshman Jessica Fresh of Knoxville, Iowa placed sixth at (109lbs), earning three team points. Freshman Roni Goodale of Muscatine, Iowa took 7th place at (130lbs), earning two team points. Sophomore Claire Lawson of West Palm Beach, Fla. also collected one point for Waldorf with an eighth place finish. All three student-athletes claimed All-American status with their strong performances at Nationals. The Warriors return to competition this spring as they compete at University Nationals in Oklahoma City, Okla. In April, they will travel to Cedar Falls, Iowa to take part in the Olympic Trials Qualifier. Their final competition will be Bodybar Nationals in Lakeland, Fla. ■

SERVING THE FOREST CITY COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

Keeping up with the mission of service at Waldorf College, students, faculty and staff joined hands to help the community of Forest City and the world at large in several different ways.

The Committee on Vocation and Service partnered with Immanuel Lutheran Church to host the Kids Against Hunger event in March this year and packaged food for tens of thousands of children around the world. Students, faculty, staff and community members came together to fight child hunger and filled more than 60,000 bags with rice, dried vegetables and vitamin powder. The cause also received \$15,000 in donations from church groups, boy and girl scouts, individuals and senior citizens groups. The committee also hosted Breadline, a fundraising event, last December. The proceeds from the bake sale went to the Kids Against Hunger program.

In November last year, the Waldorf community took to the streets to rake leaves for the Rake-a-thon project. Waldorf's resident assistants brought members of their floors and students from their athletic teams to join them in their raking groups.

After having a successful first semester, Waldorf's Director of Intramurals Brett Geelan is running the "Soles for Souls" program for a second consecutive semester. Community members have been donating gently used shoes that are being sent to people in need throughout the globe.

In another project, Kara Oman, a resident assistant for Johnson & London dorms, organized a service project called 'Pull for Kid's Sake.' Oman put jugs throughout the building and collected soda tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. ■



Director of Intramurals Brett Geelan displays the shoes collected by the Waldorf community in the "Soles for Souls" shoe drive. The drive continues in the spring semester due to its success last fall.



Members of the Honors Community Service Colloquium hold a bake sale to raise money for cancer research.



Freshman wrestler Angel Gomez donates blood in the Atrium with the rest of the wrestling team.



Senior Eddie Taylor-Boyce reads to children at an elementary school.



Dr. Bob AuFrance and Waldorf Emeriti Wayne Johns, director of the Neighborhood Food Bank, with the theatre department's annual food bank donation from their haunted house production.



Resident Assistants partake in their annual highway cleanup service project.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT: EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

As prospective educators at K-12 schools, Waldorf students are leaving behind the old fashioned read/lecture/test methods of teaching and adapting to more hands-on, contemporary styles of understanding in classrooms.

“Clinical experience is one of the biggest strengths of our program,” said Kim Meyer, assistant professor and chair of the education program at Waldorf College. “We have our students out in the schools early in the program, which helps prepare them better as they approach student teaching.” During clinical hours, Waldorf students provide a more practical way of learning concepts and do one-on-one work with school kids that enhances their classroom experience.

Traditionally, Waldorf graduates have received teaching offers as soon as they finish their program. “A lot of our students who work as student teachers in schools get hired after their assignment,” said Becky Steffensen Hill '73, associate professor of education, who was the program chair before Meyer. One of the biggest achievements for the program has been its placement rate. Both elementary and secondary education had 100 percent placement for the students who graduated between April and July 2010. In addition to a successful placement history, three education majors have been winners of the Golden Apple award in the past, recognition given for excellence in teaching. “These accomplishments say something about our program as well as our students.”

Numerous factors have led to the enrichment of strong student learning experiences for education majors at Waldorf. In recent years, the program has made a lot of changes to better fit with state standards, which has resulted in scores of opportunities for students.

About four years ago, the program won a \$95,000 grant, which helped the faculty invest in library materials and smart boards that are widely used in most K-12 classrooms today. The grant has proved beneficial for students at Waldorf as they prepare for a teaching career. “We are constantly updating our curriculum so that we are up to speed with the state modules,” said Hill, who joined the college as the Director of Learning Disabilities 21 years ago. She then served as the Director of the Academic Achievement Center for Excellence (AACE) for ten years, before moving to the education department. “The students are also specially trained in areas of teaching children with disabilities, special education, and diversity.”

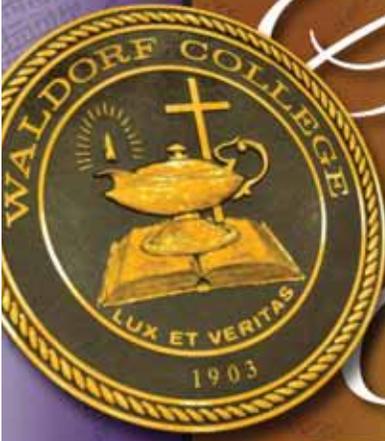
Senior Jessica Eslick, who is one of 40 elementary education majors – the most popular specialization in the program – transferred to Waldorf from Des Moines Area Community College (DMAC) for its clinical experience. “Waldorf provided me with the unique opportunity of hands-on learning in elementary classrooms through the clinical hours,” said Eslick of Van Meter, Iowa, who will graduate from the program this April. “I also liked the small school setting, it’s a very personable environment.” Students from across the nation have joined the college for elementary, secondary, physical, music and history education specializations.

However, elementary education remains the favorite for most. “Elementary education

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Education major Brittany Gust presents a lesson plan to her classmates in the class Math and Science Methods.



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*Please mark your calendars
for the Inauguration of
Dr. Robert A. Alsop
as the sixteenth President
of Waldorf College*

*April 27, 2012
7:30pm*

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PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION ANNOUNCED

The inauguration of Waldorf's 16th president, Dr. Robert Alsop, will take place on Friday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the John K. and Luise V. Hanson Fieldhouse.

Please join us in our celebration! Detailed information will be released online as the date gets closer at: www.waldorf.edu/inauguration.

Additional information can be obtained from Cindy Carter at 641-585-8130. ■



The Alsop family and Waldorf administration at last spring's presidential announcement.

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was the first major to be established in our program," said Hill, who formed the department of education at Waldorf along with Marcia Trygstad, associate professor of education. "It is also a popular degree statewide. Aspiring teachers love working with children." The education program has also had a high number of transfer students from other colleges throughout the state of Iowa as well as other nationwide community colleges. Another elementary education major, Brittany Gust, transferred to Waldorf from the University of Northern Iowa in search of smaller class sizes and more opportunities for clinical experience. "I have learned so much being here at Waldorf," said Gust, a senior at Waldorf. "I cannot see myself teaching anywhere without the classes I took here."

"We recently added secondary science to our curriculum and had our first graduate in that area last year," said Dr. Jeff Beissman, assistant professor of education and associate dean of assessment, who joined Waldorf five years ago. "We have graduated seven math teachers in the last few years, which is great for a college this size."

In addition to academics and clinical hours, education majors also engage in activities and attend conferences through the Waldorf Education Club. The club members actively serve on Uniserve and Iowa State Education Association (ISEA) boards. Historically, the club has secured National Education Association (NEA) class grants and used them for community service projects such as jump ropes in the elementary schools, and musical instruments and curricula for preschools and day care centers in the area.

Along with the students, the faculty members also stay on top of the industry trends by continually attending state conferences. About twice a year, they collaborate with area public schools and community colleges about higher education and K-12 policies, trends, and issues. "We want to make sure that we work closely with our advisees and stay up to date with the trends in education," said Meyer, who is currently working on her doctoral degree in educational leadership at Minnesota State University, Mankato. "We are all working toward a common goal: to make our students successful teachers." ■

NATIONAL SURVEY REPORTS WALDORF PROVIDES A SUPPORTIVE CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT



Professor Tiffany Olson instructs a student in the Digital Arts Lab.

A national survey of college freshmen and seniors has shown that Waldorf College provides a supportive campus environment and scores very highly in student-faculty interaction.

The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) assesses numerous aspects of the student experience at hundreds of colleges and universities throughout the country. The survey results, compiled into NSSE's *The College Student Report*, provide an estimate of how undergraduates spend their time and what they gain from attending college.

"The results from NSSE reaffirm what we have always known about Waldorf," said President Bob Alsop. "We are superior when it comes to providing a supportive campus environment and student faculty interaction. In these two areas, we outperform more than 90 percent of the colleges and universities who took the survey."

Students at more than 750 colleges and universities participated in NSSE this year. Over 1400 institutions have participated in the survey since 2000.

"The reason we took the survey was to measure how we compare with other institutions, and also how well we meet

our mission," said Dr. Scott Searcy, interim vice president of academic affairs and dean of the college. "These are scores that indicate the faculty engagement with the students, and the student engagement with academics. We are very pleased to see the results closely relate to our mission."

“We are very pleased to see the results so closely relate to our mission.”

-Dean Scott Searcy

The survey was divided into five categories: academic challenge, supportive campus environment, active learning, student-faculty interaction, and enriching educational experiences.

Waldorf fared well in most categories, especially when compared to a peer group of colleges similar in size and scope. Eighty-one percent of Waldorf's first year students indicated that they received prompt feedback from faculty members, compared to 64 percent from the peer group. In another category, 86 percent of Waldorf's first year students felt their college had a substantial commitment to their academic success, compared with 81 percent from the peer group.



Dr. Scott Searcy, interim vice president of academic affairs and dean.

Waldorf's commitment to service also showed up on the survey. Among seniors at Waldorf, 75 percent indicated that they had participated in community service or volunteer work, compared with just 56 percent from the peer group.

"Waldorf College is strong in so many areas, however, we look forward to continually working to improve the student experience at our institution," President Alsop added. ■



Class of 1981 at Homecoming 2011
(L to R): Mark Miller, Glen Klaver ('82), Carolyn (Anderson) Klaver, Rachel Liebenow, Ann (Abele) Fischer, Rona Ford, Jeanette (Hovey) Thompson, Duey Jolivette.



Class of 1986 at Homecoming 2011
(L to R): Sheryl (Swartz) Christensen and Melodee (Weisbrod) Reineke.



Class of 1956 at Homecoming 2011
(L to R): Twyla (Koop) Hall, David Dahl, George Patchin, Elroy Gertner.



Class of 1966 at Homecoming 2011
Front Row (L to R): Barbara (Elliott) Yaney and Bonnie (Olson) Severson.
Back Row: Diane (Rauk) Rovang, Roger Severson, Ed Reitan



ALUMNUS SERVES IN INDIA

Dr. David Weber '62 is retired after a 35-year career at Wenatchee Valley Medical Center in Wenatchee, WA, serving the last nine years as its CEO. He and his wife Susan (also an M. D.) have volunteered for many charities, and have even established an elementary school together in Guatemala. The Webers have two grown sons and two grandchildren. The following is Weber's account of a recent mission trip he took to India with his wife and other volunteers.

India!

It never crossed our minds that we would be traveling to India, and it certainly wasn't on our list of things to do. How did it happen? It's something akin to the saying, "Life is what happens while you're making other plans." It happened after we saw a mission trip to India offered by the Christian Medical Dental Association. The nature of the trip piqued our interest, but India?

My wife, Susan, and I began researching to learn more about India and its culture. 1.2 billion people sounded intriguing. We realized that this wasn't just any mission trip but one to Mumbai and the Kamathipura red light district. Kamathipura is one of the largest brothel areas in the world and the epicenter of sex slavery in India. The intent of this trip was very different from our previous mission trips to Guatemala and Mexico as we would be setting up our clinic on the street in the heart of Kamathipura and providing care to the commercial sex workers (the preferred term rather than prostitutes), their children, and even some of the pimps and madams. Many of the women would be HIV positive and suffering with other diseases such as drug resistant tuberculosis. Frankly, it sounded risky. Despite the risk, we made the decision to commit to the trip.

Mumbai is a city of about 23.5 million people, roughly half of which live in poverty. The population density, 25,000 people per square kilometer, is extreme. The poor are everywhere- all trying to make a few rupees so they can survive. We saw whole families living on sidewalks. They often have nothing more than a dilapidated mat and, if lucky, a blanket with which to cover up. The streets are a crazy mix of taxis, rickshaws, trucks, ox carts, camels, pedestrians, bicycles, motorcycles, and of course, cows. These sacred animals roam freely and traffic diverts around them.

We arrived in India on Oct. 10 and after a sleepless night (there's a 12-and-a-half hour time difference), we left for Kamathipura and got our first look at what would be our workplace for the next two weeks. Appropriately, our clinic was a large red tent in the middle of a street. The temperature was 95 degrees with humidity to match. In addition, there was the smell. It was a kind of foul stench that we had never experienced before: a combination of human excrement, decaying mounds of garbage rotting in the heat and open sewers. The sewers ran down the gutters and rats foraged boldly through the garbage. If there were such a thing as extreme culture shock, this certainly would qualify. This was the filthiest and most evil place we had ever been.

Prostitution is illegal in India, but we were told that the police and authorities are bribed to ignore such activities. We were also told that police frequent the brothels, so there is not much hope for enforcement of the laws. As evidence, there was a police station on the corner in Kamathipura and the officers there paid no attention to the obvious activities going on nearby.

Our mission trip was in conjunction with an in-country Christian organization called Bombay Teen Challenge. (<http://bombayteenchallenge.org/>) Their mission of 22 years has been to rescue women from the brothels and to feed, house, and educate orphans and street kids. Our team of 13 members provided medical and dental care. Most importantly, we offered the gospel message to the women and connected them with Bombay Teen Challenge and a way out of the brothels.

Susan is a family practitioner and provided care for patients with general medical problems. I brought a portable ultrasound unit and my role was to help sort out the many abdominal and pelvic symptoms of



The clinic where Dr. David Weber and his wife Susan served in Kamathipura, Mumbai.



The living conditions in the part of Kamathipura, Mumbai that the Webers visited on the mission trip.

which all patients seemed to complain. Their illnesses weren't surprising considering that they had no control over their lives. We were told that many suffer from posttraumatic stress disorder.

It's important to understand how these women and girls in Kamathipura differ from our usual perception of prostitutes. None of these women or girls are there by choice, as all are victims of human trafficking. They have been sold, kidnapped, or falsely promised a good job in the city. Girls as young as 10-years-old end up in the brothels where they have no means of escape on their own. They are frightened, without economic means, afraid of authorities, and may not speak the national Hindi language. They are broken by torture, rape and intimidation. There are no precautions for safe sex or pregnancy prevention so there are many pregnancies (and thus many abortions) and a high incidence of HIV (70 percent). There are about 30,000 sex workers in this 13-block area. On the busiest days there may be as many as 200,000 clients in Kamathipura.

The stories of these women and girls are heart breaking. A translator (see photo) for Bombay Teen Challenge had been sold by her stepbrother in Nepal and sent to Kamathipura where she was locked away and brought out only for sex. In her words, "I never saw the light of day for three years." The young man in the photo was abandoned by his father at age 5. When asked why his father had done that he said, "He just didn't like me"; an example of the "throw away kids" of India. It's a very different view of the value of human life. Unfortunately every women, girl, or rescued child has a story similar to this.

There is more to India than the poverty and sex trade industry. We planned our trip so that we could also see other areas of the country. After Mumbai, we toured for two weeks and saw the diversity, colorful culture, and wonderful people of India. We found the people to be warm and hospitable. We were welcomed as fair-skinned oddities everywhere we went. In the rural villages we were treated like rock stars with parades of kids following us wanting to talk with us, have their pictures taken, and speaking what little English they knew. Perhaps best of all, we saw Royal Bengal Tigers in the wild up close and personal while on an elephant's back. It was a very special opportunity.

I'll close with a story that will allow you to more clearly understand the dilemma of the poor in India. A mother came to Bombay Teen Challenge and said that she wanted to sell her daughter into the brothels. When asked why, she replied, "Because it's the last thing I have to sell to feed the rest of my family." Put yourself in the place of this mother and imagine the turmoil as a parent. This kind of situation is incomprehensible to us. The dilemma of the world's poor is something we all need to understand and work to change. ■



Dr. David Weber (center) with a translator for Bombay Teen Challenge and a young man who was abandoned by his father at age 5.

FORMER FACULTY/STAFF/REGENT NEWS

Former Faculty News

Edward Raupp, former Waldorf business professor, married Danna Hilary Vance, on September 2, 2011 in Tbilisi, Georgia (Republic) where they reside.



John Williams, former Waldorf music professor, died November 28, 2011 in Decorah, Iowa. He directed The Wittenberg University Choir from 1970 to 1982, which became world famous by

touring North America, Western and Eastern Europe, and the former Soviet Union. He also conducted the Indianapolis Symphonic Chorale and the Waldorf College Choir from 1992–1997. In 1991, Williams witnessed the culmination of a fourteen year vision to influence the world for peace through a music festival in Tallinn, Estonia. “Bridges of Song” attracted 22,500 singers and 400,000 spectators to this spectacular event. He was loved and esteemed by students and family and will always be remembered for inspiring thousands of singers to glorify God through music.

Former Regent News

Eugene Sukup, member of the Waldorf College Board of Regents from 1977 - 1989, and his wife, Mary, celebrated 60 years of marriage on Feb. 24. The couple engaged in farming in West Fork township near Dougherty, Iowa and in 1963 they began Sukup Manufacturing Co. in a welding shop in Sheffield, Iowa. It has grown to be the world’s largest family-owned grain bin manufacturer. The Sukups have two sons and six grandchildren.



Dr. Larry Ebbers, University Professor of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at Iowa State University, has been an asset to his alma mater for decades. He received his B.S. in 1962, his M.S. in

Agriculture Education in 1968, and his Ph.D. in Higher Education in 1972 – all from Iowa State, where he has worked in various capacities.

He has served nationally on college and university advisory boards, the editorial boards of nationally ranked refereed journals, and multiple strategic planning committees. Through his work as co-director of the Community College Leadership Program and director of the Community College Leadership Consortium, he has played a major role in developing and promoting Iowa’s community college system.

Dr. Ebbers is the top producer of PhDs at Iowa State, with more than 190 doctoral committee chairmanships and co-chairmanships. He has also been a key player in developing alumni networking opportunities for ISU graduates and has been very active in Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education (NASPA).

He has served on many committees at the university and received countless prestigious awards including ISU’s Presidential Service Award, the Ames NAACP’s “Making a Difference” Award, and the ISU Outstanding Achievement Award for Professional Practice and Outreach. He was also a Fulbright Scholar in Germany. Dr. Larry Ebbers served on the Waldorf College Board of Regents from 1999 - 2009. ■

MEET HEAD FOOTBALL COACH KENT ANDERSON

New Head Football Coach Kent Anderson is a native Iowan and previously from Iowa Wesleyan College. In the 2011 season Wesleyan compiled their most wins since 1997. Anderson served as head coach and offensive coordinator, helping them average the most points per game since 1994. The team GPA was the highest in twenty years, which can be attributed

to Anderson’s commitment to academic achievement.

“I saw a commitment to growth and winning at Waldorf,” said Anderson. “The Forest City community will be a great place for me and my family. I’m looking forward to recruiting student-athletes that are a good fit for the Waldorf family.” ■

NEW HIRES

Brent Allen – Assistant Football Coach

Kent Anderson – Head Football Coach

Kay Bacon – Adjunct Professor of Education

Andriy Bezuhiyy – Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Michael Bisenius – Assistant Men’s Basketball Coach

David Brush – Military/Corp Education Representative – Online Programs

Eizie Morton Anderson – Assistant Head Football Coach

Jyy-I Hong – Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Alice Lewellen – Adjunct Professor of English

Benjamin McArthur – Assistant Men’s Soccer Coach

Paul Morel – Adjunct Professor of Music

Charlotte Neill – Adjunct Professor of Religion

Kimberly Quigley – Admissions Counselor-Online Programs

Missy Reynolds – Head Cross Country Coach

Andrea Slonecker – Library Assistant

Joseph Tautges – Assistant Baseball Coach



Head Football Coach Kent Anderson

FACULTY/STAFF NEWS



Dr. Deepraj Mukherjee, assistant professor of business and economics coauthored the paper, “Development of Interorganizational Trust in Virtual Organizations: An Integrative Framework,” that was accepted for publication in the *European Business Review*.

Laura Friesenborg, director of online compliance, has begun her dissertation titled: “Employee engagement vs. organization learning: A critical analysis using single-loop and double-loop learning.”



Joe Wilkins, director of creative writing, read from his new book, *Killing the Murnion Dogs*, at the Billings BookFest, October 13-15 and the Hemingway Festival October 26-29, at the University of Idaho. His new poems and essays were published in *The Sun*, *Southern Review*, *Beloit Poetry Journal*, and *The Puritan*, as well as the art and fashion magazine *Dahse*. Wilkins’ book of poems, *Killing the Murnion Dogs*, continues to garner great reviews and has entered a second round of printing. Mr. Wilkins will read from his work this semester at Briar Cliff University, Grand Valley State University, and the Association of Writers and Writing Programs national conference in Chicago.

Associate Professor of Music **Dr. Kristín Jónína Taylor**’s performance of Thorkell Sigurbjörnsson’s *Chaconnette* ran on WQXR New York Public Radio, September 29. The recording was from her CD “The Well Tempered Pianist: Music for Solo Piano by Thorkell Sigurbjörnsson,” which was released in November 2010.



Michael Farndale, associate professor of physics and mathematics, attended the fall meeting of the Iowa Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers on November 5, in Des Moines, Iowa, and was elected vice president for four-year colleges.

Assistant Professor of History and Political Science **Dr. Blake Slonecker**’s article, “We are Marshall Bloom: Sexuality, Suicide, and the Collective Memory of the Sixties,” was reprinted in the Summer Sixties Special issue of *phati'tude*, a Queens, New York, literary magazine that promotes multicultural literacy.

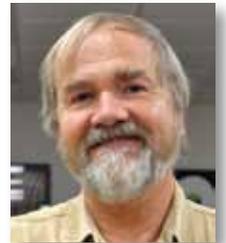
Assistant Professors of Education **Kim Meyer** and **Sheila Willms**, and Associate Professor of Education **Becky Hill** ’73 attended the Iowa Association of Colleges for Teacher Education fall conference in Iowa City on October 20-21. Assistant Professor of Education **Marcia Trygstad** and **Hill** also attended a presentation sponsored by the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners regarding professional conduct and ethics on October 7 in Ankeny.



On November 11-12, **Dr. Adam Luebke**, director of choral activities, travelled to Chippewa Falls Wisconsin to be the guest conductor for the Wisconsin Choral Director’s Association “Singing in Wisconsin” High School Honor choir. His article, “An Interview with New York Polyphony,” co-authored with his wife Sarah Luebke, will be published in the March 2012 issue of *The Choral Journal*. Dr. Luebke also gave choral clinics at Edgewood College in Madison, Wis. and St. Croix High School in St. Croix, Wis. on Wednesday, February 8.

Dr. Brent Dodson, director of instrumental activities, and wife **Kindra Windish** gave a presentation titled, “Silent Partnership: A Story of Independent Collaboration,” at the National Dance Education Organization’s national conference this past October.

Professor of Biology **Dr. Paul Bartelt** was invited to speak at the annual meeting of The Wildlife Society – Iowa Chapter on his current research of amphibians in northern Iowa on January 6-7. Dr. Bartelt also presented a poster at the 72nd Annual Meeting of the North Central Section of The Wildlife Society, held in Des Moines on Dec. 4-7, 2011.



The Albert Lea Tribune has rehired **Mr. David Behling**, associate dean of accreditation and assistant professor of English, for a weekly Friday column that started January 9.

Dr. Larry D. Hill ’74 has joined Waldorf College as director of student teaching and clinical experiences. Dr. Hill has served as an adjunct faculty at Waldorf in the education and religion departments over the past decade.



Dr. Bob AuFrance, associate professor of theatre, presented a workshop at Illinois State Theatre Festival on January 7 titled “Playwriting for Beginners,” and another workshop titled “Creating Complex Characters” at the Kennedy Center’s American College Theatre Festival, Region V in Ames on January 20. At the same festival Dr. AuFrance was also honored for being the Region V finalist for the Mark David Cohen National Playwriting Award.

Director of Institutional Relations **Nancy Olson** ’75 and Director of Alumni Relations **Rita Gilbertson** ’79 attended the Annual International Association of Lutheran Development Executives (ALDE) Conference held at the Hilton Hotel in Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 6-9, 2012. Other known Waldorf alumni who attended the ALDE Conference in Minneapolis are as follows: **Rev. Tom Jolivette** ’74, **Rev. Dr. Stanley Olson** ’66, **Don Meyer** ’72 and **Laura Brandt** ’83.

Both Olson and Gilbertson have attained their CFRE (Certified Fundraising Executive) designation. CFRE International is the only internationally-recognized baseline professional credential for philanthropic fundraising executives. ■

LIVING OUT THEIR MISSION OF CARING FOR CREATION



Amy Ruter Stouffer and Tim G. (Teeg) Stouffer

Waldorf alumni Tim G. (Teeg) '97 and Amy Ruter Stouffer '98 have much more in common than their three-year communications degrees. That's just the beginning of the story for these adventurers, who are forging new ground and changing the world. They have both found their true calling and their ideal mate. They have discovered how to combine their love for God, respect for creation and passion for the field of communications into a unique vocation.

Like countless other alumni, the couple met and fell in love at Waldorf College. After a couple of years of long work hours and demanding schedules in radio and television in Springfield, Mo., the newlyweds wanted to spend more time together, so they sold their belongings and took to the road, hosting promotion events for corporate sponsors like the Cartoon Network and NCAA March Madness in 47 states and parts of Canada. Living out of a suitcase eventually lost its appeal, and the couple settled down in the Pacific Northwest.

In the mountains of Washington, Teeg, who grew up with a fishing pole in his hand, was fly-fishing in what used to be a salmon stream. Though environmental

change had eliminated salmon from the stream, there were plenty of trout and Teeg was having an incredible day of trout fishing. An epic day! But while taking a break for a quiet time of prayer, an overwhelming sense of loss came over him. He sensed that if the human race continued to disregard our streams that his wonderful

experience would be lost for future generations. He uttered a simple prayer, "Lord, don't let us lose this." At that moment he felt as if God was saying to him, "Then do something about it!"

Teeg did just that. Soon after his fishing revelation he and Waldorf classmate Ryan Libby '98 cofounded Recycled Fish, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that teaches anglers (fishermen) how to be better stewards both in and away from the water because "our lifestyle runs downstream." Recycled Fish promotes products and practices such as non-toxic and biodegradable tackle, single barbless hooks, and cleaning up trash.

"I felt like everything I had ever done in my life prepared me for my role at Recycled Fish," Teeg said.

As executive director, Teeg wears many hats: from fundraiser and conservation specialist to guest speaker at radio stations and outdoor events across the country. In addition, he produces his own podcasts – The Fish Schtick – available for free on iTunes or at www.recycledfish.org.

The Stouffers moved back to the Midwest six years ago to be closer to family (Amy is originally from Kanawha, Iowa and



Amy Stouffer's (right) work at Arbor Day Farm included a viral media campaign that won a Toyota Sienna mobility van through the Toyota 100 Cars for Good Contest in 2011.

Teeg from West Des Moines). They now reside in Nebraska City, Neb., where Teeg conducts his business from home. He uses his communication expertise in other ventures as well: he is currently freelancing for the United States Department of Homeland Security, teaching public and elected officials how to handle the media in times of crisis (tornado, bomb, epidemic, etc.). This job has taken him from Hawaii to Maine, teaching a one-day course to secondary markets on what to do when the media shows up with cameras rolling.

Amy's work also allows her to be a good steward of creation: she is the web content manager and e-communications specialist at Arbor Day Farm (Nebraska's 2011 Outstanding Nature Tourism Entity), which is owned by the world's largest non-profit tree-planting conservation organization. Amy embraces the mission of the Arbor Day Foundation: to inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees. Her office is located in the beautiful Lied Lodge that is situated on the 260-acre farm. She regularly visits with guests to listen and learn how she can better communicate with them. On occasion, she also travels to different parts of the country planting trees in areas that have the most need.

"We both use the education we received at Waldorf every day," Amy said. "The communications world is changing at a very rapid pace and we have to keep up. But that is very exciting." The Stouffers often share ideas and assist each other with video or recording projects. They complement each other: Teeg is more strategic by nature, Amy more tactile.

Even though their jobs keep them more than busy, Teeg and Amy still find time to give back. Teeg is a conservation advisor for the United States Freshwater Fishing Association and Amy is a member of the Waldorf College Alumni Board. When they're not working, these two Waldorf alumni enjoy outdoor activities together like kayaking and hiking. And, while Teeg is fishing, Amy is often relaxing by his side reading a book or taking a photo of him showing off his big catch of the day.

The Stouffers are living out their mission every day by loving and respecting one another, being true to their faith and making a real difference in caring for the Master's landscape. Just imagine what the world would be like if we all did the same. ■

For more on Arbor Day Farm, visit www.arbordayfarm.org.

For more on Recycled Fish, visit www.recycledfish.org.



Teeg Stouffer fly fishing in the Pacific Northwest.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION CHAIR



Dear Friends:

As I write this letter in mid-February, it is a beautiful sunny day in north Iowa and the thought that keeps crossing my mind is that spring is in the air. Spring is always a time of new beginnings and optimism. I believe there is also “fresh air” at Waldorf College and the Waldorf Foundation as we feel a sense of optimism around the campus and community, and we see good things happening.

It has been affirmed by many that Bob Alsop has been a great fit as President of Waldorf College. He came to this position with the respect and admiration of the Waldorf faculty, staff and students, and the overall Forest City community. And he has not disappointed. He has a “can do” attitude which creates optimism throughout the Waldorf community, and he has been very supportive of our mission and he is keeping our board very much “in the loop.”

The Waldorf Foundation exists for the sole purpose of helping Waldorf College succeed with our efforts focused on providing scholarships to Waldorf students, maintaining a vibrant campus ministry program and fostering a stronger relationship with alumni and the Forest City community.

Let me share with you some of the news from the Foundation:

- Since June 1, 2011, our new donor/reinstated donor’s list has reached nearly 200. That means 200 new or returning donors realized the importance of the Foundation and that Waldorf College and the Waldorf Foundation are moving in the right direction.
- We have received very nice estate gifts and continue to encourage Heritage Club members with Waldorf College to transfer their gifts to the Waldorf Foundation.
- 12 new scholarships have been established since December 31, 2010, one endowed and 11 annually funded.
- Seven alumni and friends “Meet the President” receptions have been held and/or scheduled around the Midwest and Arizona since December 2011.

- Our new Waldorf Lutheran Association of Congregations developed a constitution.
- Our board is planning to establish two new peer ministry scholarships.
- I have previously noted that the campus ministry program is a collaborative effort among the Waldorf Foundation, the Office of Student Life and Immanuel Lutheran Church. We sadly bid farewell to our part-time campus ministry coordinator, Kelly Youngblood, whose husband, Greg, has accepted a position with Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa. Kelly was truly the “glue” that held campus ministry together following the sale of the college. Her strong Christian faith was apparent to all and she related extremely well to the Waldorf students. She leaves with our very best wishes.
- Rev. Greg Anderson, the new Associate Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church, has pastoral experience focused on youth and has brought new energy to our campus ministry program. Immanuel, in partnership with Kelly and Mamisoa Ranaivoson (Sera) ’11 from the Department of Student Life, threw a successful welcome back block party for new students in the fall with 250 people attending. Pastor Greg leads a Monday night worship service on campus. Five peer ministry student leadership scholarships have been awarded by Immanuel with the dual role of supporting ministry at Immanuel while growing campus ministry at Waldorf.
- I was again honored to represent the Foundation at the August 26 opening convocation for new and transfer students as the Foundation presented each of them with the book entitled “Leading Lives that Matter.”
- I am approaching milestones in my life as I turn 70 in May and retire effective June 1 after serving as Winnebago Industries’ General Counsel for 38 years. Joan and I will stay in Forest City, and I look forward to continuing my involvement with the Waldorf Foundation.

Thank you for your wonderful support of the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation. We ask for your continued partnership and prayers as we add new scholarships, campus ministry activities and alumni events.

Sincerely,

Raymond M. Beebe
Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation
Vice President – General Counsel
Winnebago Industries Inc.

WALDORF LUTHERAN ASSOC. OF CONGREGATIONS MEET



Pastor Jim Magelssen presides over the annual Association of Congregations meeting at the end of August.

The annual meeting of the Waldorf Lutheran Association of Congregations brought news of the ELCA affirming the approval of the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation as an independent partner.

“We’re pleased to officially be approved as an Independent Lutheran Partner with the ELCA, especially since Waldorf College held close ties to the ELCA for many years,” said Director of Institutional Relations Nancy Olson. “In addition to this partnership, the Waldorf Foundation is looking forward to partnering with other Lutheran organizations as well. Our Association of Congregations warmly welcomes any Lutheran congregations with a passion for young people and campus ministry.”

Chair of the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation Ray Beebe also noted that the Foundation staff has visited with LCMC officers in person to update them on the status of Waldorf and the Association.

The Association of Congregations meeting was held August 25, 2011 in the Waldorf College Ballroom. Nearly 50 people attended, representing 21 congregations. Pastor Jim Magelssen, senior pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mason City, presided over the meeting.

President Bob Alsop reported on the state of the college and thanked the association members for their belief and commitment to Waldorf and the Foundation. He went on

to say that Waldorf’s “wow” factor is the people that work at the college – the great faculty and staff. His visions for Waldorf are finding ways to right the financial ship, become a leader in higher education and affirm and elevate the college’s mission.

At the time of the meeting, 20 congregations had completed covenants with the Association and had become official members. Membership is open to any and all Lutheran congregations.

A task force consisting of members of the Association met several times last summer and proposed to officially name the group The Waldorf Lutheran Association of Congregations. Members voted on the name and approved the task force’s recommendation.

The task force also drafted a constitution for the new Waldorf Lutheran Association of Congregations that was voted on and approved at the meeting.

The meeting ended with the election of new officers. Pastor Jim Magelssen requested to step down after serving several years as president of the former Waldorf Lutheran College Association of Congregations. Officer terms are staggered for the first few years to allow some continuity on the executive committee.

The next meeting of the Waldorf Lutheran Association of Congregations is scheduled for October 11, 2012. ■

New Association Leadership

President – Pastor Rod Hopp

Senior Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa.
Serving 3-Year Term

Vice President – Dave Rasmussen '53

Waldorf former faculty and registrar, Clear Lake, Iowa.
Serving 2-Year Term

Secretary – Pastor Stephen Anenson

Senior Pastor at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Story, City, Iowa.
Serving 1-Year Term

The president of the Association shall serve on the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation Board of Directors.

Association Covenant

Contents of the covenant may be found in the spring 2011 issue of the Waldorf Magazine (pg.7) or on the Foundation website at <http://www.waldorffoundation.org/campus-ministry/assoc-of-congregations/>.

Association Constitution

The constitution can be found on the Foundation’s website at <http://www.waldorffoundation.org/campus-ministry/assoc-of-congregations/assoc-of-congregations-constitution/>. You may also call the Foundation at (641) 585-8140 to receive a written copy in the mail.

If your Lutheran Congregation is interested in joining the new Waldorf Lutheran Association of Congregations, please contact Rita Gilbertson.

Phone: (641) 585-8140

Email: alumni@waldorf.edu



STUDENTS ATTEND LUTHER CREST CAMP

Article by Student Peer Minister Katie Frush

‘TRI-OTA!’ ‘ARRRRR!’ This is the first thing I heard when I walked through the door to the retreat center with Pastor Greg Anderson, Ashlee Kirkpatrick, Kara Searcy, and Colton Jensen. And I knew that the time spent at Luther Crest Camp in Alexandria, Minn. was going to be good.

The opportunity to get involved with Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) seems to be more common on larger campuses. I had never heard of it until a few weeks ago when I interviewed for a Peer Minister position at Waldorf.

What could help you get to know others better than a photo scavenger hunt? We were given a sheet of paper with about 20 objectives, and we had an hour to take all pictures. I can’t remember when I had laughed that hard, or had such a good time with people I had just met.

Kirkpatrick, a first time attendee and junior psychology major at Waldorf, mentioned her favorite part of the camp was ‘getting to spend time and worship with others who believe the same things as you do.’

The current Peer Minister team is working hard on integrating LCM into the campus life, and are in the process of creating a Lutheran Campus Ministry as an official student group on the Waldorf campus. The idea is that for future retreats, they can boost numbers and get a larger spectrum of interest for attending these retreats on the campus.

The spring retreat will be at NeSoDak in South Dakota during the weekend of March 23-25! ■

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR GREG ANDERSON

Greetings from Pastor Greg Anderson!

It’s been exciting to participate in the campus ministry program at Waldorf College for the past nine months. Ties between Immanuel Lutheran Church and Waldorf have been strengthened, and a new Peer Ministry program has been developed.

What is peer ministry? Peer ministry is a student leadership scholarship opportunity for Waldorf students from Immanuel Lutheran Church, made possible through Immanuel’s endowment fund. These scholarships focus on developing Christ centered leaders with a sense of Lutheran identity.

Each leader will have specific leadership tasks at Immanuel as well as Waldorf. Some examples of tasks are working with music and youth ministries. They help in the planning process for outreach events, retreats and worship at Waldorf. We have established five \$1000 scholarships for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Student Peer Ministers are the heart of most Lutheran Campus Ministries throughout our country, and they bring the calling of Christ to build disciples truly in focus. Peer ministry is about service, faith building, and the Christian witness on campus and is centered in the theology of grace. The Lutheran church is at a critical point in our country today, and the important question is how do we continue to build mission leaders? If every Lutheran Church in

our nation provided peer ministry scholarships we would truly change the world!

Congratulations to our five 2011-2012 Peer Ministry Scholarship recipients: Braden Falline, senior, Katie Frush, junior, Ashlee Kirkpatrick, junior, Antoine Cummins, sophomore, Lauren Schryver, freshman.

These students will now make up our peer ministry staff and work to build Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) at Waldorf while also being a part of our ministry at Immanuel. Currently we plan and lead Monday Night Worship with communion each week at Gatsby’s, and a student-led worship band. We also took a Spring Break Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, S.D., and will take a spring retreat. Please pray for these five fantastic Christian leaders, and our entire campus ministry leadership team.

Sincerely,

Pastor Greg Anderson
Immanuel Lutheran Church &
Campus Ministry Waldorf College



Students, faculty, and staff participate in a silent chapel discussion on the topic, “Who is Jesus?” Participants took turns writing who they think Jesus is and commenting on how others defined him.

THE WALDORF LUTHERAN COLLEGE FOUNDATION PRIORITIES

The Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation affirms the mission of Waldorf College to be an engaging community of learning and faith where relationships are formed and opportunities for learning and service abound. The Foundation is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that provides financial resources to honor the past ideals of the college and to enrich learning and spiritual opportunities for future generations of Waldorf College students, empowering them to impact the world through lives of service.

There are several ways you can support the Foundation that maximize your personal goals and dreams, while gaining tax advantages at the same time. Some examples include:

Current Gifts

Cash gifts, made by check or credit card, allow donations to immediately begin working for the Foundation.

To make a gift by mail, please send check to:

Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation
106 South 6th Street
Forest City, IA 50436.

To make a gift by credit card, please call 641-585-8148, or give online at <http://www.waldorffoundation.org>.

Other gifts of appreciated property often help the donor avoid capital gains tax by transferring the appreciated asset to the Foundation instead of selling it and donating the proceeds. Common examples include stocks, mutual funds, and property such as farm land, grain, farm equipment, and personal residence.

Planned Gifts

Many opportunities are available for donors to make a more significant contribution to the Foundation through a planned gift such as a will bequest, life insurance policy, or retirement plan.

It is recommended that all existing planned gifts that currently list Waldorf

College as the beneficiary be changed to name the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation as the beneficiary. Please contact your attorney or financial advisor for assistance.

For more information on any of the giving vehicles mentioned above, or additional planned giving options, please contact Nancy Olson at (641) 585-8147, or Rita Gilbertson at (641) 585-8140. ■

The Foundation funds three major priorities:



scholarships

to help students directly with the cost of their education and to allow them to have their own "Waldorf experience."



campus ministry

to help fund the salary for our campus ministry coordinator, the cost of mission trips, Bible Study curriculum, and more.



alumni relations

to help fund publications such as the Waldorf Magazine, area events, and more.

CLASS OF 1951 GIVES SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF 60 YEARS

The Class of 1951 had a wonderful turnout for homecoming last fall and as usual, had a great time together! In honor of their 60th class reunion, 13 members established a Class of '51 Scholarship and raised \$5,380! The award will be divided between two Waldorf students at Honors Day in April based on financial need and overall potential.

Dr. Willis Gertner '51 chaired the effort. "Our class wanted to endorse what Waldorf is doing by making it available to students like us 60 years ago," Gertner said.

This class scholarship will impact student's lives by making it possible for them to attend Waldorf. The intent is that the scholarship will continue to be funded annually by members of the Class of 1951.

Other alumni are encouraged to pay tribute to their own class and honor their Waldorf memories by beginning a class scholarship that will be awarded directly to a student.

If you are interested in challenging your class to raise a minimum of \$300 to establish a class scholarship, please contact Nancy Olson at (641) 585-8147; olsonn@waldorf.edu or Rita Gilbertson at (641) 585-8140; gilbertsrita@waldorf.edu. ■



Class of 1951 at Homecoming 2011

Front Row (L to R): Marcus Mork, Delbert Ring, Harley Limberg, Delores (Jacobson) Weisbrod.

Second Row: Beverly (Ford) Skadburg, Alyce (Thompson) Kivell, Liz Aamoth Stadem, Mimi (Berge) Thompson, Joan (Mehus) Olson, Delores (Wilberg) Mork, Willis Gertner, Miriam (Foegen) Reitz.

Third Row: Marion (Charlson) Erickson, Donna (Sunde) Johnson, Mary (Anderson) Herrlinger, Mimi (Wareberg) Hilf, Howard Halvorsen, Ken Bauge. Back Row: Myron Grams, Harlan Bang, Ken Egertson, DeWayne Johnson, Roger Herrlinger.

DESIGNATE YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans®

You can direct dollars to the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation at no cost to you!

In 2010, Thrivent Choice® was launched to replace the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans GivingPlus program. Through this program, Thrivent members use Choice DollarsSM to recommend where Thrivent distributes part of its charitable grant funds. Members can recommend funds go to Lutheran nonprofit organizations, including the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation.

Members can participate in one or two ways:

- **Choice Dollars:** Approximately 30 percent of benefit members will be able to recommend how Thrivent distributes part of its charitable grant funds by directing Thrivent Choice Dollars to thousands of Lutheran nonprofit organizations, including Lutheran congregations. Eligibility for Choice Dollars is based on benefit member's insurance premiums, account values and volunteer leadership. Most eligible benefit members will be able to recommend how Thrivent distributes between \$25 and \$100, and some as much as \$500.

- **Voting:** All benefit and associate members will be eligible to vote to distribute a portion of Thrivent Financial's charitable funds among a short list of national charities, (Lutheran and non-Lutheran) one to two times a year.

So, what does this mean for those who have had their gifts to Waldorf matched in the past? We encourage you to select the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation as one of your choices when you direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars.

We also encourage Thrivent members who never took part in the GivingPlus program to take advantage of this new opportunity. This is a wonderful way to help the Foundation grow financially secure.

You can direct Choice Dollars by calling 1-800-847-4836 or going online at www.Thrivent.com. Click on the Thrivent Choice option under the "Thrivent Community" heading. Log on and follow the step by step directions. Be sure to direct your gift to the "Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation" not "Waldorf College."

Thank you to those who have already participated in Thrivent Choice and directed Choice Dollars to the Waldorf Foundation. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Olson at 641-585-8147 or olsonn@waldorf.edu. ■



PHONATHON UPDATE

Since mid-September, our phone center has been busy with students making calls for our annual Phonathon campaign. Student callers enjoy visiting with alumni and friends, and especially enjoy listening to alumni reminisce about their days at Waldorf. As of mid-February, over 1200 contacts have been made in 45 nights of calling resulting in pledges totaling close to \$28,000. If you haven't made a gift yet, we invite you to make one soon and help us reach our goal of \$45,000. Our fiscal year ends May 31, so gifts need to be in prior to that date in order to count for this year's Phonathon.

All gifts will go to the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation's annual fund to support our three priorities: student scholarships, campus ministry, and alumni relations.

Nancy Olson, Director of Institutional Relations, is pleased to report that a matching gift challenge with the Hanson Foundation was renewed this year.

"The Hanson Foundation matching gift challenge for all new and increased gifts (matched up to \$50,000) provides a wonderful opportunity for our donors to maximize the size of their gift. Because of this program, increased alumni Phonathon pledges are up nearly 55%. We are very grateful to the Hanson Foundation's generosity and willingness to offer this program for a second year. It has played a major role in the success of our phonathon."

This year's Phonathon program's student managers are Sarah Berhow, Marisa Donnelly and Tyler Ripley. Other student callers include: Iesha Blackwell, Lilliana Cole, Kristin Davis, Anson Frederick, Deidra Jefferson, Nick Larios, Cameron Lowe, Niki McKeithen, Ivans Melidor, Ebben Mignett, Ashley Rauch, Renee Reeves, Jordan Shoulders, Gerald Smith, Rodney Taylor, Jenna Tegtmeyer, Jarvis White, and Sean White. ■



Classes from the 1940s and 50s at Homecoming 2011

(L to R): Stanford Holtan '42, Ruth Tweeten Holtan '43, Francis "Buzz" Burnham '41, Dick Campney, Elaine Cole Campney '47, Arlys Swingen '45 and David Anderson '50



Children wait in line to receive their boxes.

ALUMNI COUPLE MEET **CHILDREN OF THE DUMP**

When Jan Shurson Anderson '72 heard about the “children of the dump” in Nicaragua, she wanted to help. Last December she not only helped them, but had the opportunity to meet them in person, which changed her life forever.

Jan, of Joice, Iowa, flew to Nicaragua with her husband, Quentin '72, daughter Megan, and a group of 20 other Rotarians and family members to help see the Rotarian Shoebox Project through to fruition. Rotarians across the country, including several from Forest City, sponsor this annual effort by donating 12 x 12 boxes filled with clothing, toiletries, school supplies, toys, and more to needy children in Central America or Eastern Europe. After chairing the Forest City Shoebox Project for two years, Jan was invited to help distribute them in person to the children of the dump in Chinandega, Nicaragua.

“We were somewhat prepared for what we were going to see because we had seen pictures and videos, but you can’t imagine the extreme poverty of the country until you experience it first-hand,” said Jan.

Nicaragua is an extremely poor nation, largely due to natural disasters. In 1998, Hurricane Mitch hit the country hard – lasting six days, dropping over 75 inches of rain, and causing severe flooding. In addition, volcanoes filled with water created mudslides that covered an expansive area. Hurricane Mitch left 87,000 people without homes. More than 3,800 were killed, 320,000 were injured and 70 percent of Nicaraguan roads became unusable.

The displaced had nowhere to go. They settled in and around larger cities including Chinandega, but the government was in no position to help them. Still, they stayed. Families with young children lived

in the dump, fighting animals for their only source of food amidst a smoldering pile of rubbish.

Father Dessey, an Italian priest who was a missionary at the time Hurricane Mitch hit Nicaragua, could not believe what he saw when he visited the dump site. He knew



the only way out of poverty for these people was through education. Once educated, they could become self-sufficient. With the help of some donors in Nicaragua, he started the School for the Children of the Dump; offering a free hot meal every day as a way to entice children to attend. At first, parents did not want their children to go to school. They preferred they work the dump in search of food or salvageable items they could sell in the city. Once Rotarians got involved, students were also drawn to school by the promise of new uniforms and the hope of a shoebox filled with happiness.

When the Andersons reached Chinandega, the shoeboxes had already arrived and were stacked up, ready to be delivered.

“The handing out of the boxes was the highlight of the trip for me,” said Jan. “The kids stood in a line and had to show, not their report card, but their attendance card. That allowed them to receive a box.”

Some children wanted to wait and open their box at Christmas, knowing that would be the only gift they would receive. Others ripped them open immediately.

“So seldom do you get to see the recipients of your efforts – to meet the people you are helping. The children were so appreciative,” Jan recalled. “You have no idea until you see it for yourself. We were just a few of the people involved, yet they made us feel like we were wonderful just for being there.”

Rotarians sent 2,300 boxes for the children in Nicaragua, 45 of them from members of the Forest City Club.



The dump in Chinandega, Nicaragua where children and families search for food.

“We are thrilled to help with this worthy project,” said President of the Rotary Club Nancy Bergland Olson ’75. “When Jan introduced the Shoebox Project to our club, little did we dream that two years later her family would have the opportunity to distribute the shoeboxes in person. Through pictures taken by the Andersons and hearing their heartwarming stories, the project has become much more meaningful to our club. We’ve learned that the children enjoy the little ‘extra’ items such as dolls or toys, so we’ll make sure we include those in all the future boxes we pack. There’s great joy in knowing that you are making a difference in the lives of needy children.”

Rotarians followed in Father Dessey footsteps by making several trips a year to Nicaragua to build schools. Education is a strong theme among Rotary programs.

The Andersons had an opportunity to visit some of those other schools the Rotarians have built – an elementary school, high school, a trade school for older students, and a school for the blind. The trade schools are teaching boys how to do woodworking and girls how to make candy or beads out of wallpaper that are made into bracelets to sell. The school for the blind teaches students how to play musical instruments that have been donated.

In addition to school visits, the Andersons also visited a home for pregnant women.

“They can come to this safe haven the Rotarians have built to stay for days leading up to the birth and again after they deliver,” said Jan. “Some walk 20-30 miles to get to this home since there are



Quentin Anderson making a beaded bracelet with a girl at the trade school.



Jan Anderson handing out boxes to the children.

not enough long-term beds in the city hospital. It was touching to see how grateful they were to be at the home.”

Rotarians are also finding donors to make it possible for some students to continue their education by attending college, a first for most families. For a total of \$1,400 a year, students will receive tuition, room, board and books. The Andersons are making that possible for a young man named Victor.

“Victor has no parents and has been living with an elderly grandparent, so we felt he could use some help,” Quentin said.

“Our whole purpose in going to Chinandega was to help carry out the Shoebox Project and see Rotary’s involvement firsthand,” said Jan. “But this trip changed all of us. We left knowing that Rotarians are giving Nicaraguans the tools to learn, empowering them to help themselves – breaking the cycle of poverty—which is the ultimate goal.”

In the past, several hundreds of people would migrate to the dump sites in search of food or salvageable items, but that number is decreasing. Thanks to Rotarians and kind-hearted people like the Andersons, more and more kids are going to school and crawling out of the dump every day. ■

WALDORF HONORS ALUMNI AT HOMECOMING

Waldorf awarded Harold Lee '74 the Alumni Distinguished Service Award and Erica Hanna Mayer '02 the Recent Alumni Award for Service at the Taste of Waldorf dinner held September 24, 2011 in the Atrium.

Harold received his award for his significant contributions to the world of music and for a life-long dedication to Christian music ministry in the United States and China.

Erica received her award for extraordinary use of social media to help those in need while advocating for justice and service in daily living. ■



Recent Alumni Award for Service winner Erica Hanna Mayer '02 (left) and Alumni Distinguished Service Award winner Harold Lee '74 (right) with President Bob Alsop (center) were honored at the Taste of Waldorf dinner during Homecoming 2011.

NEW INDUCTEES TO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Four alumni were inducted into the Waldorf College Athletic Hall of Fame on September 23, 2011 during homecoming weekend. Stephanie Anderson Schmit '91 and Aaron Granquist '94 were recognized for their outstanding athletic ability and team contributions, while retired coach Harvey Johnson was honored for his successful career as men's golf coach. Patty Bendickson was inducted posthumously for her special contribution as athletic secretary. Accepting her award was daughter Tori Bendickson Eastvold '05 and Barry Bendickson. ■



Tori Bendickson Eastvold '05, Barry Bendickson, Stephanie Anderson Schmit '91, Aaron Granquist '94, and Harvey Johnson pose with the Hall of Fame awards.



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CLASS OF 1961 AT HOMECOMING 2011

Front Row (L to R): Juliane (Levad) Schimmel, Sonia Solomonson, Solveig (Hyland) Carlson, Betty (Wicks) Muckle, Marilyn Fredrickson.

Second Row: Charlene (Frette) Clayberg, Mariyn (Mannes) Barquist, Delores (Jensen) Hovick, Carolyn (Larson) Price, Sonja (Berquist) Johnson, Wilma (Wooge) Thompson, Kathy (Jacobson) Nase, Carolyn (Bergeson) Yost.

Third Row: Margaret (Nielsen) Rude, Sharon (Holmen) Peterson, Janet (Hetland) Hernes, Colleen (Tweedt) Lyster, Karen (Hanna) Dyer, Janora (Gustafson) Hodges, Mary (Reisetter) Severseike, Gayla (Richardson) Dieball, Marilyn (Hanson) Holtey.

Fourth Row: Miriam Valen, Larry Tonder, Carlton Shaw, Karen (Weum) Meyering, Dan Eisch.

Back Row: Ron Kvale, Duane Hovick, Leonard Dysart, James Johnson, Darel Swenson, Harold Luecke, Arlen Lund, Oscar Lenning.

HOMECOMING RECAP

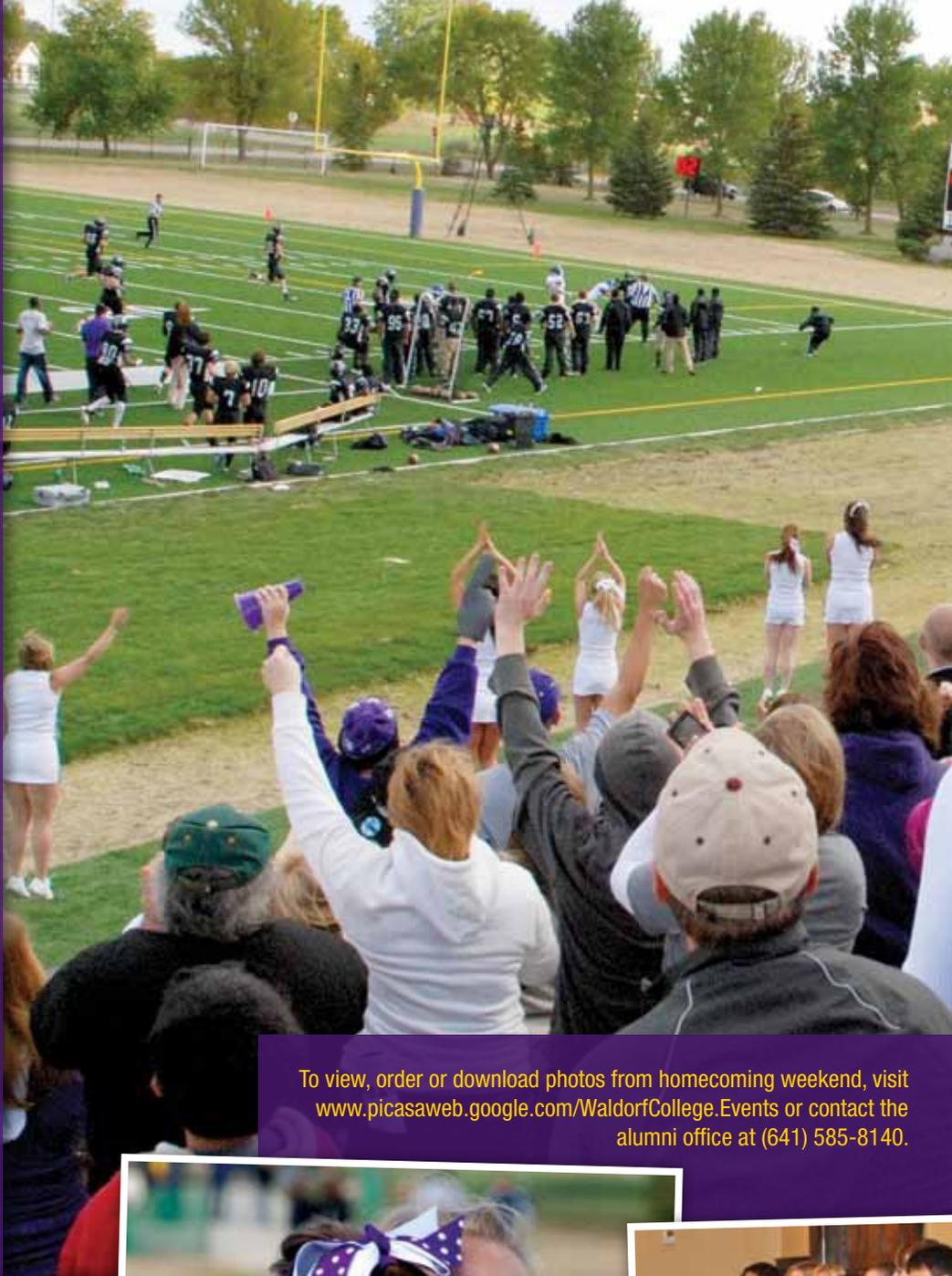
Hundreds of people who returned to campus September 23-25 for homecoming weekend had the opportunity to rekindle old friendships, briefly recapture their youth, note significant improvements to facilities, and experience for themselves that the Waldorf spirit lives on.

Homecoming 2011 continued to offer long-standing traditions such as the parade, football game, reunion lunches and festival worship, as well as newer activities such as the art and craft fair, pancake feed, hymn sing and the Taste of Waldorf dinner. The dinner combined two events into one, recognizing Waldorf Society members (donors) and honoring distinguished alumni.

All reunion classes, with the exception of the 50th anniversary class, enjoyed lunch together in the Atrium. Class members sat together but had an opportunity to visit with other alumni and former employees who were seated at nearby tables. Only positive comments were heard regarding the change in set-up, so it will continue for this fall.

A special thank you to the 50th reunion class of 1961 for attending homecoming last September. What a thrill it was to see so many of you enjoying yourselves throughout the weekend. You are a special group!

We hope all of you who attended homecoming 2011 had a good time and truly felt like you were home. Please come back and visit often. ■



To view, order or download photos from homecoming weekend, visit www.picasaweb.google.com/WaldorfCollege.Events or contact the alumni office at (641) 585-8140.



HOMECOMING: WALDORF SPIRIT 2012

We invite you to attend Waldorf's homecoming scheduled for September 28-30 as we celebrate the theme: *Waldorf Spirit 2012!* Come see for yourself that the Waldorf "Spirit" is alive and well on campus.

- Kick off the weekend by showing your *school spirit* at the bonfire and pep fest Friday night.
- Catch the *community spirit* at the parade on Saturday morning and art and craft fair in the afternoon.
- Share your *class spirit* at the reunion lunches on Saturday. Those classes celebrating a reunion this fall will end in a 2 or 7 (ex: Class of 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, etc.) Last year all reunion lunches (with the exception of the 50th golden anniversary class) were held in the Atrium and it worked so well we will do it again this fall.
- Show your *team spirit* as you cheer for the Warrior soccer and football teams on Saturday – all played on the newly artificially turfed A. Bolstorff Field.
- Come honor the *humble spirit* of our Alumni Distinguished Service Award recipients during the annual Taste of Waldorf dinner on Saturday.
- Let the alumni choir sing-a-long *lift your spirit* as we pay a special tribute to former choir director, John Williams (now deceased).
- Sing with a *joyful spirit* at the homecoming worship service on Sunday morning.

Other weekend activities include a theater performance, homecoming music concert, 5k run/walk and so much more. The official homecoming brochure and registration form will be sent this summer. In the meantime, if you have any questions about homecoming or would like to feature your work of art in the homecoming art and craft show, please contact the alumni office at (641) 585 -8140 or alumni@waldorf.edu.

Yes, the *Waldorf Spirit* remains contagious.
Come experience it again at homecoming 2012! ■



ALUMNI NEWS

Note: The alumni office receives class news from a variety of sources including web page updates, emails, and automatic google alerts. We apologize in advance if some news is no longer current or accurate. If you have information about yourself or other alumni, please contact the alumni office at 641-585-8140 or e-mail us at alumni@waldorf.edu.

1940s

Barbara Heggen Barker '47 attended Waldorf from September 1945 to June 1947 in Medical Secretarial and went on to U.S. Public Health Service Hospital, Baltimore, Md. for Medical Record Administration studies. She retired in 1997 and moved to Parachute, Colo. Barbara was awarded the Garfield County Humanitarian of the Year award in 2007.

Christine Halvorsen Veeder '47 was honored, at her retirement, by Boone County Hospital Auxiliary for her volunteer efforts and 10,000 hours of service to Boone County Hospital. She gave her time to the Auxiliary not for the credit or money, but for fun, she says. Her reward is the number of friends she made and knowing that the money the Auxiliary raised helped people in need at Boone County Hospital. She had volunteered at the hospital since 1986, after retiring as the first woman Boone County Assessor. Christine and husband, Dan, have been married 61 years and have three children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandson.

1960s

Ron Johnstad '60 recently completed his third book, "Pigeon Falls, As I Remember It." His previous books are "Montana, As I Remember It" and "His Way Made Known, (Poetry)."

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Victoria Stensland John '66 is a business manager at IT Services, Iowa State University. Her husband, Lance, works for Nationwide Insurance.

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Jim Gilbertson '67 was voted into the College of Fellows of the Society at the American Society of Appraiser's (ASA) Board of Governor's meeting in Washington, DC, on August 13, 2011. Membership in the College of Fellows is considered to be the highest honor that the ASA can bestow on one of its members, as it is a lifetime appointment. The American Society of Appraisers is a multi-disciplinary appraisal society that teaches and recognizes proficiency and experience in the areas of real estate appraisal; machinery & equipment appraisal; personal property appraisal; and business valuation. The Society currently features more than 5,000 members in the United States with additional members in Mexico, Japan, China, and other foreign locations. Jim is designated in the area of Real Estate-Urban Properties and is a senior analyst at Integra Realty Resources, Kansas City, a commercial appraisal firm located in Westwood, Kansas. He is a state certified general appraiser in Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska.

1970s



Philip Holtan '70 received the 2012 Faithfulness in Ministry Cross Award from Luther Seminary, recognizing his 35 years of innovative and creative ministry. Phil currently serves as pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church in Perham, Minn., with nearly 1400 members. Prior to his call at Calvary, he spent 23 years at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn. as the campus pastor.

Robin Olson Becker '74 and husband, Glenn, are approaching their 35th wedding anniversary in April and have two grown sons. They have a grandson born in November of 2011. Robin still has her own daycare business, going on the 29th year. Glenn is a project manager for a medical company.

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Dean Downer '76 has taught shop and coached football for the past 34 years. Dean's wife, Kathy Sandeen Dower '76 died in July, 2011, and their son, Nate, died in a car accident in June of 2002. Daughter, Ali, has her own daycare and plays in 3 power volleyball leagues. *Address: 408 Pine Street, Massena, IA 50853 Email: ddowner@netins.net*



Travis Finstad '76 is Senior Vice President and Director of Internal Audit at Zions Bancorporation in Salt Lake City, Utah. He has a history of leading and managing top tier internal audit

functions, as well as improving efficiency and effectiveness of teams and functions. Travis holds the following designations: Certified Information Auditor (CISA), Certified Information Security Manager (CISM), Certified Risk & Information Systems Control (CRISC), and Certified Risk Professional (CRP). He currently serves on the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation Board of Directors.

Cynthia Olson Bartleson '77 is a program coordinator at Iowa State University. Her husband, Kendall, is an assembler. Their son Taylor is in the Army stationed in South Korea, and son Brandon is a freshman at DMACC.

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Pamela Carlson Holtan '77 is a kindergarten teacher in the Madrid Community Schools, and her husband, Ronald, is a chemist.

Brad Ulgenes '77 accepted a call to be pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Helena, MT. For the past 10 years, he was a senior pastor of First Lutheran Church in Havre, and had previously served at churches in Dillon and Sidney. Brad and his wife, Elaine, have three grown children.

1980s

Mark Mattes '80 recently had two books translated and published: "Cross and Resurrection: God's Wonder and

Mystery,” published by Fortress, and “Johann Hamann: A Contemporary in Dissent,” published by Eerdmans.



1990s

Noel Collier '90 married Randall Nicolai on August 12, 2011.

Lynda “Georgee” Tysver '90 is an office administrator in accounting, and has started her own face-painting business. Lynda enjoys running and hopes to do her first half marathon this year.

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Allison Lund Price '91 and husband, Eric, have two children.

Angela Van Patter '95 is a receptionist at McFarland Clinic in Ames, Iowa.

Jared Colegrove '97 took over an established State Farm Insurance office in Estherville, Iowa. He previously worked at Deery Brothers Chevrolet in Pleasant Hill where he was service director. Jared and wife, Lindsey, who teaches Spanish at Armstrong and Sentral, have two children.



Jeff Jorth '97 was honored, by the Midland's Business Journal, with the 2011 “40 Under 40” award. The annual list recognizes 40 outstanding young

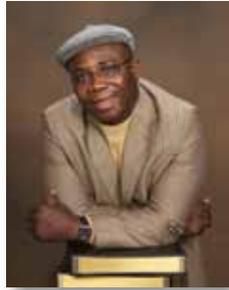
entrepreneurs, business owners, managers and professionals, each of whom are under the age of 40. The winners are chosen based on their contributions to their business and community, and were recognized at an awards breakfast on December 2, 2011. Jeff works for SilverStone Group in Omaha, Neb. He and wife, Kari, have two sons.

Lindsay Duenow '98 is employed as a counselor.

Cristina Athen Muehr '98 and husband, Benjamin, welcomed daughter Cecilia Cristina, born October 14, 2011. She joins sister Allison.

Tyler Amenson '99 and his wife, Kelly, welcomed son Ethan John, born March 11, 2011. He joins sister Addison. Tyler is

a Team Lead with Wells Fargo Technology and Operations Group in Des Moines, Iowa. He manages a team of application developers, architects, infrastructure support engineers and report developers to support Business Intelligence solutions for the Wells Fargo Lending organizations.



Bassey Essien '99 and his wife welcomed son Menim-Abasi, born February 13, 2012. He joins brother Abasi-ofon. Essien released contemporary gospel

album, “I Believe,” in January 2012. He is a singer/songwriter, instrumentalist and recording engineer. Bassey also founded two non-governmental organizations and represents one of the organizations at United Nations High Level Meetings (for Civil Society) at the United Nations. He is an Information Technology Support Analyst for Chevron Corporation at their headquarters in San Ramon, Calif.

Hillari Jennings '99 married Brandon Steinbrecher on July 30, 2011. Hillari is employed by Franklin Energy Services, and Brandon is employed by R.J. Reynolds Company. They reside in Ankeny, IA.

Heidi Jolivette Satre '99 and husband **Eric Satre '01**, welcomed daughter Abigail (Abby) Grace, born April 20, 2011. She joins sister Claire.



2000s

Michele Harms '00 is a stage manager at The Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis, Minn.

Brooke Aukes '01 married **Michael Shipman '02** on September 24, 2011. Brooke is employed by Guilford County Schools, and Michael is employed by Baker Roofing. They reside in Greensboro, NC.

Jason Eyberg '01 married Lisa Brochman on September 11, 2010. Jason is employed with Wells Fargo, and Lisa is employed by Aveda Headquarters in Blaine, MN.



Ryan Daniel '01 recently released his CD single entitled “Smile.” He is a Christian

artist known for his reggae and holy hip-hop music and has been a singer/songwriter and worship leader for 20 years. He has many accolades to his musical indie career including the Billboard charts and several nominations. In 2010, Daniel wrote a song that became one of the favorites of New Orleans Saints fans, with a quarter million views on YouTube. Ryan performs concerts across the country and lives in Minneapolis, Minn. with his wife and son. Check him out on Facebook to become a fan.

Emily Ritchie '02 is an advertising and public relations recruiter.

Julie Damman Kingland '02 and husband, Joe, welcomed daughter Claire Elaine, born July 4, 2011.

Mandy Amenson Nelson '02 and husband, Chris, welcomed son Connor James, born May 17, 2011. Mandy is a Lending Manager for Wells Fargo Home Mortgage in Des Moines. She manages a team of underwriters who review loans for modifications.

Elizabeth Boelman Wall '02 and husband, Nathan, welcomed son Henry Stephen, born May 2011. Elizabeth is working as a nurse for Iowa Heart in Des Moines.

Address: 7335 Disk Drive, Johnston, IA 50131.

Jared Schnebly '03 is an assistant vice president, lending officer at First Citizens National Bank in Mason City, Iowa. Jared is a volunteer firefighter with the Forest City Fire Department and serves as a board member for Bear Creek Golf Course in Forest City. He and wife, Lindsey, have one daughter.

Tiffany Strand '04 married Brent Kesler on October 8, 2011. Tiffany is employed as a Special Education teacher, and Brent is employed at Larson Contracting. They reside in Scarville, Iowa.

Nicole Christie Green '06 is a risk analyst for Federated Insurance. She and husband, Kory, were married in 2010 and recently relocated to Arizona.

Andrew Rosdail '07 obtained his MA in Theatre Arts in April 2011 from Eastern Michigan University.

Phillip Dimitros '08 married **Tara Fitzpatrick '09** on July 23, 2011. Phillip is employed by Principal Financial Group, and Tara is employed by the Mason City Assessor's Office in Mason City, Iowa.

Cari Cimmiyotti Johannis '08 and husband, **Tyler Johannis '08**, welcomed son **Carter Ronald**, born August 15, 2011. He joins brother **Trey**.

Nicole Lunning '08 married **Ben Follman** on August 20, 2011. Nicole is employed by Lichtsinn Motors in Forest City, and Ben is employed at Torkelson Plumbing and Heating in Forest City, Iowa.

Amanda Thompson '08 married **Robert Lauritson** on September 10, 2011. Amanda is employed with NIVC Services, and Robert is the owner/operator of Rite Way Lawn Service and employed at Fareway.

Chase Dickinson '09 married **Jessica Damm** on July 30, 2011. Chase is a teacher in the Newton School System, and Jessica is employed by Nationwide Insurance.

Amanda Weiss '09 is the office administrator at the United Way of Freeborn County in Albert Lea, Minn.



2010s

Andre Franco '10 and wife, **Eva Mills Franco '10**, own Innovative Strength and Conditioning in Underwood, Iowa. Eva teaches elementary school in Underwood.

Anandi Gilseth Simmons '10 and husband, **Reggie**, welcomed a daughter, **Amarah Joy**, born June 24, 2011.

Jessica Penning '10 married **David Dibbern** on May 21, 2011. Jessica is employed as a teacher. They reside in Marshall, MN.

Alex Stockseth '10 is employed at Principal Financial Group in Des Moines, Iowa.

Eric Villhauer '10 is the assistant director for the Fund for the Public Interest in Boston, Mass.

Steve Boucher '11 is an accountant at Hogan-Hansen P.C., Certified Public Accountants and Consultants in Mason City, Iowa.

Steven Pals '11 is attending graduate school for an MA in Public History at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa.



Molly Lumley '11 married **Sam Johnson** on May 28, 2011. Molly is a library assistant with Columbia Southern University/Waldorf College. The couple resides in Forest City, Iowa.

DEATHS

Some of the information below is received by family members or friends of the deceased. Information is also obtained from newspapers and the Social Security Death Index Search. If you would like to report a death of an alumnus, notify the advancement office at (641) 585-8148.

Eunice Brunsvold Haug '33 died January 10, 2012 in Lake Mills, Iowa. Eunice was a country school teacher for five years and after marrying her husband **Theodore**, she was a homemaker and mother to their five children. She was a member of Sons of Norway, sang with the church choir, and was a talented quilter, making quilts for church missions as well as family members. Survivors include her five children, seven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

Elnor Olson Nelson '36 died January 29, 2012. Elnor taught elementary school for a number of years in Iowa and Minn. She was an active member in her Lutheran congregations and a faithful supporter of the church's global mission. She will be remembered for her devoted love of her family and friends, her keen sense of fun and humor, her interest in Norwegian traditions, and her talents for folk painting, baking, entertaining, public speaking and writing. Survivors include four children; four siblings; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Luella Ersland Johnson '38 died December 3, 2011 in Humboldt, Iowa. Luella was an active member in her church, was a member of ELCW and circle, and was a Sunday school teacher for many years. She was active in the China Painters group and the Red Hat Ladies, and also enjoyed traveling and spending time with family and friends.



Ernest Skattebo '38 died January 19, 2012. He met his wife, **Mary Margaret Eaton '40**, at Waldorf, and they were married in 1942. Ernie enlisted in the Army serving as a flight instructor and later a cryptographer.

After being honorably discharged from the Army, he came back to the Ruthven area to farm and later purchased the family farm from his father. He served on many boards, taught Sunday school, directed the church choir, and served on the church council and other committees. He was also a charter member of the Ibsen Lodge of Sons of Norway and a member of the Nordic Lodge in Forest City. Ernie was last living in Wallingford, Iowa. Survivors include a daughter; daughter-in-law; brother, **Clare '50** and wife **Maxine Eaton Skattebo '50**; and sisters, **Margaret Gunderson '40**, **Carol Kropf '49**, and **Lenora Kropf '53**.

Edward Lindebak '39 died February 3, 2012. Ed joined the Army in 1942, serving in Germany and was awarded the Bronze Star. He then worked at his father's implement dealership, and served as postmaster before he took a job in 1953 at the Farmers State Bank. He also ran an insurance agency and a tax preparation service during his thirty years at the bank. Ed was an active member of the American Legion and the Community Club, and enjoyed bowling and golfing. Survivors include two children.

Ione Ristvedt Nelson '41 died August 1, 2011 in Bozeman, Mont. Ione was a charter member of Fjelldal Sons of Norway Lodge and forever proud of her 100% Norwegian heritage. She and husband, **Nels**, delivered Meals on Wheels in the Bozeman area for 16 years. Survivors include son, **Phillip**, and sister, **Gloria Ristvedt Erickson '42**.

Walter Rose '41 died October 23, 2010 in Garner, Iowa. After serving in the Navy, **Walter** and his wife, **Marjorie**, farmed south of Buffalo Center until his retirement. He enjoyed bowling, golf, and never missed a chance to watch his grandkids participate in school sports and activities. Survivors include son, **Tom**, and sister, **Ellen Rose Robbins '42**.

Robert Belsheim '42 died November 23, 2010. Bob enlisted in the Navy and,

after the war, enrolled at Purdue University, earning his Ph.D. He continued his research work at the Naval Research Lab until 1977, consulting after 1970. He was the author of many academic papers and the recipient of many honors centering on his research on mechanical stress, especially in submarines and with applications to NASA projects. He was last living in Washington, DC.

Deane Swingen Harringa '42 of Titonka, IA died June 5, 2011. Deane was active in the ELCA and enjoyed quilting, crocheting, playing cards, puzzles, gardening and reading.



Stanford Holtan '42 died December 10, 2011 in Forest City, Iowa. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was a flight engineer on a B-17. He sang in the church choir for almost 60 years, was active in

Farm Bureau, the Republican Party and Sons of Norway, and was pleased to be a part of preserving history with his wife, Ruth, at Heritage Park. Survivors include wife, **Ruth Tweeten Holtan '43**; sons **Jerry '67, Keith '69, Phil '70, Paul, Steve '73, John '75, and Ron '77** and his wife, **Pam Carlson Holtan '77**; daughter **Audrey Holtan Olmstead '68**; grandson **Jason Holtan '97**; brother **Rolfe Holtan '49**; and sister **Dorothy Holtan Heller '52**.

Carmen Wilson Jones '42 died April 21, 2009 in Windom, Minn. Carmen started her teaching career in Iowa and Minn. She was active in the Alpha Delta Kappa sorority, Sons of Norway, was very involved in church, and volunteered at the Lutheran Camp on Lake Okoboji. Survivors include son Kent; daughter Janeva **Jones Stromberg '74**; sisters Julane, Lola, and **Barbara Wilson Burnside '49**; and brother Woodrow.

Velma Larsen Lau '46 died January 21, 2012 in Johnston, Iowa. Velma taught in various Iowa elementary schools. She and husband, Verner, farmed near Klemme until retiring in 1988. Survivors include daughters Deb, and **Barbara Lau Burket '79**; and three grandchildren.

Gertrude Lee Rudolph '46 died September 26, 2011 in Waseca, Minn.

Gertrude taught 3rd grade for sixteen years, farmed with her husband, Donald, and later worked at Brown Printing in Waseca, Minn. She was active in her church as a member of the Cotta Guild and 29ers, and served as a youth group leader for many years. Survivors include children, Dale, LeAnn and Mark; and sister Bernice.

Paul Johnson '47 died May 30, 2007 in Marshalltown, Iowa. Paul farmed until retiring in 1974. He was a member of VFW Post 3388, the Wallingford American Legion Post and AMVETS while living in Storm Lake, Iowa. Survivors include three children, one brother and one sister.

Russell Selvig '47 died April 16, 2011 in Northwood, Iowa. Russ joined the U.S. Navy in 1944, served overseas during WWII in the Asiatic Pacific Theater, and was honorably discharged in 1946. He worked for the Northwood Co-Op Elevator in Carpenter until his retirement as manager in 1992. Russ enjoyed gardening, fishing, going to Minnesota Twins games, was an avid Iowa State Cyclones fan, and was very church and civic minded. He was a member of Men of Mission at his church, former member of the church council, Our Buddies VFW Memorial Post #6779, Eagles Club, Lions Club, Sons of Norway, charter member of the Navy Memorial Foundation in Washington, DC, and American Legion Post for over 48 years. Survivors include nine children, and a brother.

Dorothy Johnson Banken '48 of Sheldon, Iowa died October 18, 2011. Survivors include husband Gene; and children Rebecca, Mary, Naomi, Sara, Rachel, and **Daniel Banken '75**.

Allen Haugen '49 died August 17, 2011 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Allen served in the Air Force from 1951-1954. He was ordained as a Lutheran minister in June 1960 and served in parishes in Montana. Survivors include wife Betty; four children; and sister **Muriel Haugen Berry '42**.

Joann Ose Peterson '50 died February 6, 2011 in Story City, Iowa. Joann and husband, Kenneth, owned and operated Jo's Gift Corner and Ken's Paint and Floors for over 35 years. Joann also worked at the Story City Golf Course for many years. She was an active member of Beta Sigma Phi, enjoyed golf, music,

antiques, traveling, and attending all her grandchildren's activities. Survivors include three sons.

Robert Vinge '50 died January 13, 2012 in Oregon. Robert served his country during the Korean War as a medical corpsman. He taught at Gardiner Middle School for 18 years and was considered the favorite teacher of his English, history and Russian language students. Survivors include two sons.



Audrey Cox Wipplinger '50 died December 5, 2011 in Austin, Minn. Audrey helped her husband, Leo, with the farming, dairy and hog operations, later

going back to school to get her BS degree and teaching in Conger and Alden. As a child Audrey learned how to carve from her uncle—a hobby that continued until she was no longer able. She was active in her church, participating in circle and WELCA. Survivors include two children.



Clyde Brueland '52 died January 21, 2012 in Ames, Iowa. Clyde served parishes in North Dakota, Iowa, and Minn.

before joining the ALC and ELCA district offices. Survivors include four children and sister, **Verna Brueland Klatt '55**.

Eldon Jutting '53 of Ankeny, Iowa died December 14, 2011. Eldon taught high school business classes for several years before embarking on a career in accounting. He served over fifty years as a member of the Lions Club and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, tending to his roses, boating, rooting for the Hawkeyes, and watching the wildlife that lived in the woods surrounding his home. Survivors include his wife, Allaire, two children, and sister **Gweneth Jutting Smith '50**.

Norma Olson Dorenkamp '56 died August 15, 2011 in Mason City, Iowa. Norma was a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church, where she was an Elder, Deacon, served as president of United Presbyterian Women and was active in music and worship. She was a member of Monday Study Club, PTA for

Hoover Elementary and later volunteered at Hoover through RSVP. Norma loved gardening, baking, and riding her bicycle. Survivors include husband Calvin; three children; and siblings **Anna Olson Johnson '42**, Eleanore, Grant, and **Nancy Olson Riggan '54**.

Frances Carlson Bienert '57 died September 12, 2011 in Garner, Iowa. Frances shared her gift of music by playing the piano and organ for churches as well as playing for numerous weddings and funerals. She loved to take long walks, ride her bike, and raising beautiful flowers. Survivors include children Christopher, and **Kristina Bienert Tracey '88**; sisters **Joyce Carlson Aske '62**, **Ruth Carlson Feldick '53**, and Elanor; and brother **Luther Carlson '58**.

Donna Ryerson Lackore '57 died September 2, 2011 in Forest City, Iowa. Donna taught school for several years and, later in her life, she worked for Winnebago Industries. She and husband, Gene, also farmed for several years north of Hayfield and taught square dancing to many. Donna's hobbies included traveling, gardening, watercolor painting, reading, sewing, and spending time with her family. Survivors include husband **Eugene Lackore '58**; three daughters, and four brothers.

James Brosdahl '58 died August 4, 2011 in Lake Mills, Iowa. James worked for Wonder Bread for many years until he and wife, Marilyn, bought the Victorian House in Parkersburg. He was an avid collector of antiques and had a wide variety of interests that he used to connect with his family and his grandchildren. Survivors include wife, Marilyn; two daughters; brothers Gene, **Denny Brosdahl '50**, and Arlyn; and sister **Ardele Brosdahl Osnes '48**.

Douglas Nielsen '61 died December 9, 2011 in Mesa, Ariz. Doug served as a nurse anesthetist in the 44th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital in Korea during the Vietnam War. He worked as an anesthetist his whole life and received a Masters in Nursing Home Administration. Doug retired from the VA Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa and retired from the US Army Reserves as a Lt. Colonel. Survivors include wife Alice; three children; brothers **Ron Nielsen '61** and wife **Kathie Toft Nielsen '61**, **Rudy Nielsen '64** and wife Sonia, and Curt and wife Sandy.

Marcella Hendrickson Olson '61 died January 8, 2012. Marcy worked in the World Mission Office of the American Lutheran Church headquarters in Minneapolis between 1961 and 1972. She married husband, Ron, in 1972 and lived in Apple Valley, Minn. for 39 years. Survivors include her husband, two children, one sister, and one brother.

Harvey Hanson '63 died November 10, 2011 in Waterloo, Iowa. Harvey was employed by Hormel Corporation for 19 years as a livestock buyer, resigning in 1985 to begin his own buying and livestock-transportation business. He was an active member of his church, serving as a deacon and on the church council, and will be remembered for his baritone voice, singing solos in church, at weddings and at funerals. Harvey especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and driving semi. Survivors include wife Gwenyth; children Kevin, **Cameron Hanson '90**; and **Kathryn Hanson Mills '94**; and five siblings including **Sharon Hanson Gordon '60** and husband **Robert Gordon '59**.

Howard Koyen '67 died February 1, 2012 in Mankato, Minn. Howard enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, serving four years. He was employed by Hess Oil Co. Howard enjoyed spending time with family and friends, bowling, the New York Mets baseball and was an enthusiastic historian of the military. Survivors include many nieces and nephews; an aunt; and a brother-in-law.



Nancy Steffensen Monson '68 of Leland, Iowa died December 16, 2011 in Rochester, Minn. Nancy taught elementary art for 26 years at the

elementary school in Forest City, Iowa. She enjoyed quilting, gardening, art in its many forms, music and singing, and frequent family gatherings. In 1983, Nancy was selected as the Iowa Young Mother of the Year, she was active in 4-H both as a member and as a leader, as well as serving on county committees. She and David also served on the board of New Horizons Adoption Agency. Survivors include husband David; daughters **Anne Monson '96** and Kathleen; mother Clarine; and five siblings including **Becky Monson Hill '73** and husband **Larry Hill '74**.



Brad Walton '71 died August 26, 2011. Brad was a late night radio host at KTIS, KEEY, and WCCO in Minneapolis, Minn.

Survivors include wife Marlene; children Sharalee and David; mother Marlene; and four siblings.

Jane Raduechel Clark '75 died June 24, 2011 in Apple Valley, Minn. Survivors include husband Don; four children; and four siblings including **Darrell Raduechel '77**.

Kathy Sandeen Downer '76 died July 8, 2011 in Atlantic, Iowa. Kathy taught for 15 years at C&M Community Schools in Massena and Anita Community School. She was a supportive coach's wife and sports mom to her children, as well as area children. Survivors include husband, **Dean '76**; daughter, Ali; her mother and a brother. ■

Class of 1976 at Homecoming 2011 (below)

Front Row (L to R): Jeanette (Nelson) Twedten, Lori (Isaacson) Hjelvik.

Back Row: Jill (Richards) Clark, Janet (Happel) Brown, Kathy (Hennessy) Jerome, Lorie (Lebeck) Knudsen, Sue (Trcka) Taege.



BUILDING FOUNDATIONS: THE LIFETIME SERVICE OF FRANCIS “BUZZ” BURNHAM

Francis “Buzz” Burnham may be approaching 91, but he’s not done with Waldorf yet. Once a week, Burnham returns to his alma mater to volunteer. His commitment to the school is just a portion of the life he’s dedicated to education and serving others.

Burnham, who currently compiles newspaper articles that feature Waldorf College and its students for the college scrapbook, graduated from Waldorf in 1941 with an associate’s degree in commerce. After briefly working in Thompson, Iowa as a bookkeeper at Rural Electric Co-Op, Burnham enlisted in the Navy during World War II. His three years of service on several ships in the Pacific earned him four battle stars.

“I went into the Navy as a storekeeper, but they had more people than they needed and asked if I’d be willing to switch. I said I wanted to be a carpenter, so they made me an electrician on a boat,” said Burnham laughing. “I figured the defense of our country was one of the top things to do. I was proud to have served.”

With financial assistance from the GI Bill after the war, Burnham enrolled at Iowa State University and graduated with a bachelor of science and master’s degree in Vocational and Industrial Education. He soon found himself back in the classroom in Decorah, Iowa, teaching industrial arts, math, and business law to high school students. He later went on to teach 29 years in Marshalltown, Iowa.

“It seemed to be something that I just fell into,” said Burnham. Though Burnham’s career as an educator was unplanned, he always had an appreciation for education. “It’s important to establish a foundation for your future. You’ve got to have some specific skills to advance.”

Burnham has dedicated his life to helping others establish their foundations. His commitment to service truly personifies the college’s mantra of “Learn, Live, Serve.” Apart from Waldorf, Burnham has volunteered for the community in a variety of capacities, including at the Forest City Elementary School and Forest City Christian School. He also helped establish the Dollars for Scholars program, now known as the Forest City Education Foundation. Burnham is a former president of the Lions Club, has volunteered for the United Way, boy and girl scouts, Meals on Wheels, and is involved with his church. His service to the community has also won him many great accolades, such as being inducted in the Iowa Volunteer Hall of Fame, being named the Outstanding Retired Teacher of the Year for the State of Iowa, and receiving the Outstanding Older Iowan Award.

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“It’s just my philosophy of life to be of service to other people,” explained Burnham. “I don’t dwell on the recognition.”

It was Waldorf’s initial recognition of Burnham’s talents that led him to his life of service. “The thing that got me to Waldorf in the first place was the \$75 scholarship they gave me,” said Burnham. “There weren’t very many in my family that went to college, and I was determined to get an education. It was not too long after the recession.”

Burnham reminisced about his days at Waldorf where he held a variety of positions such as vice president of the student body, president of the choir, washing dishes in the kitchen, and one of three male cheerleaders. After studying hard, Burnham’s favorite pastime was fixing up a 1922 Dodge with his friends.

“It’s been quite a few years,” said Burnham. “I have lots of memories of going to Waldorf. It gave me a start in the world.”

Burnham remembers Waldorf as a two-year school that had three main buildings: Salvesson, Thorson, and a music hall. Odvin Hagen and Rasmusson may just be names of buildings to current students, but Burnham knew the people after whom these buildings were named. While Odvin Hagen was a former choir director, Tillie Rasmusson was the food service director of the college at that time.

“Odvin was strict. He was serious and meant business. You knew he was respected, and it was really fun being in the choir,” said Burnham. “And Tillie Rasmusson was a nice person to work with. One of my two jobs was as a dishwasher on campus, so I worked with her.”

Even though a lot has changed at Waldorf since he graduated, Burnham still calls Waldorf home. “Waldorf’s got a dear place in my heart,” Burnham said. “I’ve just had so much fun doing things like this.” ■



Below: Francis “Santa” Burnham makes an appearance at the employee Christmas party.



Above: Burnham in his pirate attire at the Waldorf Family Fun Night.



Class of 1991 at Homecoming 2011

Front Row (L to R): Brad Holten, Bryant Rickard, Janna Shaw, Matt Smalling, Loren Marlette.

Second Row: Kevin Hansen, Todd Piltingsrud, Janet Zarich, Mallete Parry, Kari (Van Auken) Stern, Deb (Sellers) Bell, Esther Nelson.

Back Row: Stacy Braun, Shaun McFarland, Allison (Lund) Pierce, Kelly Christensen, Jennifer Pozanc, Terry Krohnberg, Lance Skov.



Class of 1971 at Homecoming 2011

Front Row (L to R): Carolyn (Kilma) Enstad, John Kruger, Susan (Moen) Bubolz, Carol (Knudson) Chalberg.

Second Row: Mari (Thompson) Bernhardt, Claudia (Freeman) Ross, Jean (Kloster) Miller, Karen (Twedt) Anderson, Sharon (Langlie) Sorenson, Kathy (Smith) Swerdling.

Third Row: Karen (Miller) Lillesve, Kathy (Gangstead) Herre, Sonja (Fox) Chesnik, Carol (Jorgenson) Solyst, Tammi (Shelton) Anderson.

Back Row: Tom Winch, Miriam Linder Morrison, George Quast, Cathy Wensinger, Jim Chesnik, Jimmy Schneider, Ron Krapfl, Kathy (Bruland) Alden.

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