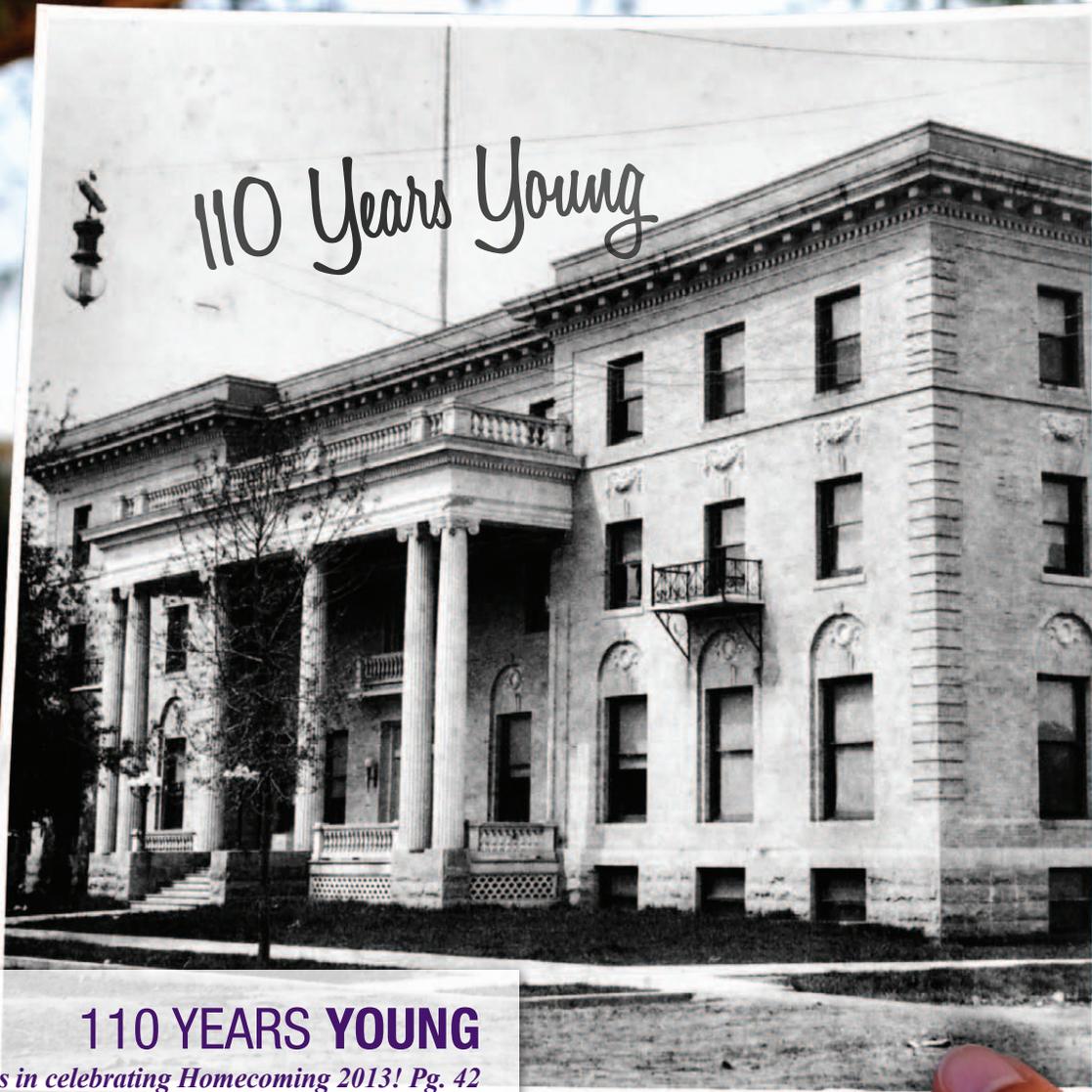


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# GREETINGS!

When our 2 1/2-year-old granddaughter Nora last visited us, she proudly showed off her newfound juggling skills. She picked up the three balls, squeezed them together, and promptly threw them on the floor. Then she grinned from ear to ear, jumped up and down, and screamed, "I did it!" It was pure entertainment.

It's likely some of our graduates were thinking the same thing as Nora as they walked across the stage at commencement – "I did it!" The big difference is they didn't drop the ball with their studies, and their academic achievements were at a much higher level than the results of my granddaughter's juggling act. You can read more about commencement and academic statistics and accomplishments in the pages ahead.

This issue of the Waldorf Magazine contains the Honor Roll of donors for fiscal year 2012-2013. We appreciate everyone who supported Waldorf and the Waldorf Foundation with their gifts, time, talents, and prayers. The Foundation closed out the year just short of \$600,000 in current gifts, surpassing last year's total by over \$12,000. Thank you for the partnership you have shared through your gifts and helping us finish the year on such a positive note.

We're beginning a new feature series in the magazine, which I suspect could become one of my personal favorites. We will be sharing stories about children who grew up on Waldorf's campus. Stay tuned for stories about sneaking in kitchen windows and hanging upside down outside of windows. That's all I'm going to say for now!

Recently I found my "Be Waldorf Proud" pin which was our slogan many years ago. We wore sweatshirts, caps and pins to show our Waldorf pride. As I gazed at that pin, I realized that nothing has changed – I am still very much Waldorf proud.

To the Class of 2013, go ahead and proclaim loudly, "I did it!" You deserve to be proud, and we are certainly proud of you. As the newest members of the alumni association, please join us in "Being Waldorf Proud!"

Sincerely,

*Nancy Olson*



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## A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ROBERT ALSOP

Super-centennial: that is the term used to mark the milestone of anniversaries and birthdays of 110 years or more. It's impressive in its nomenclature, yet in my mind, we do not give this significant milestone its due. And what a milestone this super-centennial year is for Waldorf College! While we had much to applaud and wonder at our centennial celebration just ten years ago (new BA programs, positive accreditation review, inspiring student experiences), just reflect what has transpired over the last five, let alone ten years.

In 2008 there were real fears for the long-term viability of the College. Through a seemingly divine set of circumstances, Waldorf found not simply a new owner, but a partner in its mission with the Mayes family. This new relationship has not just given Waldorf the ability to survive, but to thrive. The response from the faculty and staff of Waldorf College over the last five years has set a course for Waldorf's national presence in higher education, while at the same time maintaining and strengthening the values that have nourished the college for 110 years. Our emphasis on learning communities – that I wrote about in the last issue – build upon a historic strength of the college, while offering distinctive opportunities that will enhance the student experience.

Like ten years ago, we are celebrating a positive reaffirmation of accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission, marveling at



our expanding degree programs, and celebrating a vision rooted in Waldorf's tradition of liberal arts and Lutheran heritage. These last five years are a new chapter, but we are in the same book that was begun by C.S. Salveson 110 years ago. Like each previous chapter, this one owes its success to those who have come before who believed in the mission of Waldorf and dedicated their time, resources, and life's journey to sustain this fine institution.

I hope you are able to visit campus soon, either at our super-centennial celebration during our homecoming festivities this year, or any other time. If you are receiving this magazine, Waldorf

probably played a significant role in your life, but you have also played a significant role in the life of the College. Come back to campus and celebrate this milestone and the journey you share with Waldorf College.

The flame still burns.

Sincerely,

President Robert Alsop, Ph.D.

## FOUNDER'S DAY: A TIME FOR ALL TO SERVE



110 Years: October 11

Waldorf College will be commemorating its 110th Founder's Day on Friday, October 11, 2013! To celebrate, President Robert Alsop has proclaimed the week leading up to Founder's Day as a time for volunteering and community service. This is a great time to get together with alumni in your area to serve!

From October 7-11, 2013, all campus groups are asked to participate in service projects that positively impact our local and global community. In addition to our campus groups, Waldorf College's online students and alumni worldwide are encouraged to join in and volunteer in their communities.

Participants may register their projects online and document their service by emailing photos to [marketing@waldorf.edu](mailto:marketing@waldorf.edu). These may be featured on Waldorf College's Facebook page and in an upcoming issue of the Waldorf Magazine.

In addition to various service projects, you are invited to a special chapel service on Friday, October 11 which will include music from our original Founder's Day service!

**Event Registration:** <http://www.waldorf.edu/serve>

# STUDENT PROFILE: SHAYE SUTHERLAND '16

Shaye Sutherland '16 is a ball of fire. If we could figure out a way to harness her energy it would likely light up Bolstorff Field! Her spirited enthusiasm, bold faith and zest for life permeate everything she does.

A native of Chaska, Minn., Sutherland was recruited by Coach Paul Meyer '87 to play volleyball. However, once she enrolled at Waldorf College, she immersed herself in several other activities as well, taking on the roles of special events coordinator for the Social Warriors Activity Team (SWAT), senator for Student Senate, drama peer minister for Chapel, orientation leader, and loudest cheering fan for various athletic teams!

Much to her credit, she also intentionally got to know just about everyone on campus. "What I like most about Waldorf is walking down the sidewalk and knowing everyone's name and a little bit about them. And, even if I don't know them all that well, I still feel comfortable saying hello to them," she said. "I love that Waldorf is so small and friendly!"

Sutherland always seems to have something to say or do and has little patience for students who insinuate life is a bit mundane in rural North Iowa. "As long you are willing to open your mouth and have a conversation with someone or attend one of our events, you will never be bored and will end up having a great time!" she said with a smile.

One of Sutherland's many gifts is her ability to engage others in conversation or activities. As a drama peer minister, last year she involved more than 30 students in various thought-provoking skits or dramas performed during chapel. She reached out to those who never attended church as well as students who were active in campus ministry in hopes they would all be affected by the message and impact of the drama. Many agreed to participate simply because Sutherland asked them to.

"I feel that because my faith has made such an impact on me, I want to help others find or strengthen their faith," she said.

Her passion for her faith and desire to serve others runs deep. Sutherland is majoring in education with dreams of becoming an elementary teacher. She would particularly like to help Spanish-speaking students someday.

"Shaye is one of those rare young people who understands the value of service," said Dr. Larry Hill '74, Director of Student Teaching and Clinical Experiences. "She is very personable and desires to make a difference in life. She believes we are all called to serve those around us. Shaye is a wonderful role model and reminds all of us what is really important in life."

Going the extra mile for people is at the heart of Shaye Sutherland. Her optimism, faith and service are truly an inspiration to all those fortunate enough to know her.



## LIBRARY ARCHIVES GOING DIGITAL

The Luise V. Hanson Library at Waldorf College has been awarded a grant from Iowa's Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) and Historical Resource Development Program. The funding will support the second year of a three-year project to improve the Library's archives.

"Our entire team is excited about this as the financial support will allow us to move forward with our project," said Library Director Elizabeth Kiscaden. The goal of the archives project is to make the collection more accessible for researchers and community members, while preserving more than a century of local history.

The archives contain materials collected since the founding of Waldorf College in 1903. Photographs, textiles, yearbooks, manuscripts, choir records, and more are stored in the space. "The grant should allow us to make these treasures available to alumni, researchers, and members of our community," said Kiscaden.

Grant funding will be used to support consultation from an archive specialist and purchase archival quality supplies to appropriately store, organize, and digitize the rare materials. The college will match the state funding through dedicated personnel time and a financial commitment from the operational budget.

During the first year of the project, staff removed materials from metal filing cabinets, stored photographs in acid-free photo sleeves, and installed bookshelves and reading tables. The goals for year three include compiling a collection database and creating aids to assist in locating materials stored throughout the archives.

Library staff developed a plan to improve the archives after a visitor from Norway stopped in to do some family research. "This was exciting for us because we generally get requests from Americans researching their ties to Norway, not Norwegians investigating what happened to their family members that emigrated to America," explained Kiscaden.

The visitor helped emphasize the importance of the archive to a greater region outside of the college community. Added Kiscaden, "Our archive has additional historical value in that it documents Norwegian settlers and their life and culture here during the early 1900s."

Digitizing older media, such as the many VHS tapes, will preserve their content and allow the library staff to make and sell reproductions for any alumni wishing to take a part of Waldorf home with them after their visit. These changes will help preserve the history stored in the archives and make it more accessible to those who wish to learn more about Waldorf's interesting and charming past.

Library staff are planning a grand re-opening of the archives at the conclusion of the project, which is anticipated for September 2015. To learn more about the Luise V. Hanson Library at Waldorf College, visit [www.waldorf.edu](http://www.waldorf.edu).

# THE RIGHT TO REMAIN EDUCATED:

## JOHN SHOOK AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE AT WALDORF COLLEGE



*Assistant Professor  
of Criminal Justice  
Administration John Shook*

One of the most popular majors at Waldorf is also one of the newest: Criminal Justice Administration is offered both residentially and as an online program. The chair of this new program is John Shook, who brings an academic background and real world experiences to his students at Waldorf.

Shook's correctional career began back in 1981 in Chicago, where he interned with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. After earning his master's degree in public administration from The Ohio State University, he accepted an entry-level position as a correctional officer with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Over his 29+ year

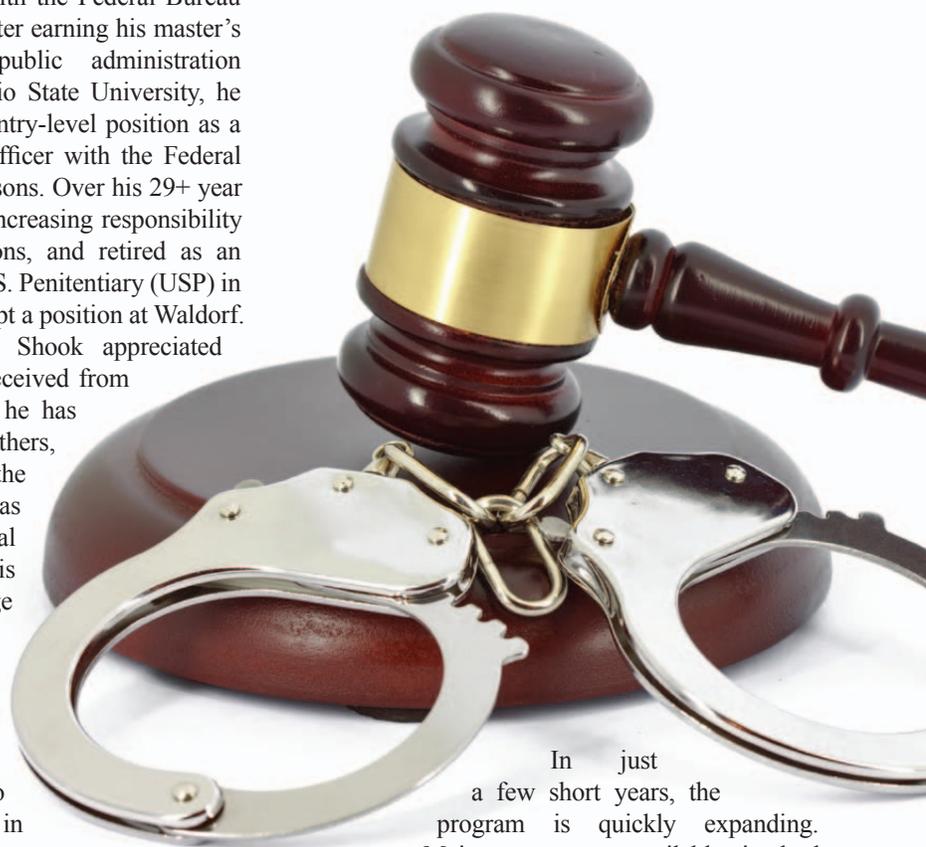
career, he held positions of increasing responsibility at nine different duty stations, and retired as an associate warden from the U.S. Penitentiary (USP) in Leavenworth, Kansas to accept a position at Waldorf.

Throughout his career, Shook appreciated the help and assistance he received from others in the field. In turn, he has strived to help and mentor others, both in the field and in the classroom. His experiences as an adjunct instructor at several different locations solidified his desire to teach at the college level. When the position at Waldorf opened, he saw it as an extraordinary opportunity to both teach and serve. "I truly love teaching," he said, "and I was born a Lutheran, so serving and helping people is in my heritage."

Shook's vision for the new program is to engage Waldorf's students and to help them understand theory through practical application. "I like to blend real life experiences with what we teach in the classroom." He also discusses dispelling common myths about the criminal and criminal justice system. "It's not like 'Lockup' on TV," Shook said. "Inmates and criminals are people, too."

Shook's experience and contacts have added to the integrity and strength of Waldorf's criminal justice program. Current practitioners in the criminal justice field visit classes and speak to Waldorf students,

providing valuable firsthand experiences, as well as career guidance. Students have also been able to gain internship opportunities through these contacts. For his last two senior classes, Shook arranged field trips to the U.S.P. Leavenworth. He noted that these were real eye-openers for the students. "These students had the opportunity, and the honor, to see the oldest federal prison facility in the United States," Shook said. "They were able to witness professionalism at the highest level, and this visit helped dispel some of the myths about inmate treatment and behaviors."



In just a few short years, the program is quickly expanding.

Majors are now available in both criminal justice and criminal justice administration, with the latter having a heavier emphasis in business and management. Shook is the chair of Waldorf's online criminal justice program as well, and is in regular contact with online faculty.

One of Shook's goals is for all students to realize that the core of criminal justice is to treat all people with respect and dignity. "Everyone has a valuable and important job," he said. "You earn your respect through your daily actions."



## PHASE III OF SHARED FACILITIES PLAN IN PROGRESS

Waldorf College partnered with the Hanson Foundation, Forest City Community School District and the City of Forest City to upgrade athletic facilities at both the Forest City High School (FCHS) and Waldorf College. The \$2.8 million shared facilities plan began Phase III of the project this past summer by installing artificial turf in the outfield of the high school softball field and adding artificial turf to an expanded infield at the high school baseball field.

The high school baseball and softball fields were already lighted and allow both the high school and college teams to use the fields in the evening. The following is a breakdown of the completed and projected plan:

### Phase I

- Artificial turf at Bolstorff Field, Waldorf College (2011)

### Phase II

- Artificial turf football/soccer field at FCHS (2012)
- Resurfaced six-lane track at FCHS (2012)
- Lights added to Bolstorff Field, Waldorf College (2012)

### Phase III

- Artificial turf softball outfield at FCHS (projected completion, Fall of 2013)
- Artificial turf baseball infield at FCHS (projected completion, Fall of 2013)

### Phase IV

- Eight-lane track around Bolstorff Field, Waldorf College (projected completion, 2014)

All fields display the Waldorf College and FCHS logos. The goal is for the college and high school to share facilities along with the Forest City YMCA and to maximize the best conditions for all athletic teams involved.

*Above: Finishing touches are being placed on the new baseball and softball fields at the Forest City High School.*

*Left Top: Breaking ground at on the artificial turf at Bolstorff Field in 2011.*

*Left Bottom: Lights being added to Bolstorff Field in 2012.*



# BIOLOGY STUDENTS VISIT COSTA RICA

It's not every day that Waldorf College students get to hear a Howler monkey in person.

Students may not be able to find a Howler monkey in the biology lab, but that didn't stop Lane Gehl from studying them. Gehl was one of eight students and two guides that visited Costa Rica in May as part of the Biology Department's second international trip in two years.

"This international trip gave our students the opportunity to do research in advance and then have direct exposure to what they studied," explained Dr. Gary Coombs, assistant professor of biology. "It really reinforces the lessons learned. It expands students' horizons in a way that a book cannot do."

Coombs and the Waldorf Biology Club selected Costa Rica in part because of its vast differences from Iowa.

"Costa Rica is about one-third the size of Iowa, but it has many more species overall. There's also a mountainous terrain in Costa Rica. Despite not being a huge land mass, there are several different climates which means there are different ecosystems in one tiny space," Coombs explained.

In addition to studying Howler monkeys, Waldorf students researched Montezuma Oropendola, a bird species; epiphytes, which are plants that grow on other plants without being considered parasitic; and many other species that are unique to Central America.

"I think the most important thing we all learned was that you don't have to be a scientist to make a big contribution to conservation in these areas. What determines deforestation comes down to money, and if the local people can make money by preserving it, they will. They need to provide for their families. Saving rainforests might come down to people going to visit it."

The trip may have been officially for biological research opportunities, but the team did much more than just research.

"One time we stopped for lunch and there were



*Students pose for a photo after white water rafting in Costa Rica this summer.*

some young kids out on a field at a nearby school. Several of the girls on our trip were soccer players, so they were enthused about jumping out there and having a little bit of a game with the local students," Coombs recalled.

Waldorf biology students also participated in a service project at the La Selva Biological Research Station. The station has tropical trees tagged for easy identification when visiting scientists come to research. Members on the Waldorf trip spent half a day cleaning tags and signs to aid other scientists who will be using the research station in the future.

"Exposure to cultures beyond our own is important," Coombs said. "We haven't firmly established any plans for our next trip, but there is a possibility that we'll return to Costa Rica next summer."

Students on this year's trip included Lane Gehl, Jessica Godwin, Jacob Lister, Ashley Lutrick, Johnny McCarther, Kaylee Vitale, Racksang Volrath, and Christa Webber. The trip was led by Waldorf College's Assistant Professor of Biology Dr. Gary Coombs and North Iowa Area Community College's Biology Instructor Carol Schutte.

Last summer Waldorf College biology students traveled abroad to Peru.





## FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE

*“We want to make sure our students succeed.”*

*-Katie Mullaly '10*

Johnson and London (J&L) has been the home for many of Waldorf College's students over the years. The building has been housing Warriors since 1968 and certainly could tell some stories if the walls could talk. As an integral part of the first-year experience program, it's likely to have some great stories from the upcoming Class of 2017.

“The J&L community is literally one of a kind,” First Year Experience Coordinator Katie Mullaly said. “The lobby that connects Johnson to London is the epicenter of our community. It's the chill spot, the meeting zone; it's everything. If you're there for the whole night or just passing through, someone will say hello. I love it!”

Nearly all first-year students reside in J&L to provide new students with a solid community at the start of their time at Waldorf College. It's just one of the many initiatives that Student Life has established as part of the first-year experience.

“Our first-year experience ensures we touch on three important areas for students: receiving a quality education, establishing lasting relationships with your peers, and discovering life skills that you might not get in the classroom,” Mullaly said. “We want to make sure our students succeed, and that means making sure our new students really grasp the concept of college quickly.”

In addition to living in the same residence hall, first-year students will take a semester-long First-Year

Seminar course, participate in programs with their floor and hall, and have both a peer resident assistant (RA) and campus connection specialist (CCS) to go to if they have any questions.

First-Year Seminar begins when students arrive on campus in August for Waldorf's fall orientation.

“Orientation is a way for first-year students to get every detail about how to kick off college successfully,” said Mullaly. “There'll be different sessions about living in a residence hall, how to handle your personal finances, and more to give them a good foundation. We also have a Wacky Warrior Olympics day where first-year students compete against each other in fun and goofy games.”

Orientation ends with an activity day where students can choose between various off-campus trips and service projects.

“Our goal is that orientation shows what Waldorf is all about while maintaining a fun, spirited atmosphere,” Mullaly said.

Something new to the program was hiring RAs specifically for theme floors to increase the effectiveness of the theme floor initiative that was established last year. Senior Ray McQueen is the RA for Johnson's first floor.

“Being an RA gives me the chance to help students out,” McQueen said. “I'm excited to meet them and become someone that they can talk to about pretty much anything and give advice.”

Part of the RA's job is to provide both passive and active programming for their floor. “There are three areas of programming,” Mullaly said. “Community service projects, educational projects, and community builders. We're really making sure our RAs know to intentionally program activities based on their floor's theme to foster a greater sense of community.”

Programming varies from decorating the floor's doors to video game competitions to learning how to change a tire. The goal is to do something worthwhile for first-year students who may need a reason to get out of their room or take a break from homework.

“You know you've made an impact on a student's life when you're able to see them when they first come to school and watch them cross the graduation stage years later,” Mullaly said. “That's the magic that is Waldorf; we really get to know these students.”



**Above:** Orientation Leaders practice teamwork by standing up as a group with their arms linked.

**Right:** Resident Assistants learn about building a strong community on their floor.

# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT UPDATE

## Women's Wrestling



In January the Warriors made the trek to Bristol, Tenn. for the Women's Collegiate Wrestling Association National tournament. Jessica Fresh (So.-Knoxville, Iowa) and Tamika Jones (Sr.-Columbia, SC) earned All-American status with their performances and accrued six team points for the Warriors, which placed them tenth in the team standings.

Three Warriors traveled to Las Vegas, Nev. to compete at the ASICS U.S. Open in April. Senior Tamika Jones sought to wrap up her collegiate career on a high note, seeking a bid to World Team Trials. Her seventh place finish secured her a spot at World Team Trials in Stillwater, Okla. on June 22.

## Men's Wrestling



Waldorf's men's wrestling squad traveled to Fremont, Neb. for the NAIA Northern Qualifier in February. At stake for the Warriors was a ticket to the NAIA National tournament in Des Moines on March 1-2. Three Warriors secured their bid to the National.

At 125 pounds, Bo Bettinson (So-Reno, Nev.) would have a long day in his pursuit of a return trip to the national stage, but he secured a fourth place finish. Anthony Pike (So-Tucson, Ariz.) placed second at 174 pounds and Brock Binversie (Jr-Whitelaw, Wisc.) earned a fourth place finish to give him a return trip to the national tournament.

## Women's Basketball



After completing the regular season with a 17-12 overall mark and an 8-8 record in the Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference (MCAC), the Warriors had a tough draw in the first round of MCAC tournament against Haskell. In the regular season, the Warriors lost in overtime on the road and won at home against the Indians. Waldorf took the first round win 65-53, and advanced to second round play against College of St. Mary. The Flames went on to gain the 90-62 win and advance to the MCAC Championship game.

## Men's Basketball



Following a 13-14 regular season including a 10-6 mark in MCAC play, the Warriors entered the tournament brimming with confidence. In the final week of regular season play, they knocked off at the time #23 Bellevue University and #15 York College at home. At the time of the first round game Bellevue moved up to the 19th ranked team in the NAIA, but the Warriors took the game down to the wire. With time running out the Warriors received the final three-point look, but it wouldn't fall which allowed the Bruins to escape with the 55-54 win.

## Hockey



Waldorf got their first taste of conference tournament play in February at the WCCHA conference tournament in Blaine, Minn. The thirteenth-ranked Warriors matched up against the University of St. Thomas in the opening round. There would be no shortage of offense in the matchup as Waldorf took the 7-5 victory.

From there they advanced to the semifinal match against the University of Minnesota-Duluth. The Bulldogs would take control during the final period and scored two unanswered goals for the 4-3 win.

With that loss the Warriors faced #9 Northern Michigan University for third place. A tie at the end of regulation resulted in a hard-fought overtime period where NMU secured the 3-2 win with a goal with 1:04 remaining. The team concluded their 2012-13 season with an overall mark of 22-8-1.

## Baseball



After a slow start to their 2013 campaign, the baseball squad rallied in the month of April, collecting ten victories. They needed help from other MCAC teams to advance to the conference tournament. After conference games concluded, Waldorf fell short of making the postseason. They concluded their 2013 season with a 15-30 overall mark and an 8-14 MCAC record.



## ATHLETIC SPOTLIGHT: WARRIOR SOFTBALL

*"The generosity shown by this donor will benefit our young ladies for many years to come."*

The Waldorf softball squad, coached by Denny Gilbertson '81, completed another solid season with a 26-16 overall mark and a 10-7 record in the Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference (MCAC). They racked up a 13-2 record in April to push them into the conference tournament. The team fell in a tight opening-round contest against top-seeded Central Baptist 5-4. The Warriors needed to bounce back against Oklahoma Wesleyan to remain alive in the tournament, but dropped the game 7-2.

The MCAC named the Waldorf softball team a Jerry Watson Award winner. To win the Jerry Watson Award, a varsity team must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher. The Warriors boasted a 3.40 team GPA.

Two infielders earned All-MCAC First Team recognition. Kayla Blocker (Sr-LeGrand, Iowa) started 35 games at second base for the Warriors and notched a .390 batting average. She hammered 46 hits including 11 doubles, five homeruns and 31 RBI.

Kate Martino (Jr-Wonder Lake, Ill.) also gained First Team honors. As the everyday shortstop for the Warriors, Martino started 40 games and hit .354. She belted 14 doubles and four homers while scoring 40 runs.

In addition, Amber Brown (Sr-Carlisle, Iowa) was named a First Team outfielder. This season Brown hit .333 with eight doubles and eight homeruns.

Seniors Kirstin Davis (Runnells, Iowa) and Holly Gilbertson (Forest City, Iowa) both earned All-MCAC Honorable Mention. Davis started 39 games at catcher and hit .336 on her way to eight doubles, three triples and two homers. She recorded 26 RBI and 25 runs scored.

Holly Gilbertson split time between pitcher and first base this season. Gilbertson tallied a 12-6 record from the mound and held a 1.67 ERA. She also hit .322 with eight doubles, two triples and one homerun.

*Thanks to an anonymous donor, the Waldorf College softball team travelled in style this season. The bus was delivered to the Warrior softball team in January to be used for all of their travel needs. "This is just a huge boost for our program," said Head Coach Gilbertson.*



*The Waldorf College softball team gave up one of their evenings during their spring break trip to work at the Myrtle Beach Soup Kitchen in Myrtle Beach, SC. They participated in Bible study time with the homeless, prepared food and served approximately 75 individuals. In addition to working, the players donated their meal money for the evening to support the soup kitchen's mission.*

# “BE YOURSELF”: WALDORF’S 109TH COMMENCEMENT

Waldorf’s campus filled with smiling graduates and families on a sunny Saturday in April as over 230 students graduated from Waldorf during its 109th commencement ceremony.

Stopping by Lund Pond to pose for pictures and extend congratulations, some students met each other face-to-face for the first time that day. 25 of the 130 online graduates traveled to Forest City to attend the baccalaureate service and cross the stage at commencement.

Chantell Mayes Cooley, Vice President of Columbia Southern University and member of Waldorf College’s Board of Trustees, delivered the commencement address. Cooley encouraged graduates to find their talents, surround themselves with people that support their efforts, and be themselves.

Even people hundreds of miles away could be part of the celebration as both baccalaureate and commencement were streamed live. Visit Waldorf’s Facebook page to see hundreds of photos from the day.

*Seniors Ashley Lutrick and Jeff Bodensteiner were given the President’s Award.*



Video from graduation is available online!  
[www.new.livestream.com/waldorfcollegestream](http://www.new.livestream.com/waldorfcollegestream)

## EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION EVENT 2013

The following employees were recognized for years of service to Waldorf College at the faculty/staff recognition event held April 23, 2013:

**25 Years of Service** – Professor David Damm ’73 and Composer in Residence, Nancy Farndale

**20 Years of Service** – Associate Professors Joy Heebink and Mark Newcom

**15 Years of Service** – President Robert Alsop, Admissions Director Scott Pitcher ’93, Administrative Assistant for Registrar and Education Becky Stumme ’09 and Gary Kadlecik, facilities

**5 Years of Service** – Jill Minkel ’07, admissions; David DeBoe, facilities; Carl Childs, education representative; Ralph Rodriguez Jr., education representative; Cathy Stensland ’93, financial aid; Karen Hehman, assistant registrar; Paul Meyer ’87, volleyball coach; and Nicole Lovik Blaser ’06, cheerleading coach

The Holmen Community Service Award was presented to Matt Knutson ’11, marketing; and the Holmen Professional Excellence Award to Anna Moklestad, student services.

Assistant Professor Dr. Blake Slonecker received the Board of Trustees Outstanding Faculty Award.



*Holmen Community Service Award Winner Matt Knutson ’11, Board of Trustees Outstanding Faculty Award Winner Dr. Blake Slonecker, and Holmen Professional Excellence Award Winner Anna Moklestad.*

# ONLINE STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN COMMENCEMENT



Terri Cayler Gouin '13 grew up in Garner, Iowa. She always wanted to attend Waldorf College because she thought it was a good school with a beautiful campus. However, upon graduating high school in 1992, she pursued her interest in the medical field which eventually led to a career as a firefighter/paramedic in Florida. She never dreamed that 21 years later she would return to Iowa to receive her BS degree from Waldorf College Online.

an online BS program in Fire Science Administration that he was already enrolled in, having transferred from Columbia Southern University. Imagine her surprise when he told her the program was through Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa!

Gouin, an engineer with the department for 10 years, quickly enrolled in the Fire Science Administration program at Waldorf College Online. It was a proud day for both Cayler Gouin and Castleman when they

set forth by the JFRD; they will meet the minimum educational requirements to advance to specific officer ranks within the JFRD and be paid an educational incentive.

As a matter of fact, both Gouin and Castleman have already seen benefits from receiving their BS degree. Castleman was promoted to District Chief – Rescue on June 21 and accepted to Anna Maria College in Massachusetts where he will complete a Master's degree in Public Administration. Gouin will soon study for the rank of Lieutenant.

Castleman had only good things to say about his online experience. "Everyone was super helpful," he said. "I was on a first-name basis with several Waldorf employees who helped me out in the business, financial aid, student services, and registrar offices in both Forest City and Orange Beach, Ala. at Waldorf South. There was really great communication throughout the entire process, and I highly recommend this program to any career individual with a family who cannot attend a more traditional classroom-based program."

"The program was very convenient, yet it took commitment and hard work to complete," Gouin added. "It seemed as though the instructors were always there. Some even posted in the middle of the night! They understood that people still have lives beyond school," she continued.

Gouin also said she was happy to see the close, family-type interactions between students and faculty when she was on campus. "I highly recommend all online students make an effort to attend graduation if possible. Everyone made me feel welcome and proud to be a part of Waldorf College," she said.

A dozen or so other firefighters from the JFRD are currently enrolled at Waldorf College Online as well.

*Gouin and Castleman were two of 25 online students who participated in commencement on campus. Gouin and her husband Patrick have two sons and live in a suburb of Jacksonville, Fla. Castleman and his wife Tammy have four grown children and also live in a suburb of Jacksonville.*

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*"Everyone made me feel welcome and proud to be a part of Waldorf College."*

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*-Terri Cayler Gouin '13*

In 2012, Gouin worked the same shift as fellow firefighter/paramedic David Castleman '13, with the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD) in Jacksonville, Fla. – a large, metropolitan agency with more than 1,000 uniformed members. Castleman, a career firefighter/paramedic for 18 years and Captain of Rescue 20 at the time, told Gouin about

walked across the stage at commencement last April and received their diploma from President Dr. Robert Alsop in Forest City, Iowa.

Receiving their BS degree from Waldorf will benefit Gouin and Castleman in several ways. Their opportunities for promotion will increase due to professional growth and development requirements

More information about our online programs can be found online!  
<http://www.waldorf.edu/online>



**Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation Student Scholarships**

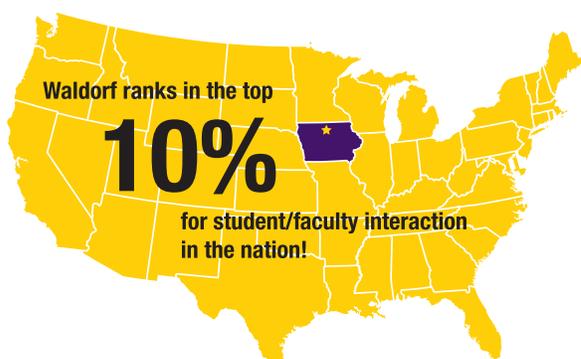
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**HLC** | Higher Learning Commission

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**Low Annual Tuition**  
\$19,266

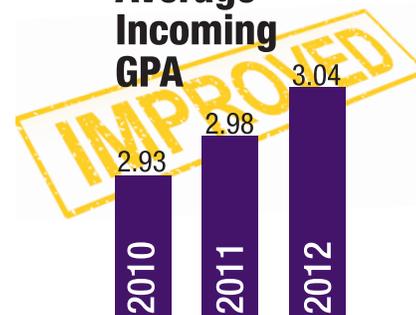
**83%**   
**Placement Rate**



**Average Incoming ACT Scores**



**Average Incoming GPA**



## WALDORF'S ART GALLERY

Known simply as the Art Gallery, the quiet space in the Campus Center is an example of one of the many ways Waldorf fulfills its mission of educating the whole person.

“Whether it’s visual or performance, the fine arts enrich a person’s life,” said Waldorf’s Art Gallery director and instructor of art Dean Swenson. “Plus, art – be it photography, drawing, painting, sculpture or something else – is important as we are becoming more and more a visual society.”

With five to six exhibits throughout the academic year, recent shows include the debut of Swenson’s latest works “Acrylic and Mixed Media Paintings” and a collection of pencil drawings from Ted Beith, a teacher at Northwood Kensett Community Schools and North Iowa Area Community College.

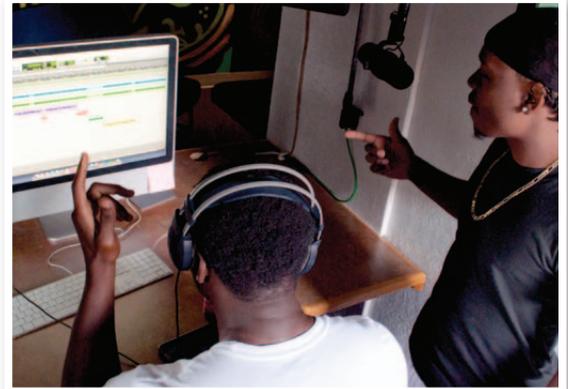
Students’ work is frequently featured in the Art Gallery. Gabe Vasquez and Josh Calteux had senior shows last year, with Vasquez sharing God’s message through spray paint and Calteux capturing the faces of Waldorf in pencil. Thirteen of Swenson’s design and



painting students showcased their work in the Student Art Show in March. Projects included abstract art, paintings, and sculptures.

Alumni with exhibit ideas are encouraged to contact Swenson at dean.swenson@waldorf.edu. Admission to the Gallery is free, and it is open to the public when classes are in session. Visit waldorf.edu/residential/fine-arts for information about hours and exhibits.

# ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT: COMMUNICATIONS



*Left: Associate Professor of Communications Tiffany Blome Olson '98 teaches students design fundamentals in Adobe Illustrator.*

*Right: Students edit audio in the Digi Lab.*

It's been 20 years since Professor of Communications David Damm '73 and Associate Professor of Communications Mark Newcom created the popular communications major at Waldorf College. The program has graduated hundreds of students since it began and has been continually updating the curriculum since its inception. Its most recent update has allowed Waldorf's online students to enjoy the same communications program the school has offered residentially for so long.

"I think we're always looking to be at the leading edge of where the communications field is going," Damm said. "We've put together an online program that mirrors our residential program by focusing on areas that are easily transferable online."

That forward-thinking has proven successful for the program which had the first all-digital student-run radio station in the nation and was an early adopter of digital video editing. That spirit still continues with the latest addition of a RED camera. Recent notable films like "The Hobbit" and "Ender's Game" were shot using the same technology.

"Now you can capture so much info with RED that you can actually fix it in post," Newcom said. "I'll never say it again out loud or in class, but that's what's happening."

Associate Professor of Communications Tiffany Blome Olson '98 added, "Our program is just like the technology we're teaching

about. We have to continually see what's new, learn it, and get it to our students."

With technology constantly changing, one thing has stayed the same within the major: storytelling.

"Whether it's journalism or television, you're telling a story. The basics of writing haven't changed very much. That's very transferable to our online program," Damm said.

"The courses and projects that I'm having students create are becoming more about telling stories; stories worth telling," explained Newcom.

"One of the biggest shifts in our department is that we're starting to become more fine art-focused," Olson said. "We've built our graphic track, as switching to more of an artistic side to film. When I was a student, there was a much greater focus on broadcast. Students wanted to work for CNN, ESPN."

Residential students can currently choose a concentration in Digital Media, Graphic Design, Journalism, Public Relations, and Web Programming. Online students can choose between an A.A. or B.A. in Communications.

"I think the philosophy of our department has been the main reason for our success," Damm said. "We've always been very hands-on with current technology, and a very skills- and employment-driven program."

Part of that success comes back to alumni. "We listen to what they're doing in the industry. They see what the current software, hardware, and trends in the industry are," Damm explained. The communal atmosphere established through Comm. Bowling, the Christmas party, and Comm. Mini Golf has created a tight-knit community that continues after graduation.

"We do a homecoming barbeque every year and invite our alumni back to meet our current students," said Damm. "We've had students get great internships and job prospects through that event. Alumni also love to see what our facilities look like now."

Communications alumni are encouraged to attend the annual Comm. Barbeque on November 2 at 12 p.m. outside the Atrium as well as joining the Communication 411 group on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WaldorfCommunications411/>



*L to R: Communications professors David Damm '73, Mark Newcom, and Tiffany Blome Olson '98.*

# FINE ARTS HIGHLIGHTS



After the successful showings of *Lost Socks*, *Tartuffe*, and *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, Smith Theatre wrapped up the 2012-13 season with the world's longest running play. Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* first opened on London's West End in 1952 and has been performed without interruption for the last 60 years. Waldorf's version of the classic whodunit varied slightly from the original: the murder mystery took place in a present-day sanatorium for women with the patients and staff performing the play.

The Waldorf Choir, Sangkor, Schola Cantorum, Mu Phi Epsilon, Wind Symphony, Jazz Band, and Warrior Line Percussion Ensemble all presented end-of-the-year concerts in April. Plus, there were countless student recitals and special presentations in the weeks leading up to graduation. Just like those before them, the talent of Waldorf students is astounding.

### Fine Arts in the Summertime: Waldorf on Tour

More than 25 students were able to kick off summer break in Florida while on the annual Waldorf Choir tour. The 12-day, 10-concert trip took students through the Sunshine State for performances at area churches, including the Cathedral Church of Saint Luke in Orlando and the Cathedral Basilica in Saint Augustine. Along the way, the ensemble performed in Kentucky and

Missouri, as well as Orange Beach, Ala., where the students presented a concert for the staff of Waldorf's sister school, Columbia Southern University.

"Touring is an important component of the students' Waldorf experience because it speaks directly to the College's mission," said Dr. Adam Luebke, choir conductor and director of choral activities. "The students had the opportunity to meet and interact with many different people on tour, learning how others live and experience the world."

Other students got a taste of life on the road while on tour with the Waldorf Theatre Company this summer. Under the direction of Assistant Professor of Theatre Dr. David Sollish, seven students traveled across the Midwest to present William Shakespeare's *The Tempest* and spread the word about Waldorf. Performing in parks, schools, and theatres, stops included Albert Lea, Minn.; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; River Forest III.; Hammond, Ind.; and Frankenmuth, Mich., among others.

Though the group had to deal with Mother Nature frequently—including 40 mph winds at one location – Dr. Sollish believes the tour taught students what it takes to be part of a small acting company. "I think they learned the fun of traveling and playing for many different types of audiences," he said. "And what it means to be a professional actor out on a regional tour."

View the music department's calendar!  
<http://www.waldorf.edu/music>

Reserve your theatre tickets online!  
<http://www.waldorf.edu/theatre>



## 2013-14 THEATRE SEASON

### ARSENIC AND OLD LACE, OCT. 2-5

This comedy has had audiences laughing out loud since 1941 with two spinster aunts that like to serve a special elderberry wine, three nephews of questionable sanity, and dead bodies stashed about the house.

### MACBETH, NOV. 20-23

A story of prophecy and murder, Shakespeare's tragedy about the Scottish general and his deadly rise to power has been captivating audiences for over 400 years.

### THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE, FEB. 12-15

Ten contestants – six cast members and four audience participants – compete to become the Putnam County Spelling Bee champion. A Tony Award-winning musical, the comedy explores the difficulties of adolescence and questions whether winning really is everything (E-V-E-R-Y-T-H-I-N-G, everything).

### STEEL MAGNOLIAS, APRIL 2-5

Friendship and heartbreak, loss and laughter blend together for this story of six Southern women set in a Louisiana beauty parlor.



**Top Left:** Waldorf Wind Symphony performs at Immanuel Lutheran Church

**Top Right:** The cast from *The Tempest* perform in Michigan.

**Bottom:** The Waldorf Choir take a break on tour and enjoy a day on the beach.

# FACULTY/STAFF NEWS

Professor of Biology **Dr. Paul Bartelt** was recently appointed one of two co-editors of the Journal of Herpetology. He has served as associate editor for the last two years and will begin his duties as co-editor in 2014.



**Tim Bascom**, assistant professor of creative writing, presented "Sudden Riches: The Unexpected Pleasures of Research in the Personal Essay" at the Iowa Summer Writing Festival. His article "Picturing the Personal Essay: A Visual Guide" appeared in the summer issue of The Essay Review and will be reprinted in Creative Nonfiction.

Associate Dean for Accreditation and Articulations and Assistant Professor of English **David Behling** spent two days volunteering at an archaeological dig in Mitchell, S.D. Under the supervision of faculty from Augustana College (Sioux Falls, S.D.) and the University of Exeter (Exeter, England), the dig site is focused on North American native culture in the post-Mississippian era.

**Laura Satre Friesenborg '95**, director of online learning, completed a doctorate in organization development from the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis. Her dissertation topic was "The Culture of Learning Organizations: Understanding Argyris' Theory through a Socio-Cognitive Systems Learning Model."



The two-year college division of the National Association of Geoscience Teachers awarded **Dr. Joseph van Gaalen**, an adjunct faculty member for Waldorf Online, the inaugural Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award for his work in the science department at Edison State College in Fort Myers, Fla.

Over the past three semesters, **Brett Geelan**, director of intramurals and recreation, collected more than 3,000 pairs of shoes for donation to Soles4Souls, a not-for-profit based in Nashville, Tenn.



In June, Associate Professor of Education **Rebecca Steffensen Hill '73** was awarded her doctorate of education in exceptional student education from Northcentral University in Phoenix. She was

also inducted into Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society and Golden Key International Honour Society and was presented with a golden medallion for achieving a 4.0 GPA in her doctoral studies.

Assistant Professor of Mathematics **Joy Hong** has two papers appearing in upcoming editions of the Journal of Applied Probability: "Caescence on Subcritical Bellman-Harris Age-Dependent Branching Processes" and "An Application of the Coalescence Theory to Branching Random Walks."



Library Director **Elizabeth Kiscaden** and Writing Center Director **LeAnn Nash**, along with previous User Services Librarian **Lisa Eggebraaten**, presented "Embedded: Marrying the Library and Writing Center to Deliver Information Literacy Instruction in the Classroom" at the Iowa Library Association/Association of College and Research Libraries conference in May.

**Kristi Leonard**, associate professor of wellness, earned her doctorate in community health education from the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls this spring.

Director of Choral Activities **Dr. Adam Luebke** wrote the article "Singing Faith" about the Waldorf Choir experience for Lutheran Higher Education's Intersections. He also adjudicated the Iowa High School Music Association Solo and Ensemble contest in April and guest conducted the Upper Iowa Conference High School Honor Choir in May. Dr. Luebke led a Collegiate Repertoire Reading Session at the Iowa Choral Director's Association Conference in July and submitted two editions of Renaissance choral pieces, recently performed by the Waldorf Choir, for publication.

The Forest City Rotary Club named **Nancy Bergland Olson '75**, director of institutional relations, Rotarian of the Year in July. Olson was also named assistant governor for District 5970 by district governor-elect John Bender at her club's May meeting.

Assistant Professor of History and Political Science **Dr. Blake Slonecker's** first book, "A New Dawn for the New Left: Liberation News Service, Montague Farm, and the Long Sixties,"



was published by Palgrave Macmillan in December 2012.

**Dr. David Sollish**, assistant professor of theatre, represented Waldorf at the Illinois High School Theatre Festival as both recruiter and workshop leader in January and attended the Midwest Theatre Conference in St. Louis in February.

Associate Professor of Music **Dr. Kristín Jónína Taylor's** latest CD, "Thorkell Sigurbjörnsson: Short Stories for Flute and Piano," will be released by Smekkleysa/Bad Taste Records in September. She will also be releasing an academic edition of the solo piano works of Thorkell this fall.

## FORMER FACULTY/STAFF NEWS

**Dorcas Byro Dorow '45**, former employee and regent, celebrated her 60th anniversary with husband, Edgar, on June 28, 2013.

**Darlene Groe**, former regent, died May 31, 2013 in Lake Mills, Iowa. Groe was involved in the historical society, bridge clubs, church circles, and the fine arts guild, among other activities and clubs she belonged to. Survivors include her son, Wayne.



**Velma Severson**, long-time food service employee, died April 8, 2013 in Forest City, Iowa. Severson had recently retired after 41 years at Waldorf Food Services, a job she "loved every minute of." She was an avid quilter. Survivors include her son, Julius, and daughter, Elizabeth.



## WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK AT WALDORF?

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to return to your alma mater as an employee? More than 30 current Waldorf faculty and staff members could tell you! If you enjoy working in a fast-paced, energetic and academic environment, then Waldorf College may be the place for you. Visit our website for job postings at <http://www.waldorf.edu/Employment>.

## A LETTER FROM THE FOUNDATION CHAIR

Dear Friends,

In my last letter I told you about my pizza/chat session with seven delightful Waldorf students. They confirmed to me that the “Waldorf experience” which was so important in molding the lives of many of you reading this letter is still fully in place and this experience continues to be a life changing event. As one student stated: “I came here not knowing what to expect and I have found a new family here. I’ve been challenged mentally, emotionally, physically and spiritually and have become a stronger, better version of myself.”

In this letter I want to focus on what the Waldorf community—if you are reading this letter, that includes you—can do to make this wonderful “Waldorf experience” available to more young people. I often say that our young people are our most valuable asset and I genuinely believe that! They truly are our future and I think we should feel called to provide financial support to the Waldorf Foundation which in turn will provide scholarships to young people who likely could not otherwise afford the “Waldorf experience.” (The cost of an education



at Waldorf is lower than almost all other private colleges in Iowa but the expense still prevents many great young people from attending.) Please help us give more of them that opportunity to be challenged mentally, emotionally, physically and spiritually so each can become a stronger, better version of himself or herself. We need your annual gifts but let me challenge you to consider a planned gift. Each of us will determine what we want our legacy to be. I can think of no greater legacy than that

created by an endowed scholarship which will assist young people for years to come in benefiting from that life-changing “Waldorf experience.” Please consider a planned gift to the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation and encourage other members of the Waldorf family to do the same. Several provisions of the American Taxpayer Relief Act signed into law by President Obama on January 2, 2013 benefit charitable gifts while others serve to increase tax savings associated with gifts. Please consult with your tax advisor on these issues.

Sincerely,

Raymond M. Beebe  
 Chair, Waldorf Lutheran  
 College Foundation  
 Retired Vice President, General Counsel  
 and Secretary at Winnebago Industries,  
 Inc. (1974-2012)



## EXTENSION OF CHARITABLE IRA PROVISION

Last January, President Obama signed the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (ATRA), which has extended the IRA Charitable Rollover provision through December 31, 2013. This provision allows donors 70½ or older to make contributions of up to \$100,000 a year to qualified charities on a tax-free basis. These gifts count toward required minimum distributions, and donors do not have to itemize to benefit from this type of gift.

Not having to report the distributions keeps the funds from being taxed and also avoids other adverse effects that could result from increasing one’s AGI, such as the taxation of Social Security benefits or a reduction in personal exemptions and allowable itemized deductions.

This is good news for gift planners and donors in 2013. It gives you an opportunity to accelerate an IRA designation and see the impact of a significant contribution during your lifetime.

The Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation is a qualified charity, and we welcome gifts of this type. As always, you should consult with your tax advisor about how the tax laws apply to you.

## WHY ARE PLANNED GIFTS IMPORTANT?

Planned gifts offer opportunities for donors to give a substantial gift to the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation without depleting their day-to-day income. Gifts to the Foundation directly impact students and offer them opportunities to learn in a service-oriented and faith-based institution. Scholarships defray the cost of a Waldorf education, and students graduate with a smaller debt load. This allows them to better serve their communities where they live and work.

Deferred giving need not involve an outright gift of money, but it simply involves the setting up of a plan to share a portion of one's estate at some time in the future. Generally, it happens in one of three ways:

### 1. THE WILL OR LIVING TRUST

The first option is to name the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation as the beneficiary in your will or living trust. If a will or trust is already in place, a simple codicil (paragraph added to will/trust) can name the Foundation for a specific amount or for a percentage of the estate.

### 2. LIFE INSURANCE

Another often used method is life insurance. You can make a beneficiary change to an existing policy naming the Foundation as the beneficiary of a certain percent of the face value of the policy (5%, 10%, etc.) Just ask your insurance agent for a beneficiary change form, and he or she will take care of making the change on the policy once you have filled it out. It is extremely simple.

An existing policy, perhaps no longer needed, can simply be gifted to Waldorf. The donor may claim a charitable tax deduction for the cash value.

Another use of life insurance is for a donor to take out a policy naming the Foundation as beneficiary and owner. The donor pays the premiums (usually for 7 or 8 years) until there is a paid-up policy. The death benefit would ultimately go to the Waldorf Foundation upon the donor's death. One feature of this method is that the donor can claim a charitable tax deduction each year on the premium amount because it is funding an ultimate gift to a charity.

### 3. RETIREMENT PLAN ASSETS

Employee retirement plans, tax-sheltered annuities, and IRAs all contain income that is yet to be taxed. It makes sense to leave your retirement assets to a charity rather than have your loved ones owe income tax (up to 35%) at your death.

Any one of the three plans qualifies a donor for membership in the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation Heritage Club.

For further information, contact Nancy Olson at 641-585-8147; [olsonn@waldorf.edu](mailto:olsonn@waldorf.edu), or Rita Gilbertson at 641-585-8140; [gilbertsrita@waldorf.edu](mailto:gilbertsrita@waldorf.edu).

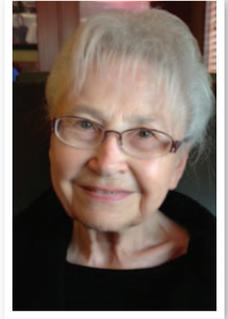
## DID YOU KNOW...

- Planned gifts do not affect a donor's cash flow.
- Gift planning can be quite simple and inexpensive.
- Planned gifts are not just for the wealthy. Anyone can make such a gift.
- Having a will in place brings peace of mind and is a wonderful blessing at any age.
- Establishing a planned gift for the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation qualifies you for membership in the Foundation's Heritage Club.

We invite you to consider joining other Heritage Club members who have established a planned gift for Waldorf. If you have already provided a future gift for the Foundation and haven't informed us yet, please do. We would like to personally thank you and include you in our Heritage Club listing.

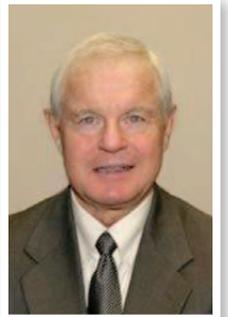
*"It was always my dream to attend Waldorf College and be a member of the Waldorf Choir. My dream came true, and I have established a planned gift with the Waldorf Foundation with the hope that my gift will enable students to fulfill their dreams of a Waldorf education as well."*

*-Betty Gollnik '49*



*"I established a planned gift for the Waldorf Foundation because I am passionate about Waldorf and its mission and wanted to support something that is important to me and my wife. At the same time, a planned gift allowed us to make a larger gift than we thought was possible."*

*-Dick Corcoran '70*





## HONORS DAY AWARDS OVER \$350,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

More than \$350,000 in scholarship aid was provided at Waldorf College's annual Honors Day on April 3 in a filled-to-capacity Atrium. Over 70 scholarship donors attended the event and were able to meet their scholarship recipients and present them with their awards.

Featured speaker Ted Strand '64 shared how Pastor Mark Ronning '54 impacted his life and how it was through Ronning's encouragement that Strand attended Waldorf College. Forty six years after leaving Waldorf, Strand and his wife Sherryl established the Pastor Mark Ronning Memorial Scholarship through the Waldorf Foundation. Mark's legacy lives on through this scholarship due to the Strands' generosity. An added bonus to the day was having Mark's wife, Joanne Stole Ronning '54, present to meet and congratulate the scholarship recipient.

Ashley Lutrick '13, student body president, responded on behalf of all the scholarship recipients and thanked the scholarship donors for easing their financial burden and making it possible for them to attend Waldorf.

Approximately 175 students received scholarships and 214 scholarships were awarded. Additional scholarships were awarded to incoming freshmen.

Special recognition was given to 15 new scholarships awarded for the first time. They include:

### **Anderson Music Scholarship**

The Anderson Music Scholarship was established in 2012 by Quentin and Jan Shurson Anderson. Both graduated from Waldorf in 1972 and were involved in the Waldorf Choir. This scholarship is awarded to a deserving student who is a member of the Waldorf Choir.

### **Barrows Scholarship**

The Barrows Scholarship was established in 2013 by Barbara and Greg Barrows and celebrates a sense of humor. It is awarded to a student with at least a 2.7 college GPA who has demonstrated a positive outlook and a clear appreciation of the absurd.

### **Barbara Bulman Memorial Scholarship**

The Barbara Bulman Memorial Scholarship was established by Barbara Hanson Bulman '43 through her estate. In addition to being a graduate, Bulman is a former faculty member of Waldorf College. The scholarship will be awarded one time to a female sophomore continuing her education as an English major. The recipient should be an all-around good person who displays financial need.

### **Class of 1957 Scholarship**

The Class of 1957 Scholarship was established by members of the class in honor of their 55th class reunion. This annual scholarship is based on the student's financial need and overall potential.

### **Criminal Justice Administration Scholarship**

The Criminal Justice Administration Scholarship was established in 2012 by faculty and staff at Waldorf College to help support students in the Criminal Justice Program. The award will be given annually to a student who is majoring in Criminal Justice/ Criminal Justice Administration based on financial need.

### **The Bill Hamm Scholarship**

The Bill Hamm Scholarship was established by Leonid Budyonny '94 in honor of former Waldorf College President, Dr. William E. Hamm (1986 – 1999), a superb educator and a great human being. This annually-funded scholarship is awarded to a student of unparalleled academic excellence who demonstrates financial need and a commitment to international affairs/politics.

### **Ken and Joan Hansen Scholarship**

Funded annually by long-time faculty members Ken and Joan Hansen, the scholarship is awarded to a returning student majoring in English, Speech, or Theatre and demonstrating financial need.



*Professor Dawn Borgschatz Johnson '80 receives the Alpha Chi Professor of the Year award.*



**Pete and Janet Hermanson Scholarship**

The Pete and Janet Hermanson Scholarship was established in 2012 by Pete and Janet Severaid '53 Hermanson. Janet attended Waldorf and faithfully served on the Board of Regents for many years. This scholarship will be awarded to two current students and two incoming freshmen. The students need to display Christian character and exhibit leadership in service to others.

**Holmen Scholarship**

The Holmen Scholarship was established by Dr. Kenneth and Linda Holmen and will be awarded to a student from Forest City, Iowa. Preference for this annually-funded scholarship is given to an incoming freshman, however, if that is not feasible, it may be awarded to a returning student.

**Merle and Delores Kudej Scholarship**

The Merle and Delores Kudej Scholarship was established by Delores Holmquist Kudej '57 and is awarded to a second year student with a GPA of 2.5 or better who has completed enough credits to have finished their first year of college. The recipient must demonstrate a financial need with emphasis being given to those persons who cannot attend college without financial aid from sources other than their family. The student must possess high moral standards and be of good character.

**Ruth and Jacob Lee Scholarship**

The Ruth and Jacob Lee Scholarship was established in 2012 by their son, Dr. Phillip Lee and his wife, Jane. Both Jacob '50 and Ruth '45 attended Waldorf, and Ruth had the honor of being Homecoming queen. Ruth began playing the organ at age 15, and her music education and love of playing have allowed her to celebrate over 70 years of playing the organ. This scholarship is awarded to a United States student majoring in music who demonstrates financial need.

**Trygve Lenning Family Endowed Scholarship for Elementary Education**

The Trygve Lenning Family Endowed Scholarship was established in 2010 by Oscar '61 and Renie Lenning, and also contributed to by other members of the family, to honor three generations of the Trygve Lenning family who demonstrated leadership and active involvement while attending Waldorf College. This scholarship is awarded to a student who exhibits enthusiasm and passion for teaching elementary students, has a pleasing personality and sense of humor, possesses strong academic and interpersonal skills, is caring and displays high values, demonstrates self-discipline and organizational skills, has the personal initiative and leadership skills that characterize outstanding elementary school teachers, and is committed to life-long learning.

**Anna Marie Mitchell Scholarship**

The Anna Marie Mitchell Scholarship was established by Anna Marie's '44 family and friends in honor of her dedicated and faithful service to Waldorf College. A formal announcement of the scholarship occurred at the 2007 Homecoming Alumni Distinguished Service event where Mitchell was one of the award recipients. This scholarship is awarded to a student majoring in education.

**Tad "Wheelz" Venzke Scholarship**

The Tad "Wheelz" Venzke Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Venzke '12 by his classmates, family, friends, faculty and staff. This annually-funded scholarship is awarded to a Communications student who shows a passion for graphic design and/or radio, and who exhibits exemplary character.

**John and Susan Williams Music Scholarship**

The John and Susan Williams Music Scholarship was established by friends and former choir members who sang under the direction of John (JW) from 1992-1998. This annually-funded scholarship is awarded to an incoming gifted vocalist with financial need.



1. James and Norma Adams presented the Maevis Adams Memorial Scholarship to Ryan Fischer '14, Tara Kingland '15 and Anthony Blomme '16.



2. Gerald '57 and Judy Anderson presented the Robert G. Anderson Memorial Scholarship to Rick Young '16.



3. Gerald '57 and Judy Anderson presented the Roger C. Anderson Scholarship to Calen Dudley '15.



4. Greg and Barbara Barrows presented the Barrows Scholarship to Derek Willcut '14.



5. Nancy Bergland Olson '75/'97 and Ruth Hermanson presented the Bergland Family Memorial Scholarship to Scott Peterson '15 and the Walter and Evelyn Bergland Memorial Scholarship to Rick Young '16.



6. Former President William Hamm presented the Bill Hamm Scholarship to Claire Lawson '14.



7. Dr. Suzanne Falck-Yi presented the English Department Scholarship to Desiree Diaz '15.



8. Mark '79 and Rita Ullestad Gilbertson '79 presented the Gayle Hempstead Waylander Memorial Scholarship to Tara Mann '14.



9. Joan Hansen presented the Ken and Joan Hansen Scholarship to Sharayah Vorland '16.



10. Pete and Janet Severaid Hermanson '53 presented the Pete and Janet Hermanson Scholarship to Trevnie Lee '14.

11. Paul '70 and Kathryn Nelson presented the Everett and Clara Nelson Endowed Scholarship to Kelli Lair '14.



13. Beverly Kotzian presented the Trygve Lenning Family Endowed Scholarship for Elementary Education to David DeLacy '14. David also received the Anna Marie Mitchell Scholarship presented by Anna Marie Mitchell '44.



14. Ted '64 and Sherryl Strand and Joanne Stole Ronning '54 presented the Pastor Mark Ronning Memorial Scholarship to Jordan Nelson '15.



15. Robert and Andrea Wrage presented the Ethel Marie Hansoy Saltou and Celia Ramsay Scholarship to Lisa Moss '14.



16. Jane Sansgaard-Ward '71 presented the Alan Sansgaard Memorial Scholarship to Philip Detrick '16.

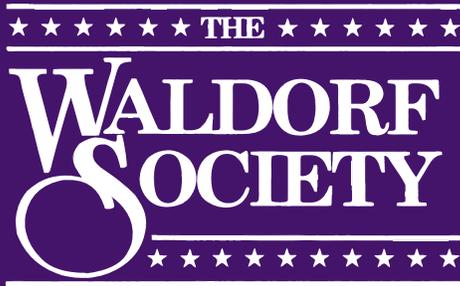


17. Virgil Peterson '59 and Carol Peterson Edwards '55 presented the Stella L. Peterson Memorial Scholarship to Antoine Cummins '14.

18. JoAnne Tonneson Helland '67 presented the Otto and Margaret Tonneson Scholarship to Trevor Nantais '16, Kirstin Davis '14 and Dirk McOmber '16.

19. Dr. Cynthia Ryder presented the Mary Ella Wiese Memorial Scholarship to Shane Moilanen '15.

20. Mary Beth Kamish Wooldridge '65 presented the Seth Wooldridge Endowed Memorial Scholarship to Ryan Fischer '14.



*The Waldorf Society was established in 1988 and honors donors providing annual and long-term support to the College and to the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation. The Waldorf Society encompasses several groups. Members of all the clubs are listed on the following pages of the Waldorf Magazine.*

## WITH HEARTFELT THANKS

We are deeply grateful and wish to thank all of you who made a gift to the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation this past fiscal year (June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013). Everyone who made a gift of \$100 or more during that time will be listed in our Founder's Circle (annual donor list). In addition, we are honoring members of our Waldorf Society who have reached significant levels of giving in both lifetime annual and endowed gifts and those who have established a future gift. Thank you!

In addition to your financial support, we sincerely thank you for your words of encouragement, friendships and acts of kindness shown to us during these past three years of transition. We find great joy and satisfaction in our work because of you. As we strive to keep the traditions of Waldorf College alive and well, it is always with you – our alumni and friends – in mind. We want you to continue to feel the “Waldorf Spirit” when you visit our campus and find comfort that your alma mater’s mission has not changed.

Please keep us informed of any changes in your contact information or newsworthy updates to share with others.

As a reminder, the Foundation’s three priorities are student scholarships, campus ministry and alumni relations. We invite you to consider a gift to the Foundation this fiscal year. If you haven’t given a gift recently, we miss you! It is an exciting time at Waldorf College, and we urge you to partner with us to make a difference in the lives of our students.

For more information about ways you can support the Foundation, please contact Nancy Olson at 641-585-8147 (olsonn@waldorf.edu) or Rita Gilbertson at 641-585-8140 (gilbertsrita@waldorf.edu).

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When making a gift to the Foundation, please designate on your check or online form if you would like to apply it to a certain priority. You may choose to designate it to an annual scholarship, such as the choir, women’s basketball or biology scholarship that were all established last year, or you may want to consider funding your own scholarship.

### Cumulative Giving

Significant levels of lifetime giving achieved from June 1, 2012 – May 31, 2013.

### Founder's Circle

Gifts from June 1, 2012 – May 31, 2013. (Includes Regent's Club, President's Club, Dean's Club, Warrior's Club, Builder's Club, and Century Club)

### Heritage Club

Documented planned or estate gifts.

### Waldorf Endowment Society

Significant gifts to endowment.

## CUMULATIVE GIVING

Cumulative Giving recognizes donors who have reached significant levels of lifetime giving to Waldorf College and/or the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation with their gifts in the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

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### \$25,000

Mitchell, Anna Marie

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## FOUNDER'S CIRCLE

The following annual donors are recognized in six distinct club levels for their gifts made during the last fiscal year, **June 1, 2012 – May 31, 2013**

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Hinderaker, Ronald  
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Juhl, Randy & Renee  
Kingland, David & Sue  
Laaveg, Gina  
Larson, Delores  
Lee, Ruth  
Lenning, Oscar & Lorene  
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Brennan, Jean & Jon  
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Carlson, Solveig & George  
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 Holtan, Roger  
 Humlie, Erik  
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 Lewer, Craig & LuAnn  
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 Becker, Earl  
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## ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING SCHEDULED

The annual meeting of the Waldorf Lutheran Association of Congregations (WLAC) is scheduled for October 10, 2013 in the Waldorf College Ballroom. Pastors and representatives from all member churches are encouraged to attend. In addition, if a congregation is considering joining the Association, a representative from their church may also attend the meeting. As of July, 2013, 25 congregations in Iowa and Minnesota have joined the new WLAC.

If your congregation is interested in joining the WLAC or if you would like additional information regarding membership, please contact Rita Gilbertson at (641) 585-8140 or [gilbertsrita@waldorf.edu](mailto:gilbertsrita@waldorf.edu). More information can also be found on the Foundation's website at <http://www.waldorffoundation.org/campus-ministry/assoc-of-congregations/>.



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*Charter Members are italicized*

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If you have designated a future gift to the Waldorf Foundation and do not see your name listed or if changes have been made regarding your future gift, please notify Nancy Olson at 641-585-8147, [olsonn@waldorf.edu](mailto:olsonn@waldorf.edu), or Rita Gilbertson at 641-585-8140, [gilbertsrita@waldorf.edu](mailto:gilbertsrita@waldorf.edu).

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## NEW SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED



Francis "Buzz" Burnham '41 celebrated his 92nd birthday on Waldorf's campus on June 26. Buzz volunteers his time with the marketing department at Waldorf College, and Barbara Barrows, Director of Marketing, presented Burnham with a homemade pan of brownies complete with artistically designed and edible "buzzing" bees.

Burnham has lived a life of service to others and has positively impacted the Waldorf community (and larger community) through his volunteer efforts. His sense of humor, puns, jokes and pranks bring smiles to all who surround him.

In honor of his birthday and a tribute to all he has done for Waldorf, it was announced during his party that an annual scholarship has been established in his name. Burnham was very touched by this gesture and responded by stating how much he loves Waldorf College – which is evident.

If you would like to contribute to Burnham's scholarship, please send your gift to the Foundation Office, 106 S 6th Street, Forest City, IA 50436 and designate your gift to the "Buzz Burnham Scholarship." Online gifts may be made as well. Go to [www.waldorffoundation.org](http://www.waldorffoundation.org), click on the "Donate" tab and then select "Give Online" from the dropdown box. Fill out the information and in the "Giving Information" box, choose "Student Scholarships." In the "Notes" box, type "Buzz Burnham Scholarship."

# GROWING UP AT WALDORF COLLEGE



Tillie Rasmusson

Waldorf has always been known for its dedicated faculty and staff; many of whom spent limitless hours on campus preparing for class, working behind the scenes, counseling students or attending college events. In this new series we hear memories from some of their children who also spent countless hours on campus – whether they wanted to or not! If you or someone you know “grew up on campus,” please submit their name, contact information, title or position if employed, and memory (one – two paragraphs) to the alumni office at [alumni@waldorf.edu](mailto:alumni@waldorf.edu). Upon review, your entry may be included in a future issue of the Waldorf Magazine!

“When I was in elementary school (located where Hardees is now), I would head to Waldorf after class. Tillie Rasmusson, director of food services at the time, would leave the northwest basement window of Salvesson open for me, and I’d crawl through and land in the kitchen. She would always have a tasty treat waiting for me. We had a great relationship.”

-Dr. Ken Holmen, son of Holger (Hap) and Sylvia Coltvet Holmen '39

*Dr. Ken Holmen, son of Holger (Hap) and Sylvia Coltvet Holmen '39, is the chief medical officer and vice president of medical affairs at Regions Hospital in St. Paul, Minn. and vice president of physician strategies and business development at HealthPartners. He previously served on the Waldorf College Board of Regents and the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation Board. Ken's father was an industrial arts instructor from 1949-1970. Many relatives on the Coltvet side of his family either attended Waldorf and/or taught at the College.*

“I remember my mom and dad always turning to Waldorf students when we needed a babysitter (a few of whom we are still close to). It also seemed like we were constantly on campus attending a college ball-game, concert, convocation or some other type of event where I would often dream of being one of those ‘cool’ students someday . . . and yes, my dream came true!”

-Susan Hansen Geitzenauer '89, daughter of Ken and Joan Hansen

*Susan, daughter of Ken and Joan Hansen, is currently the vice president of transactions for CIT Aerospace and is based in Minneapolis, Minn. She is a former member of the Waldorf College Alumni Board. Her father was a speech and drama professor from 1970-2012 and her mother served as a member of the Waldorf library staff from 1985-2005.*



Susan Hansen Geitzenauer '89



Bob Johnson '54

“Growing up on Waldorf’s campus was like having a second family. For several years, in addition to his physics and math teaching, my dad was dean of students, and we lived in an apartment on the second floor in Thorson Hall. I loved pestering the boys, and many times I was told, ‘Go home and tell your mother she wants you.’ One day some college guys thought it would be funny to hold me out a second story window of Thorson. If my dad was still alive he’d probably still be looking for those jokesters!

After school I enjoyed stopping by Dad’s physics lab in the lower floor, northeast corner of Thorson Hall. There were usually one or two students there, working on experiments or getting help. I loved being part of the ‘college atmosphere’ and was anxious for the time I could be a Waldorf student too. Waldorf gave me a great start and it was there I met my wife.”

-Bob Johnson '54, son of O.J. and Mina Johnson

*Bob, son of O.J. and Mina Johnson, practiced architecture in Forest City from 1962-1987 and then joined the development staff at Waldorf. He was vice president for advancement from 1994-2000 and director of campus planning and special assistant to the president for several more years, serving 20+ years at Waldorf College. Bob and Ruth Hattteberg Johnson '55 reside in Forest City. Their two children and their spouses are also alums: Kris '83 (Johnson) and Ron '83 Happel and Greg '87 and Liz '87 (Harris) Johnson. Bob's father served as dean of the college and instructor in physics and mathematics from 1932-1936. He rejoined the faculty and taught physics and math from 1941-1967. Johnson Hall, completed in 1968, was named in O.J.'s honor.*



*Phil Koolhoven '14, Carlos Ruiz '14 and Amanda Weiss '09.*

## SUCCESSFUL NETWORKING EVENT FOR STUDENTS HOSTED BY ALUMNI

The Alumni Office and Career Center sponsored a professional networking event on campus for Waldorf junior and senior students on April 3, utilizing the expertise of several alumni board members. Following career-related sessions, students engaged in roundtable discussions with alumni board members over lunch. Students noted they received good advice and made connections that could lead to employment.

During the alumni/student networking event, alumni board member Amanda Weiss '09 connected with student Carlos Ruiz '14 and learned about his communication skills and aspirations for the future. "At that time I offered him an opportunity to help create a video for United Way, showcasing our agencies and mission," Weiss said. Ruiz also enlisted the help of fellow Waldorf student, Phil Koolhoven '14 to complete the project.

Together they designed a video for the United Way Campaign that will kick off in September 2013. Ruiz was responsible for contacting 18 United Way agencies and scheduling interviews with employees and volunteers. During the interview process Ruiz took charge of the sound/audio, Koolhoven ran the camera and Weiss conducted the interviews.

"They have both been great to work with, and I am excited to see the final project," Weiss said. "The agencies have been impressed with the skills they have shown and the level of detail they have brought in creating the perfect setting for each interview."

Aside from being a great learning experience for Ruiz and Koolhoven, they can also include the finished project in their portfolios. The United Way of Freeborn County Annual Report will also recognize them for producing the video.

The following 15-minute sessions were presented by alumni board members at the April networking event:

**Keynote Session: Following your Vocational Passion** – Kent Stock '82, motivational speaker, author and inspiration for the major motion picture "The Final Season," from Marion, IA.

**Professionalism in the Workplace** – Jeff Pierce '85, independent financial advisor at Jeff Pierce LLC, Minneapolis, MN.

**Professional Networking** – Judy Brown '84, manager of physician and APC recruitment at Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN.

**Professional Benefits and Pitfalls of Using Social Media** – Open forum, facilitated by Jay Smith '04, lead IT analyst/programmer, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN.

**Importance of Volunteering / Non-profits** – Amanda Weiss '09, marketing and communications specialist at United Way of Freeborn County, Albert Lea, MN.

## CAMPUS LEADERSHIP

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## A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Waldorf College Alumni Board is seeking nominations for 2014 Alumni Distinguished Service Award and Recent Alumni Award for Service candidates. To nominate an alumnus/alumna, please review the award criteria, then complete and return the appropriate nomination form available at <http://www.waldorf.edu/Residential/Alumni/Awards> by March 1, 2014. Or, you may contact the alumni office at (641) 585-8140 to request a copy of the nomination form and award criteria be mailed to you. Please send nominations to: Alumni Office, 106 S. 6th Street, Forest City, IA 50436.

The Athletic Department is also seeking nominations for 2014 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees. Complete the appropriate nomination form on the same page as listed above and return to: Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee, Waldorf College Athletic Department, 106 S. 6th Street, Forest City, IA 50436. Again, please contact the alumni office if you would like a nomination form mailed to you.



*Six friends gather on the porch of Salveson Hall to renew their friendship of 56 years. From left to right: Virginia Peterson Huff, Wabasha, Minn.; Vivien Aasland Hansen, Humboldt, Iowa; Phyllis Carlson Jenkins Meyer, Cleveland, Minn.; Beverly Hill Anderson, Mesa, Ariz; Diane Sjoquist Ingvoldstad, Milton, Fla; and Carol Olson Rohrer, Clarion, Iowa.*

## SEEKING WALDORF COUPLES WHO REUNITED OR CONNECTED AFTER WALDORF

Did you meet or reconnect with your spouse at a Waldorf reunion and then start dating? Did you meet your spouse after you left Waldorf only to coincidentally find out he/she was also a Waldorf alum? Did other circumstances bring you together with a fellow Waldorf alum? If so, we'd like to know! We will be featuring such couples in the spring issue of the Waldorf Magazine. Please submit your story to [alumni@waldorf.edu](mailto:alumni@waldorf.edu).



## DATES SET FOR ARIZONA ALUMNI GATHERINGS

President Alsop and members of the alumni/foundation staff will hold alumni events in the Phoenix area on January 29 and 30, 2014.

Watch for more information to come!

## WALDORF FOREVER FRIENDS

*By Vivien Aasland Hansen '59*

In the fall of 1957 six young women left their small towns and farms in Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin to enter Waldorf College as freshmen, all strangers. At that time Salveson Hall housed women students on the second and third floors. It was there they established the close ties that have remained with them throughout their lives.

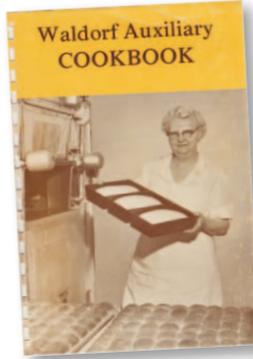
They graduated from Waldorf College in 1959, at that time a two-year college, with "professional commitment certificates" in elementary education; meaning they were certified teachers, with the promise of getting credits to attain a bachelor's degree in education within a certain time span. Two wonderful years at Waldorf went by quickly, and they went on to become teachers in several communities. Marriages and families followed. Their busy lives took on commitments of another kind. Five of them had two daughters each; one had two sons.

Over the years they always kept in contact, mostly through greetings at Christmas time and homecomings at Waldorf. When their own families had grown, the friends began summer reunions. They have gathered in Arizona, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa; at times in their homes, but usually at a hotel or even a cabin in the woods. They have enjoyed dinner cruises on the Mississippi, eagle watching in Minnesota, Sedona excursions in Arizona and many over-nights together, reminiscing.

Their time together is at once joyous and nostalgic, seeming like they can take up where they left off immediately. Attending each other's weddings, even being participants in some, and getting to know extended families, came with the years. Through happy times and heartaches, they have been there for each other.

They will be forever grateful for their Waldorf experience. The caring and competent instructors, small class sizes, friendly atmosphere and dormitory living made those two years among the happiest of their lives. This year the sisterhood enjoyed another "slumber party" in Clear Lake, with a cruise on the lake. To have this close connection for so many years is a true blessing, and they "rejoice and are glad in it!"

# COOKBOOK REPRINTED!



The legendary Waldorf Auxiliary Cookbook has been reprinted to accommodate the high demand for delicious recipes of such well-known Waldorf alumni and friends as Tillie Rasmusson, Muggie Hagen, Ingeborg Coltvet, Ruth Johnson, Delores Mork, Esther Rasmussen, Susanne Tjornhom, Kathy Jerome and many more! It even devotes an entire chapter to international foods featuring recipes from kringla, lefse and Swedish meatballs to Greek lasagna and wiener schnitzel! The book also includes classic Waldorf photos that span several decades.

## Cost: \$15

The Waldorf Cookbook may be ordered by completing and returning the form below or by calling (641) 585-8148.

Proceeds from the cookbook will go to the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation to help fund student scholarships, honoring the intent of the Waldorf College Auxiliary when they published the original cookbook approximately 30 years ago.

Please note that the cookbook has simply been photo-copied and bound, not digitally re-typed, enhanced or re-formatted in any way. It has a laminated cover for easy care.

The Waldorf Cookbook makes a wonderful gift for family and friends. Reserve your copies today!

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Forest City, Iowa 50436

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**Saturday, December 7**

Concert: 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, December 8**

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Join us in celebrating this spectacular Waldorf tradition! More information can be found online:

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# DR. THOMAS WICKS '88 HELPS IN MOORE, OKLA. RECOVERY



*Article courtesy of Barbara Boose / Des Moines University*

When news of the May 20 tornado that devastated Moore, Okla. came across his pager, Tom Wicks, D.P.M. '88, began "climbing the walls," eager to help. The podiatric physician in Chickasha, Okla. is also a volunteer firefighter and chief medical officer of the state's third-largest fire department and largest volunteer department.

The massive tornado and its 200+ mile-per-hour peak winds killed 24 people, injured hundreds and destroyed or damaged more than 12,000 homes, along with taking out Moore's power and water. It was the nation's deadliest since the Joplin, Mo. tornado that killed 158 people in 2011.

"None of the city's 2,500 fire hydrants worked; we were the water supply," Wicks said, who arrived with his crew around 9 p.m., approximately six hours after the tornado struck. He and his staff also performed search and rescue at homes and Plaza Towers Elementary School, where seven third-graders died.

"The cadaver dogs had already been through, but there were sections of the school where they couldn't get into deep enough. So that was our job – to pull off drywall using a skid loader," Wicks said. "I felt blessed when I saw shoes with no feet in them."

He and his fellow firefighters also assisted people getting from their homes to temporary shelters. He saved a lizard that was the pet of an eight-year-old girl who was a Plaza Towers student.

"Here was this shell-shocked kid. We piled the whole family into the truck and drove them about five miles to where they could stay safely," he says. "After the tornado, it was raining and miserable. Relocating families was the most rewarding."

Despite the tornado's devastation, Wicks was amazed by how quickly the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the fire departments of Moore, Oklahoma City, and New Castle completed initial searches for survivors. He encourages

people to support relief efforts, such as the OK Strong Disaster Relief Fund established by the state government and United Way of Central Oklahoma, and notes the resilience of local residents.

"People were so thankful they were alive. They'd say, 'This is just stuff. We can rebuild this,'" he commented. "They were so happy to find photos of their kids and families. You learn pretty quick what's most important to you."

To help tornado victims, go to <http://m.newsok.com/how-to-help-tornado-victims/article/3828009>.

Wicks is a podiatrist at Grady Memorial Hospital in Chickasha, OK. His wife, Dr. Laura Black-Wicks, is a family physician and together they have two sons, ages 16 and 12. Their 16-year-old also helped with relief efforts in Moore with the rest of the Chickasha high school football team. Tom is originally from Kanawha, Iowa and the son of Larry '57 and Marlys Osby Wicks '57.

# ALUMNI ITALY TOUR SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 5-15, 2014!



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Have you ever dreamed of taking a romantic gondola ride in Venice, delighting in the sites of Verona, marveling at the unique art and architecture of Florence or enjoying a boat cruise on Lake Garda? Have you ever wanted to visit the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Colosseum, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, Pantheon and more – all while discovering unspoiled villages, walking along beautiful sandy beaches, shopping at quaint boutiques and dancing to local folk music along the way?

If so, this trip of a lifetime may be for you! Join former Waldorf President and former Columbia Southern University Provost, Dr. Joe Manjone, for a specially designed classical tour of Italy for Waldorf College and CSU alumni and friends, June 5-15, 2014. Dr. Manjone has conducted numerous tours to Italy in the past and has also lived and worked there. Dr. Manjone will be assisting his cousin, Claudia Zeni, an Italian travel and tour director fluent in English, with the tour.

This personalized excursion will veer you off the beaten tourist path and allow you to experience the rich history, beauty and charm of Italy by becoming part of the culture.

For more information, visit the Waldorf website at [www.waldorf.edu/italy](http://www.waldorf.edu/italy) or contact Dr. Joe Manjone directly at [Joe@columbiasouthern.edu](mailto:Joe@columbiasouthern.edu) or 251-213-0908. Packages are limited so secure your reservations today!

NEWS TO SHARE WITH YOUR CLASSMATES? MOVING? **PLEASE LET US KNOW!**

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Full Name (include maiden): \_\_\_\_\_

Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

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May we share your name, city and state, email, and class news in the Waldorf Magazine? \_\_\_\_\_

May we share that same information on your class blog? \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include news regarding your occupation/organization, special honors and/or promotions, volunteer efforts, newly earned degrees, family, other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ALUMNUS RECEIVES B.S. DEGREE FROM WALDORF COLLEGE ONLINE

When Loren Marlette '91 A.A./'13 B.S. attended homecoming and celebrated a class reunion a few years ago, he began thinking about going back to school to finish what he started. He had a few credits from the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) under his belt, but not enough to complete his degree.

As a working professional, Marlette knew the best option for him would be to earn his degree online. When the time was right, he returned to his college home to enroll in Waldorf College's online program and major in Organizational Leadership.

"I started at Waldorf with great memories, and it was important for me to finish there," Marlette said. As a residential student 22 years ago, Marlette was active in choir, band, intramurals, and served as a Resident Assistant (RA) in Johnson-London Hall. He learned valuable lessons and made lifelong friends during those two years and was accustomed to Waldorf's ethical standards, personal attention and commitment to academic excellence.

"At first I wasn't sure what to think," Marlette admitted. Being away from the academic realm for a while and not knowing how the online program would work caused a little apprehension. "But, as long as I was dedicated and set aside time every day to concentrate on my studies, it was very doable," he continued. Transfer credits from UNI allowed Marlette to complete his coursework in a year. He noted the program navigation was very user-friendly and allowed him to correspond with his classmates and professors with ease.

"If I wasn't sure I was headed in the right direction, I just emailed my instructor and he or she got back to me in a timely manner with a personal response," he said.

***"It was a fabulous experience for me!"***

To celebrate his well-earned success, Marlette proudly walked with the Class of 2013 at commencement last April. "It was a good feeling," he said. "It was as if I had come full circle and was home again."

Marlette has worked at Cambrex in Charles City, Iowa for the past eight years. It is a world-wide company with headquarters in East Rutherford, New Jersey. Cambrex offers a variety of technology driven products and services for generic and branded pharmaceuticals.

They are expanding and Marlette sees opportunities around every corner. As a matter of fact, just four days after graduation his new B.S. degree helped him land a newly-created position at Cambrex as an environmental technician!

This two-time alumnus encourages others who may want to complete their B.S. or B.A. degree to consider Waldorf College Online.

Marlette lives in Charles City, Iowa and has two sons, ages 21 and 17.



Learn more about our online programs!  
<http://www.waldorf.edu/online>

# THE SKY IS THE LIMIT

In 2005, Susan Hansen Geitzenauer '89 was named a "Rising Star" in *Airfinance Journal* and has continued to soar ever since.

Through hard work and determination she has developed a specialized niche in the male-dominated aerospace industry that has earned her respect from peers in both the aviation and legal profession.

Geitzenauer is the vice president of transactions at CIT Aerospace, a division of CIT Group Inc., a bank holding company with more than \$35 billion in financing and leasing assets providing financing and leasing capital and advisory services to its clients and their customers across more than 30 industries.

CIT Aerospace owns or finances a fleet of approximately 350 commercial aircrafts which they offer on long-term lease to over 100 airlines in more than 50 countries. A little known fact is that more than 50% of the world fleet is leased. It is often advantageous for an airline to lease an aircraft because it is less expensive and involves less cash or capital up front than purchasing. In addition, sometimes the routes or needs of an airline change over the years and leasing affords them more options.

Responsible for the negotiation, transaction and drafting of complex aircraft leases, Geitzenauer works closely with an airline's marketing, legal and technical personnel. She meets with customers all over the world to negotiate directly with airline representatives and their counsel to complete lease transactions or sell an aircraft. Once the lease on a new aircraft ends, it is returned to CIT and then re-marketed as a used aircraft for lease or sale.

Geitzenauer was first introduced to aircraft leasing when she decided to

spread her wings and move to Los Angeles in 1994. Even though she had no prior knowledge of aviation or leasing, she was hired at International Lease Finance Corporation (ILFC), the pioneer of aircraft leasing. According to Geitzenauer, her Midwestern roots and liberal arts education helped get her the job. It is not uncommon for large companies to hire people from the Midwest due, in part, to their reputation of being well-rounded and of high moral character. Geitzenauer was hired to work in the finance department and in six months took a position in contracts. She has been doing similar work ever since.

After five years in LA, Geitzenauer used her connections within the industry to find a new position back in the Midwest to be closer to her family. She went to work for Fafinski Mark & Johnson (FMJ), a new Minneapolis law firm, and used her expertise to help grow and develop their aviation practice and stellar reputation. Geitzenauer was the aviation transaction manager at FMJ for 10 years. At that time, one of FMJ's largest aviation clients was CIT Aerospace, the company where Geitzenauer currently works.

Aviation is a high-energy, high-stress industry. It takes a special kind of person to stay in it long-term. One needs to remain sharp and focused to stay ahead of the fast pace while maintaining balance in everyday life.

Geitzenauer has found a way to make it work for her and her lifestyle. "I love that every day and every deal is different," she says. "I get to meet very interesting people from all over the world and I travel just enough to make it appealing."

Her family helps keep her grounded from the daily challenges of her career. Geitzenauer and her husband, Greg, have two daughters, ages 11 and 15. She also finds time to serve in various leadership roles at her church and is a member of The Mark Miller Band, a classic rock cover band in Minneapolis.

*Susan Hansen Geitzenauer is the daughter of Waldorf Professor Emeritus Ken Hansen and former Assistant Library Director Joan Hansen from Forest City, Iowa.*





**110 YEARS YOUNG**

# HOMECOMING 2013 HIGHLIGHTS

Read the full schedule online:  
[www.waldorf.edu/homecoming](http://www.waldorf.edu/homecoming)

Come celebrate 110 years of rich history, Christian higher education, deep friendships and life-changing experiences at Homecoming 2013!

Take a trip back in time by helping identify photos from Waldorf's past, posted at various areas of campus as well as in the archives. Your help is needed to accurately preserve Waldorf's history for the next 110 years.

Get zany again with your former roommate or friends and take a photo in the old-fashioned photo booth (complete with props)! You will receive a free copy of the photo to take with you and a copy will be stored in the archives for future generations.

If you are a Waldorf Choir alum, relive your choir days by listening to a CD of when you were a member. Choir

albums from several decades have been digitally converted to compact discs and will be available for sale or order at homecoming.

Help honor some outstanding alumni at the Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet and the Taste of Waldorf Dinner, which includes the presentation of the Alumni Distinguished Service Awards.

Meet old friends at the alumni luncheon on Saturday. Catch up, reminisce about old times, and share the Waldorf experiences that helped shape you into the person you've become.

Make plans now to attend the 110th anniversary of the founding of Waldorf College! May heaven's richest blessing continue to crown every passing year.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

5:30 p.m.

**Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet**

*Inductees include: Leonard Moritz '63 of Estherville, Iowa, Corey Rude '98 of Hutchinson, Minn., Teri Blood Root '00 of Phoenix, Ariz., and Alisa Steffen Turner '00 of Hillsboro, Ore. Reception begins at 5 p.m.*

**Salveson Ballroom**

6:30 p.m.

**Flag Football Alumni Bowl**

**Bolstorff Field**

8 p.m.

**Warrior Pep Fest / Bonfire / Coronation**

**Fieldhouse South Parking Lot**

## HOMECOMING PARADE GRAND MARSHALL: MS. JULIENNE FRIDAY '68

The Grand Marshall for the homecoming parade is none other than our own Julianne Friday '68. She has been christened the "sesquipedalian" (person who has a profound affinity for long words) in residence at Waldorf.

Friday first came to Waldorf as a student, graduating Magna Cum Laude with an A.A. degree. She transferred to Augustana College in Sioux Falls and received a Bachelor's degree in sociology, psychology, and philosophy. She completed graduate work at Minnesota State University, Mankato, and received her Master's degree in Sociology from UNI. She has also completed graduate work toward a Master's of Divinity degree from Wartburg Seminary (Dubuque) and Princeton Theological Seminary (New Jersey). She came to Waldorf 38 years ago to teach introductory sociology, social problems, introduction to community services, human relations, and introductory psychology courses. Turns out, she has done much more than simply teach!

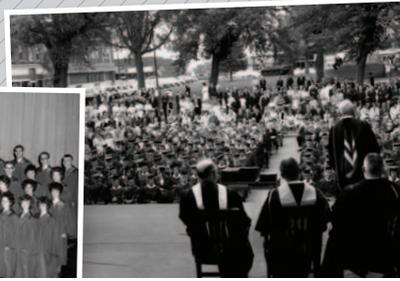
Friday has spent much of her time at Waldorf serving on various committees. She has proven her leadership abilities by twice being elected as Faculty Chair, brought compassion and

understanding through her service on the Harassment Committee, and served the faculty by patiently putting in time on the Rank & Tenure Committee.

Waldorf would be mistaken, though, to confine Friday's cranial convolutions to only matters professorial, pedantic and pedagogical. Friday is an equestrian, a musician (hammered dulcimer), and a skilled woodworker. She is indeed a renaissance woman.

But most of all Friday is a kind, caring, and thoughtful colleague, teacher, and friend. She is a person of great integrity and character and someone who stands by her convictions. She has great compassion for her "cherubs" as she calls them. Whether they are perpetually bewildered or momentarily enlightened, she educates all her students with dignity and respect. Friday is a model of a life of service.





## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8 a.m. – 10 a.m.	<b>Pancake Feed</b>	Ballroom, Salvesson Hall
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	<b>Forest City Craft Fair</b>	Forest City Civic Center
10 a.m.	<b>Homecoming Parade</b> <i>Grand Marshall: Julianne Friday '68, Professor of Sociology and Psychology. Reunion classes and special groups are encouraged to have a float. If interested in participating, please call (641) 585-8726.</i>	
10 a.m.	<b>Men's Soccer Game – Waldorf vs. Bellevue</b>	Bolstorff Field
10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<b>Alumni Choir Sing-a-long</b>	Recital Hall
11:45 a.m.	<b>Class Reunion &amp; Alumni Luncheon</b> <i>Classes 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003 and 2008 will celebrate their class reunion, however, all alumni are welcome to attend the luncheon. There will be tables for non-reunion classes and current and former faculty/staff. All alumni lunches will be held in the Atrium with classrooms available later for conversation if preferred. Advance tickets needed.</i>	Atrium
11:45 a.m.	<b>Special 50th Class Reunion Lunch – Class of 1963</b>	Salvesson Ballroom
12 p.m.	<b>Women's Soccer Game – Waldorf vs. Bellevue</b>	Bolstorff Field
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.	<b>Art and Craft Fair</b> <i>If you are interested in having a booth to display your work, please contact the alumni office at (641) 585-8140 or alumni@waldorf.edu.</i>	Salvesson Lobby
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.	<b>Photo Booth</b>	Atrium
3 p.m.	<b>Homecoming Football Game – Waldorf vs. Grand View</b>	Bolstorff Field
3:30 p.m.	<b>Complimentary Afternoon Tea &amp; Goodies</b>	Luise V. Hanson Library
5 p.m.	<b>Taste of Waldorf!</b> <i>2013 Alumni Distinguished Service Award honorees: Dr. Mark Lund '67 of Decorah, Iowa, and Jan Rosdail-Aegerter '72 of Jefferson, Iowa, and Recent Alumni Award for Service recipient, Andrew Schryver '06 of Des Moines, Iowa. President Bob Alsop will also bring a brief update on the college. Advance tickets needed.</i>	Atrium
7:30 p.m.	<b>Waldorf Homecoming Music Concert</b>	Immanuel Lutheran Church

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

10:45 a.m.	<b>Homecoming Worship Service</b> <i>Join other Waldorf alumni and members of Immanuel for worship and song. All are welcome.</i>	Immanuel Lutheran Church
1 p.m.	<b>Musical Theatre Showcase</b> <i>Join the Theatre Department as they showcase the musical talents of our students in a special "My Dream Role" presentation of musical theatre. In the first act, students will sing solos, duets, and ensembles from their dream Broadway roles. The second act will highlight excerpts from the Broadway hit Avenue Q featuring puppets constructed and manipulated by Dr. Sollish's Puppetry class. (Smith Theatre)</i>	Smith Theatre

Register online!

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## 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](mailto:alumni@waldorf.edu).*

### 1940s

**Georgette Vikingstad Valle '44** has written a book entitled *Courageous Women*. It discusses the lives of biblical women and how they compare with those of historic and modern-day women. Books are available by contacting the alumni office at [alumni@waldorf.edu](mailto:alumni@waldorf.edu) or 641-585-8140. Georgette's first book was an autobiography – *Always a Rebel and Never Without a Cause*. Georgette lives in Burien, Wash. and is a former state legislator.



**Ardell '48 and Jean Ottem Banker '48** reside in Meridian, Idaho and have made and decorated more than 300 kransekakes (Norwegian wedding cakes) for various celebrations since 1974.

Note from the Bankers:  
Greetings to friends of class 1948!  
Homecoming celebrates Waldorf's 110 years and our special 65 years. Some of us cannot get to Homecoming and if you can't either, let's remember how much we loved Waldorf by giving a "Love Gift" – any amount of money (\$6.50-\$65.00-\$6,500-?) can go to our Class of '48 Scholarship fund. Make your checks payable to the Waldorf Foundation. It's good to stay in touch!

**Dale Peterson '48** was presented, in 2012, with the prestigious WWII Medallion on behalf of the 60th Commemoration Committee and VFW Post 3457, Saipan, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana

Islands. Inscribed on the Medallion is the phrase "Our Grateful Islands Remember," a deep-rooted feeling preserved by the undying appreciation for his service. A pastor of nearly 50 years, Dale is retired and resides in Lakota, North Dakota.

### 1950s



**Dick Varberg '53** was named the 2012 Bethel Seminary Alumnus of the Year. He served more than 40 years as a missionary in the Republic of the Philippines and had a hand in planting more than 100 churches. Dick retired to the United States in 1997 and served as the director of internal church planting, training and mentoring for the Baptist General Conference (now Converge Worldwide) until 2003. He has also written his memoir, *From the Iowa Farm to the Philippine Field*. He also wrote a second book about his missionary service entitled *Why Didn't You Come Sooner?*

**Eunice Keller Christensen '57** and her husband, Ronald, were married on November 23, 1962. They celebrated their 50th anniversary at an open house hosted by their family in July 2012. Eunice is a retired teacher, and Ron is a retired farmer. They live in Westbrook, Minn. Email: [christre@mvtvwireless.com](mailto:christre@mvtvwireless.com)

**David Teig '58** retired from the ministry after serving 19 years at Trinity Lutheran Church in Amery Wis., on June 1, 2013. **Dixie Severson Teig '58** is still working full-time at WAPO Bible Camp. Dave is enjoying a slower pace on their hobby farm raising beef cattle along with many other animals that are used for his Land Connection project. Dave brings a unique blend of experience, both on the land and in the classroom, and a passion for rural life and ministry to this educational project. Visitors young and old visit the fruit, vegetable/grain gardens and apple orchard and see many animals such as cows, sheep, goats, horses, donkeys, llamas, pigs, ducks, geese, chickens and laying hens. Campers from WAPO, mostly from the city, love visiting the farm. Dave has been doing this project for 10 years now and is ready to concentrate on it in

his retirement years, with the help of their son, Nathan.

### 1960s

**Erwin Hill '63** fully retired from public accounting in 2012. He and his wife Iva Jeanne live in Albert Lea, Minn. and spend winters in Tucson, Ariz. Email: [ehilltax2@hotmail.com](mailto:ehilltax2@hotmail.com)

**Duane Nordvold '65** lives in Cannon Falls, Minn. and continues to counsel people on the phone for Billy Graham Ministries. He and his wife, Cheryl have two daughters. Their oldest, Julia, has her master's degree in occupational therapy, is married and loves to run races/marathons all over the nation. Kristin is single and in her 11th year teaching 3rd grade at New Life Academy in Woodbury, Minn. She has her master's degree in English. Her master thesis pertained to exercising her students before taking a test, a process in which she has had great success. Email: [dnordvold@hotmail.com](mailto:dnordvold@hotmail.com)

**Delaine Johnson Oliver '67** is a life coach and lives in Burnsville, Minn. Email: [dee@deeoliver.com](mailto:dee@deeoliver.com)

**Brad Kohler '69** retired after working over 33 years as a power plant electrician for Dairyland Power Co-op in Alma, Wis. He is in his 15th season as director of the Area English Hand Bell Ringers at Faith Lutheran Church in Wabasha, Minn. He still enjoys woodworking, model trains and water and flower gardening. His wife Chris is deli manager at Scheel's Super-Valu in Wabasha. They have two grown children and two grandchildren.

### 1970s

**Thomas Martin '72** is an ELCA pastor/chaplain with Kensett Lutheran/Mayo Clinic. His wife Donna is a pre-school teacher. They have two children and live in Kensett, Iowa. Email: [tommartin@wctatel.net](mailto:tommartin@wctatel.net)



The **Class of 1973** from 2nd Floor Ormseth had a great time on their annual trip again this year. Even though there were only seven of them they made their presence known! They visited the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, Minn., and traveled around the area. They also went to Larks Toy Shop in Kellogg, Minn. and even rode the carousel. These loyal and active alumni continue to fund the 2nd Orm Scholarship from the Class of 1973 every year. *First Row: Sheila Monson Davis, Sue Witte Swackhamer and Marlyns Holtan Andersen. Second Row: Barb Osthus, Carol Quina Bergland, Marcia Hill Haugen and Karmel Quame Evans.*

**Deborah Ehrenberg Wagner '75** lives in Marion, Iowa. Email: wldwife@aim.com

**Don Shunkwiler '76** retired from the U.S. Navy after 31 years. He recently started a new career as executive director of Sugar Creek Bible Camp in Ferryville, Wis.

**Jeneen Banker Carnes '77** retired after teaching elementary music in Beaver Dam, Wis. for 34 years. She continues to serve as a church pianist and choir director, private piano teacher and adjudicator for Wisconsin solo and ensemble festivals. She is also a substitute teacher. Jeneen has been married to John for 24 years and they have twin children, Jonathan and Bethany, and a granddaughter, Jaycey.

**Diane Landaas '77** is a mental health program assistant for the state of Minn.

**Lana Potter Thompson '77** is still working at Bill's Family Foods in Forest City where she has worked for 25 years. Her youngest son was married on June 1, which kept her busy with lots of preparations including a lot of lettering and other art projects. Lana and Kevin still live west of Forest City.

**Keith Mayland '78** was diagnosed with stage IV Hodgkin's Lymphoma in

September 2012. Doctors put two ten inch rods in his back and started chemo. As of April 12, 2013, he is in full remission with no more cancer, and feeling truly blessed.

**Gail Steffensen '78** is the office manager at St. John's UCC.

## 1980s

**Jody Gangestad Hamer '80** is a technician at USDA Rural Development. Her husband Dean is a customer service manager.



**Mark Mattes '80** recently had two translations published from *German into English: Cross and Resurrection* by Klaus Schwarzwaller and *A Contemporary in Dissent*

by Oswald Bayer. He was also invited to lecture on Martin Luther's theology at the International Luther Congress in Finland in August 2012 and at the Luther Akademie in Germany in September 2012. In addition, Mark edited a book called *Twentieth Century Lutheran Theologians* which will be published in Germany in August 2013. Most importantly, he welcomed a new member into his family, grandson Liam Gabriel, born in September 2012. Mark is still teaching at Grand View University in Des Moines, Iowa.

**Laurel Ott Anderson '82** is a professor at Palomar College in Escondido, Calif. She has published the textbook *Dancing in Today's World: Effects of Socialization on the Child, Family and Community* (Kendall Hunt, Publishers). The text is used in child, family and community courses at the college/university level.

**Tim Johnson '88** is superintendent at the South Hamilton Community School District. He and his wife Kimberly live in Jewell, Iowa. Email: tim\_johnson@s-hamilton.k12.ia.us

## 1990s

**Jennifer Harsh Dailey '90** and her husband Corey are the proud owners of The Strati, a nightclub in LeMars, Iowa. Jennifer also works for Reason Wireless, a Verizon/DirecTV retailer, as the inspection manager, overseeing four locations in

Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota. She has two children and one grandson.

**Jennifer Heinz '90** married Greg Vanek on October 1, 2011. They have one son and live in Ellendale, Minn. Jenny is a produce associate at Walmart. Email: heinzfamily@frontier.com

**Denise Lenning Hill '90** received the Des Moines University MHA Faculty of the Year Award for 2013. She continues to be an assistant professor with a joint faculty appointment to the DMU Colleges of Health Sciences, Medicine and Podiatric Medicine teaching health law and ethics. She remains a counsel attorney at Whitfield & Eddy law firm in Des Moines. She and her husband **Jeremy Hill '90** live in Bondurant, Iowa with their three children. Jeremy is vice president at Liberty Bank in the commercial lending area.

**Julie Wright '91** graduated with a master's of divinity from United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, Minn.

**Casey Sadler Larsen '94** and husband Joel welcomed son Cayden James, born August 13, 2012. He joins brother, Brenden and sister Courtney. They live in Highland, N.Y. Email: caseyhulse@ymail.com



**Craig Volk '95**, a Northwestern Mutual wealth management advisor based in Lakeville, Minn., received the company's Top Producer award based on an outstanding year of

helping clients achieve financial security. "We're proud of financial professionals like Craig who are helping so many people develop plans to achieve financial security," said Northwestern Mutual Executive Vice President Todd M. Schoon. "Our 2012 Longevity & Preparedness Study shows that Americans are living longer but many are financially unprepared to live into their 70s, 80s and 90s. Thousands of families and business owners seek out professionals like Craig to develop solid financial plans that stand the test of time." Northwestern Mutual recognized Volk at its 133rd Annual Meeting event in July, held in Milwaukee, Wis. Volk joins an exclusive group of representatives across the country who have achieved recognition. Craig and his

wife **Nicole Veldhouse Volk '95** live in Lakeville, Minn.

**Jennifer Ellis '96** is an adjunct faculty member in the human services program at Montgomery County Community. She recently participated in the self-study and site visit process for the program to be accredited through the Council for Standards in Human Service Education. In addition, Jennifer is a self-study reader for the Council. She received her board certification as a human services practitioner and educator (HS-BCP) in 2010.

**Elizabeth Sorensen Smith '97** was honored in the Mason City Globe Gazette section, 20 under 40, in June 2013. The issue identified up-and-coming professionals who serve as role models in the area. Liz is a member of the Forest City Rotary Club, a Boy Scout leader and member of the Forest City Education Foundation. She is employed at Forest City Family Dentistry as the office manager. Liz is married to her husband Jeff and has one son, Caleb.



**Tim "Teeg" Stouffer '97** was profiled in *Field & Stream* for his extraordinary contributions to conservation in its June issue. Each month *Field & Stream*

honors three grassroots conservationists as part of its Heroes of Conservation program, which is dedicated to recognizing sportsmen who go above and beyond in the protection of fish, wildlife and habitat. Teeg received a \$500 conservation grant from *Field & Stream* Heroes of Conservation partner Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. and is eligible for the grand prize, a new Toyota Tundra.

**Tanya Fett Johnson '98** and her husband **Allen Johnson '99** reside in Elma, Iowa and have two children. Tanya is executive vice president in charge of risk management and compliance at First Security Bank & Trust in Charles City, Iowa. Allen is assistant vice president of ag and commercial lending at C US Bank in Cresco, Iowa.

**Heidi Kotzian '98** has worked on several political campaigns and led in public advocacy efforts including United Way Worldwide. She is currently vice president

at DCI Group in Washington, DC managing public affairs campaigns for Fortune 500 clients in the telecommunications and technology sectors. Heidi is active in local DC politics, DC voting rights and serves on the Board of the United Way of the National Capital Area Women's Leadership Council.

**Lauri Pyatt '99** is employed in community relations at West Des Moines Community Schools in West Des Moines, Iowa.

## 2000s

**Jamie Rahe '00** married Mark Haisman on June 1, 2012.

**Lesley "Karen" Menken Gangwish '01** and her husband Jason have three boys. Karen is a stay at home mom and Jason is a worship pastor.

**Melinda Kotzian '01** served as an admissions counselor for Des Moines University and later managed a women's fitness center before transitioning to the philanthropic community. She was a program officer for the Naomi and Nehemiah Cohen Foundation and currently is chief operating officer for the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation. Melinda is a member of the Grants Managers Network and volunteers to help local non-profits with grant writing.

**Nathan Anenson '02** and wife Lisa welcomed son Luke Eric born May 29, 2013. They live in Altoona, Iowa. Nathan is senior pastor at Lutheran Church of the Cross in Altoona, Iowa.

**Emily Ritchie '02** is a talent broker at S2M Digital and lives in Australia.

**Kathy Van Steenis '02** lives in Manhattan, Kan. and is working for Housing and Dining Services at Kansas State University. After serving six years as a live-in Jardine apartments coordinator, she transitioned to a new job as the public service administrator, overseeing all the student applications, contracts, billing, and departmental cashier functions. Email: kvansteen@yaho.com

**Marci Wade Johnson '03** is a private music teacher. Her husband Charles is also a music teacher.

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:



**Karen Larson Clark '03** and her husband Dallas established a winery in Algona, IA, with Karen's father.

After extensive research and taking classes on wine-making, they planted a vineyard on one acre of the family farm near Livermore, Iowa, starting with a couple of varieties of grapes. They have since expanded their selection and involved Karen's mother and oldest brother in the production, sale, and distribution of the wine wholesaled across the state of Iowa.

They purchased and restored an old train depot in Algona for the retail space and named it the "Train Wreck Winery," after a major train accident near the family farm in the early 1900s. The winery opened in December of 2011 offering wine tasting and seven varieties of wine for sale. The depot accommodates up to 50 people for special events.

Although Karen and Dallas have a home in Indianapolis, they, along with their two small sons, spend much of their time back in Iowa enjoying their family and helping out with the winery. Dallas is a professional tight end for the Baltimore Ravens and previously played for the Indianapolis Colts on the 2006 Super Bowl Champion team and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

For more information, "like" the Train Wreck Winery on Facebook and keep up to date on the latest pouring and wine tasting events held at the dozens of retail shops that carry their wine.

**Jonathan '04** and **Tiffany Weir Anenson '06** welcomed son Caleb Lee, born March 31, 2013. Jonathan is director of the new church campus at Lutheran Church of Hope, Des Moines and Tiffany serves as Hope operations coordinator.

**Jordan Kiefer '04** lives in Rochester, Minn. and is a direct support staff member working for Hiawatha Homes. Email: jkkiefer4989@hotmail.com

**Stephanie Hill '05** married Juan Bernal on May 12, 2012.



**Kellie Kirsch '06** married **Dustin Johnson '08** on June 19, 2010. They live in Waukee, Iowa and have one daughter, Khloe Rose. Email: kelli30@hotmail.com

**Laurel Aderman '08** married Kevin Grunewald on May 12, 2012.

**Charles "Emmett" Wallman '08** works full-time at Walgreens and lives in Middleton, Wis. Email: purepl416@yahoo.com

## 2010s



**Kenan Biberovic '10** is playing professional basketball in Germany for TSV Wasserburg.

**Lorenzo Griffin '10** is playing professional basketball in Germany for TSV Wasserburg.



**Mallory Lovik '10** married Derek Ziesmer on June 15, 2013. Mallory is a 7th grade math and reading teacher at Forest City Middle School, and coaches junior high girls' basketball and varsity boys' golf. Derek is a 6-8th grade success coordinator, working with the at-risk population at Forest City Middle School.

**Tyler '10** and **Kristin Huls Snell '10** welcomed son Connor James, born April 10, 2013.

**Loni Warner Dirksen '11** has been named the race director for the Cupid's Undie Run in Mason City. The mile-long run taking place in February 2014 raises money for The Children's Tumor Foundation to find a cure for neurofibromatosis.

**Mamisoa Séraphine Ranaivoson '11** married **Matthew Knutson '11** on August 17, 2013.

**Jonathan Aguilar '13** recently accepted an Americorps Vista position through the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque.



**Tamara Cook '13** married **Joshua Buckner '13** on May 2, 2013 in the Ballroom at Waldorf College. They honeymooned in Multnomah Falls, Ore. and reside 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.*

**Dorothea Pueggel Hollatz '33** died April 7, 2013 in Garner, Iowa. She taught in elementary schools at Garner, Ventura and Colwell, Iowa, then farmed with her husband Conrad for 55 years until their retirement. Dorothy enjoyed gardening, growing flowers, playing cards, bowling (until she was 89), watching the Garner church league softball games and fishing in Minnesota. Survivors include three children and a brother.

**Evelyn Tande Urevig '35** died December 7, 2012. She taught school both before and after her marriage. Evelyn was a church organist for many years in Lewisville, Minn., member of the Lewisville study club, charter member of the Pioneer Spinners and Fiber Arts Guild of southern Minnesota. She enjoyed spinning and weaving, making many beautiful garments and gifts for family and friends. She and her husband Edgar traveled extensively in the United States and to many foreign countries. Survivors include three sons, **Thomas Urevig '63**, **Douglas Urevig '67** and Gregory.

**Marjorie Johnson Koppen '37** died December 3, 2011. Survivors include a son and two daughters.

**Edna Leonhardi Olson '37** died September 11, 2012. Edna worked at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mason City, Iowa, and after taking some years off to raise her children, she returned to the work force, finishing her career as secretary at Roosevelt Junior High School. Survivors include three children.

**Marion Hansen Robson '38** died February 27, 2013 in Davenport, Iowa. Marion and her husband Dean purchased and operated the Robson Agency, an insurance, real estate, farm management and tax service for 40+ years. Survivors include two children.



**Emogene Olson Bragstad Jacobsen '41** died January 5, 2013. Survivors include four children and sister **Margaret Olson Knutson '40**.

**Fern Wolken Thompson '41** died May 3, 2013. Fern taught school at Union, Dunbar, Le Grand, Des Moines, and Boise. Most recently she taught at Woodbury Elementary in Marshalltown, Iowa, retiring in 1983. She was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Marshalltown where she taught Sunday school. Survivors include a sister.

**Anna Olson Johnson '42** died September 6, 2012 in Emmetsburg, Iowa. During WWII, Anna worked as a secretary at the University of California Division of War Research and later at a building construction firm. She enjoyed baking and taking care of her home and cared deeply about her family. Survivors include daughters Lenore and Arla; brother Grant; and sisters Eleanore and **Nancy Olson Riggan '54**.

**Ruth Stanerson Knutson '42** died May 25, 2013 in Estherville, Iowa. Ruth taught school in Emmet County and Jewel, Iowa. She enjoyed cooking, baking and entertaining family and friends. Survivors include three children and sister **Mary Stanerson Bjelland '54**.

**Elizabeth "Betty" Drown Asp '43** died July 1, 2011 in Cambridge, Minn. Betty and her husband George served faithfully in several pastorates in Minnesota for 35 years. They retired in 1983. Survivors include four children and a brother.



**Edward Branstad '43** died July 26, 2013 in Mason City, Iowa. Edward grew up on the 130-year-old family farm near Leland, Iowa, where he and his wife Rita were lifelong farmers. Edward

was known for putting in 14-hour days and his incredible work ethic. During the mid-century drought and farm crisis, Edward and Rita helped the farm survive by taking on second jobs. Again, during the farm crisis of the 1980s, Edward took a second job working as the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) director. After leaving office he would return to the farm, often working until midnight. Friends and family noted that Edward would help anyone and was a neighbor to all. In his 80s, he found time to relax when he and his wife, Enolia, traveled to Texas for the winters. Survivors include his wife of 23 years, Enolia; two sons, the Gov. for the State of Iowa, Terry Branstad and Monty Branstad; and three siblings including brother **Carl Branstad '40** and sister **Helene Branstad Iverson '41**.

**Marjorie Taylor Hopper '43** died July 28, 2012 in Mason City, Iowa. Marjorie taught in Garner, Klemme, and Ventura, Iowa, retiring in 1987. She enjoyed spending time with her family and watching their activities. Margie and her husband Richard loved to travel, visiting all fifty states and several foreign countries. They also spent many summers fishing in Minnesota. Survivors include her husband, three children, and a sister.

**Marjorie Sather Skree '43** died August 22, 2012 in Houston, Minn. Marjorie worked at Valley View Nursing Home for 18 years and farmed alongside her husband in Yucatan Township since 1953. In her spare time she enjoyed sewing, baking, traveling and canning. She was also a Sunday school teacher and a member of the church circle. Survivors include six children.

**Yvonne Knuths Eichmann '44** died July 26, 2012 in Mason City, Iowa. Yvonne and her husband Fred were successful farmers for many years in Mason City until they retired in 1976 and moved to town. They loved to go dancing at the Surf Ballroom,

where they originally met. They also danced at the Senior Citizens Center in Mason City. Yvonne cherished spending time with her children. She was in the ladies' circle, choir, and neighborhood club and enjoyed gardening, canning, traveling, playing cards, yoga and taking brisk walks. Survivors include five children and a sister.

**Dorothy Missal Kloock '44** died April 7, 2013. Dorothy worked at Manatt's Construction for 20 years. Being avid Cyclone fans, Dorothy and Dean decided to move to Ames after retirement. She was a member of Bethesda Lutheran Church in Ames, American Legion Auxiliary and a member of PEO for over 55 years. Survivors include two sons.

**Alice Skaar '44** died August 26, 2012 in Sioux City, Iowa. Alice worked in accounts receivable for Augsburg Publishing in Minneapolis, Minn., until her retirement in 1990. After her retirement she moved back to Primghar, Iowa. She enjoyed reading, cooking and baking, quilting, fishing and traveling, especially to Israel, China and Norway. Survivors include two brothers, **Donald Skaar '47** and **Harold Skaar '51**.

**Bertha Solberg Vorland '44** died June 11, 2013 in Stillwater, Minn. In 1953, Bertha accompanied her husband Gehard to Japan as a missionary and remained there until returning home in 1990. As well as supporting his ministry and raising her family, she also taught kindergarten at the Nagoya International School. She was awarded Waldorf College's Alumni Distinguished Service Award in 1984. Survivors include her husband and three sons.

**Rozella Tressler '45** died April 7, 2013 in Story City, Iowa. Rozella retired from working as a secretary for the Fort Dodge Telephone Company. She was a member of St. Petri Lutheran Church and loved volunteering, music and playing the piano. Survivors include two brothers.



**Agnes Peterson Christianson '47** died March 9, 2013 in Rochester, Minn. Agnes taught for many years before moving to Decorah, Iowa, where she was a teacher's aide and

her husband Gordon was the superintendent for North Winneshiek Schools. Her hobbies included reading, tending to her flowers and plants, baking and traveling. She also enjoyed opening their home to many out of town guests attending Luther College events, students in the Norwegian Student Exchange Program, and their many friends and relatives. Survivors include her husband, two daughters and a sister.

**Lloyd Moe '47** died June 13, 2012 in Lakewood, Colo. He was a history teacher and junior high principal for many years in Iowa. Survivors include two daughters.

**Morris Kluver '48** died July 25, 2013 in Mason City, Iowa. Morris served in the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict decoding messages and received many medals of Honor. Following his honorable discharge in 1953, he and his wife Janice made their home on the family farm south of Crystal Lake, Iowa, where he raised livestock. In 2004 they moved to Forest City. Morris enjoyed attending grandchildren's events and spending time with family and friends. He assumed leadership roles in several organizations in his community and was awarded Iowa Master Farmer in 1975. Survivors include three sons and two sisters.

**Alpha Johnston Sandage '48** died June 18, 2013 in West Des Moines, Iowa. At the age of 51, Alpha returned to college as one of the first adult students at Iowa State University in Ames, finishing her degree and graduating with honors in family environment. While in college, she developed a flair for creative writing and continued to enjoy lifelong learning. She served on many boards and was active in all the churches she attended. Survivors include her husband Duane and three children.

**Ruby Fox Almert '49** died April 14, 2012 in Hendersonville, N.C. Ruby taught piano in her home for 45 years, participated in two piano recitals and sang in the church choir. Although taking up the game late in life, she was an avid golfer and was a member of the ladies' 9-hole group at Kenmure Country Club. Survivors include her husband John and five children.

**Lynn Sorbo '49** died October 18, 2012 in Henderson, Nev. Lynn taught science

for 33 years, mostly in Mound, Minn. He enjoyed golfing, playing bridge, singing in the church choir, working in the yard and making lefse for the holidays. Survivors include his wife Ardis and five children.

**Frank "Stan" Stanerson '49** died March 17, 2012 in Ames, Iowa. Stan retired from the U.S. Navy in 1976 after 20 years of service. He opened and managed a hardware store in Radcliffe and Hubbard, Iowa, then managed Andy's Lounge until his retirement in 1992. He also served on the Radcliffe City Council and the Radcliffe Fire Department. Survivors include his wife Lauri, two children, and sisters **Ruth Stanerson Knutson '42** and **Mary Stanerson Bjelland '54**.



**Lawrence Heyerdahl Jr. '50** died August 3, 2012 in De Pere, Wis. Larry began his career as a high school math and science teacher, then high school principal and then, for 32 years, as superintendent of schools for a total of 39 years in education. He served as superintendent in high schools in Wisconsin and Indiana. He enjoyed singing in church choirs, singing with a barbershop quartet, and after retirement, wintering in Florida where he played golf. Survivors include his wife **Betty Holtan Heyerdahl '50**, five children, and brother **David Heyerdahl '49**.

**June Torkelson Kalsem '50** died April 21, 2013. The majority of her career was spent as a librarian in the Des Moines school district. June loved to travel, her favorite destinations being Norway and England. She loved to read, play Scrabble with her grandsons, and spend time with her cherished friends. She also belonged to Delta Kappa Gamma, Des Moines Education Association, Iowa State Education Association, National Education Association, American Association of University Women, and Sons of Norway. Survivors include her husband Ken and daughter Kristin.

**Arvilla Clemmetson '51** died February 25, 2013 in Albert Lea, Minn. Arvilla worked as a librarian and teacher in the Blooming Prairie School District in Blooming Prairie, Minn. Following retirement she moved back to Emmons, Minn. She kept active with church circle,

volunteering at the Emmons library, reading, collecting books and writing columns for the Women's Veterans of Minnesota. Survivors include her brother, Richard.

**Paul Rygh '51** died March 29, 2013 in Emmons, Minn. Paul had a love for his family, music, the land and his cattle. He was a Winnebago County Fair Board member for over 35 years, a 4-H leader and Sunday school teacher. He was an active member of Lime Creek and Emmons Lutheran Churches, a member of Ginny, Ginny & Company, Emmons Legion, Winnebago County Beef Producers and Winnebago County Republicans. He enjoyed reading, tuning pianos, singing, gardening, working on show cattle and drinking coffee with friends. He is remembered for his careful tending of the lawn and garden at the Rygh Family Farm and his appreciation for people. Perhaps his favorite pastime was spent in conversation with friends and family. Survivors include his wife Marcia, and children Beth, **Edward Rygh '82**, and **William Rygh '91**.

**Evelyn Gangestad Lehman '52** died May 21, 2013 in Ames, Iowa. Evelyn was an elementary school teacher for over 10 years in Minnesota and Iowa, and then helped her husband Philip on the farm. She loved music, traveled extensively, and was an avid follower of sports and politics. In 1993, she hosted First Lady Hillary Clinton at a rural health care forum at her home. Evelyn volunteered countless hours for Bethlehem Lutheran Church and church synod organizations, school groups, farm organizations, and numerous charities. Survivors include her husband Philip; children Matthew, Aaron, and **Luther Lehman '87**; and sisters **Thelma Gangestad Bang '54** and **Marilyn Gangestad Bang '56**.

**Sherwood Brekke '53** died January 25, 2009 in Minneapolis, Minn. Survivors include his wife Arlene and two daughters.

**Lois Bakke Holtan '53** died March 10, 2013 in Humboldt, Iowa. Lois taught for a few years in Humboldt and Thor school districts and, after taking time off to raise her family, worked as an aide in the activity department at the North Care Center in Humboldt. She taught Sunday school and vacation bible school, sang in the church choir, and was involved in circles and ladies aide at Ullensvang Lutheran Church

when she lived in Thor. Survivors include her husband **Roger Holtan '52** and children Randall, Scott, Maria, and **Julie Holtan '88**.

**Roger Moe '53** died October 9, 2012 in Columbia, Mo. For more than 39 years, Roger worked for the Soil Conservation Service as an agricultural engineer. Faith in God and commitment to family were his cornerstones. Survivors include his wife Peggy and three sons.



**Verdell Cassem Monson '53** died December 29, 2011 in Rock Rapids, Iowa. Verdell began a 20+ year career in the medical records department of Merrill Pioneer Hospital in Rock Rapids, and later at Rock Rapids Kids Club. She was known for her cooking and baking, especially desserts and sweets. Very active in her church, she was a participant and leader with the NLCW and ILCW, Luther league sponsor, choir member, Sunday school teacher, circle member, and volunteer. She enjoyed playing bridge and was involved in several clubs through the years. Survivors include three children, a sister and a brother.

**Barbara Brown Wilde '53** died April 26, 2009 in Milan, Tenn. Barbara taught in various schools and was a blood donor. Survivors include a brother and sister.

**Eleanor Cody Christianson '54** died December 7, 2012 in Bloomington, Ill. Eleanor taught school in Iowa, Illinois and Indiana. She dearly loved spending time with family and friends and traveling with her husband. Survivors include four children, a brother and two sisters.

**Wayne Gjerde '55** died March 9, 2013 in Ames, Iowa. Wayne and his wife Helen served United Methodist Churches in Sherill Mound, Burr Oak, Greene, Osage, Ottumwa and LeMars, Iowa, ending his ministry in Beaman and Albion. Survivors include his wife, a daughter and a brother.

**Melba Fox Borchardt '57** died April 18, 2013 in Mason City, Iowa. Melba taught for 30 years before retiring in 1987. She was a 64-year member of the United Methodist Church in Forest City and was a member of the Winnebago Election Board.

She and her husband belonged to the Winnebago County Cousins and for years they delivered clothes to needy people. They also worked at Sharing and Caring Hands, a shelter in Minneapolis where they helped prepare and serve meals. Survivors include her husband Galen.

**Gary Fokken '57** died August 15, 2012 in Algona, Iowa. Gary retired in 2000 after working for 24 years at Snap-On Tools in Algona. He enjoyed doing odd jobs and woodworking. Survivors include his wife and four step-children.

**Conley Daniels '58** died November 25, 2010 in Johnston, Iowa. Conley retired from Firestone Tire and Rubber after 30+ years. After retiring, he and his wife enjoyed traveling and spent many winters in Bonita Springs, Fla. His favorite things included doing anything with his kids and grandkids, playing and watching sports, collecting antiques, singing loudly at church, spending time with friends, fishing and eating a good Iowa tenderloin. Survivors include his wife Janet and four children.

**Eugene Hoopingarner '58** died December 5, 2012 in Belmond, Iowa.



**Charles Olson '59** died August 14, 2012. Charles was a longtime music teacher in Richfield schools. Survivors include his wife **Alice Johnson Olson '59**, three children, and sister **Sylvia Olson**

**Heimdal '53.**

**Wesley Benson '60** died November 30, 2011 in Iowa City, Iowa. Wesley was self-employed in beauty and barber supply sales throughout Northeast Iowa, a salesman for Slumberland, and a courtesy driver for Community Motors. Survivors include his wife and a son.

**Marlys Anderson Bryant '62** died September 5, 2012 in Sioux Falls, S.D. Marlys was employed by Dr. R.P. Bose in Estherville, Iowa, then by Good Samaritan Center for many years. She enjoyed reading, crocheting, watching television, and "coffee time" with friends at the apartment complex where she lived. Survivors include three sons.

**JoAnn Golbuff '63** died July 26, 2012 in Norwalk, Iowa.

**Deborah Gesme Ritz '63** died January 12, 2013 in Mesa, Ariz. Debbie worked for 31 years at the Fairmont Medical Clinic in Fairmont, Minn., until she retired in 2004. She enjoyed travelling North America by motorcycle with her husband and being with people whenever and wherever possible. Survivors include her husband Dale, a son and daughter, and brother **Luther Gesme '62.**

**Richard Johnson '66** died July 31, 2012 in Mason City, Iowa. Rick worked at Winnebago Industries for 39 years. He enjoyed family vacations, working on his home with his wife, planting his gardens and was an avid collector of a variety of things. Survivors include his wife, four children, two brothers, and one sister.



**Bonita Olson Severson '66** died March 12, 2013. Bonita worked for the Iowa Department of Human Services in Des Moines, Iowa, for nearly 30 years until retiring in 2008. She was actively

involved in Daughters of Norway and the Des Moines Women's Club, and enjoyed scrapbooking, sewing, dancing, shopping and traveling. Survivors include her husband **Roger Severson '66**, two daughters, and sister **Shirley Olson Sealing '62.**

**Jonathan Solberg '68** died January 2, 2010. Survivors include his wife Judith and two children.

**Jack Allgood '71** died July 25, 2012 in Grinnell, Iowa. Jack worked for the Waldorf Athletic Department as a football recruiter for several years then returned to Wilton in 1982 where he was employed with North Star Steel. He retired from the steel plant in 1999 and moved to Grinnell in 2001 and worked at the Grinnell United Methodist Church and as a caregiver for immediate family members and several friends. Jack looked forward to sharing his time with his family, and was a passionate fan of the Milwaukee Brewers and Green Bay Packers. Survivors include three children, a brother, and a sister.

**David Johnson '75** died May 7, 2012 in Mason City, Iowa. David began his career in the accounting field working for Winnebago Industries, then Eaton Corporation, Fieldstone, and Cybex Industry. David enjoyed golfing, gardening, cooking, and grilling, but his great love and enjoyment was spending time with his wife and children, and attending all their school and sports activities. Survivors include his wife, three children, a brother and two sisters.



**Joel Laaveg '75** died March 22, 2013 in Mason City, Iowa. Joel spent a career in health care at Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa, retiring as director of supply chain management in 2009 due

to his heart and kidney issues. He loved to sing. He sang in his high school choir, Waldorf College Choir, and the North Iowa Chorale in Mason City. He also traveled and sang with many musical friends through the years. He was part of Brethren, a Gospel quartet which began at Waldorf College in 1974 and reunited in 1991 and began singing throughout the Midwest and Southwest for twenty years. They made several recordings and countless friendships along the way. Waterskiing, canoeing, and enjoying his family and wildlife at the Laaveg family cabin on Big Wolf Lake, Minn., fishing, lake trips with friends, traveling, tables full of family and friends for dinner, and long evenings of meaningful conversation and laughter were experiences he treasured. Survivors include his wife **Gina Sundry Laaveg '75**, two sons and three brothers.

**James Nielsen '75** died March 3, 2013 in Woodhull, Ill. James worked as a design draftsman and then for 30 years as an elevator programmer. He also had his own farm business, "Jimmy's Veggies, 'Just Plain Good,'" raising vegetables, fruits and pastured poultry on his small farm through the years. James loved having fun with his family and playing his guitar for worship at his church. Survivors include his wife Naomi; three daughters; brother **Mark Nielsen '71**; and four sisters including **Pauline Nielsen Johnson '69.**

**Russ Peter '76** died February 8, 2013 in Oshkosh, Wis. Russ worked for Maytag

Company for over 34 years before moving to Wisconsin to take a new position as the director of product development for Alliance Laundry Systems. He coached his kids in AAU basketball and was the president of both the Boys' and Girls' Booster Clubs at Lakeshore High School in Stevensville, Mich. He most enjoyed spending time with his wife and family and, in his spare time, he avidly supported the Iowa Hawkeyes and Green Bay Packers; he was also a history buff and enjoyed reading his Bible. Survivors include his wife **Natalie Politz Peter '77**, a son and three daughters.

**Antonio Love '94** died September 4, 2012 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Tony was employed at Rockwell-Collins Company. Survivors include his wife, two sons, two daughters, a step-son, and a step-daughter.

**Katherine Obinger '97** died December 19, 2012. Survivors include her son Nikolas, her parents and two sisters.

**Haley Rinaldi '14** died July 26, 2013 as a result of a boating accident at the Ruedi Reservoir north of Aspen, Colorado. Haley was a biology student and soccer player from Basalt, Colorado who attended Waldorf from 2010-2012. She then transferred to Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to major in biology and continue her soccer career. Survivors include her parents, one sister and one brother.

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