

## Upcoming Events, News, and More!

### COMMENCEMENT 2026 - *Celebration!*

We are proud of our 804 members of the Class of 2026. On May 2nd we celebrated with 167 graduates who walked the stage in the Boman Fine Arts Center, with about half from online programs! Our guest speaker was online graduate **Fire Chief**

**Joe Dixon 2016**, and the Welcome to the Graduates from our Waldorf Alumni & Ambassador Council president and online graduate, **Jeff Dirling 2016, 2021**. The recording is located on our YouTube channel at this [LINK](#). *Congratulations, everyone!*



### *"You Belong Here"*

Is what your **Waldorf Alumni & Ambassador Council** president, **Jeff Dirling 2016 2021**, says to alumni & friends who are interested in giving back to their alma mater by actively being a **member of the Council**. This is a growing group of people who care about Waldorf by building engagement and outreach.

Learn more by visiting this [PAGE](#) and filling out an application. Residential campus and online alumni, including friends of Waldorf, urged to apply.

### Warrior Talks: Waldorf's online seminars

Warrior Talks **YouTube** channel is at this [LINK](#)

**Next Up, Thursday, May 28th, 6:00pm Central:**

#### **A.I. Basics and Beyond!**

What is A.I. and how will it really affect us going forward.

#### **About the Presenter (updated):**

**Jeffrey Butcher**, Crisis Systems Architect & Innovation Leader.

We are pleased that Jeff is a Waldorf Senior Education Partner for Fire, Emergency Management, Safety, and Public Relation programs, and current MBA student. Jeff Butcher has 25+ years of experience designing resilient systems in high-stakes environments, including emergency response operations serving 10,000+ constituents and AI-enabled training platforms deployed across 20+ facilities. He specializes in AI integration and automation, building machine learning models, trading algorithms, and intelligent training platforms that deliver measurable competitive advantage. Jeff also works at the intersection of technology, operations, and strategy, developing AI-driven solutions for complex systems.



Attending this seminar will also provide to you in the follow up email a coupon code for the Waldorf Bookstore alumni section. Code and link to follow the seminar.

If you'd like to attend, please email us at [alumni@waldorf.edu](mailto:alumni@waldorf.edu) **Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 27th to secure your spot and obtain the link!**

**Later this summer:**

**Curious about Norwegian emigration to the U.S.?**

Save the Date, Thursday, August 27th, for a presentation by our very own **Jan Rosdail Aegerter 1972**.

"My seminar will focus on the first organized emigration from Norway to the US and the incredible 3 month journey that brought 52 individuals to NYC in 1825. Then briefly telling how that led to a wave of major Norwegian immigration to America over the following century. As a direct descendant of an original family, I will talk about the Slooper Society. I will also tell of the Bicentennial commemoration last Oct. and the replica boat that made a repeat journey following the same route as in 1825." Stay tuned for details. ✓



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## ☕ Greater Des Moines Area Coffee Series ☕

Connect with fellow Waldorf alumni and friends over a morning coffee! Join us for our First Thursday's coffee series — a casual drop-in event held every other month at local cafés in the Des Moines area. **7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.** Free first coffee. Enjoy some swag.

**June 4, 2026**

📍 Twisted Bean – 4504 Merle Hay Rd, Des Moines, IA 50310 (*Great coffee!*)

**August 6, 2026**

📍 Freedom Blend Coffee – 2329 Hickman Rd, Des Moines, IA 50310

**October 1, 2026**

📍 Main Street Café & Bakery – 2510 SW Birch Dr, Ankeny, IA 50023

**December 3, 2026**

📍 Grounds for Celebration – 2709 Beaver Ave, Des Moines, IA 50310

**Questions?**

✉ [alumni@waldorf.edu](mailto:alumni@waldorf.edu) 📱 Text or call Rod Schultz: 608-312-0521

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## Coach Neil Boyd Memorial Tree Dedication 🌳

On Saturday, May 9th, a perfect sunny Forest City day, family and friends of **Coach Neil Boyd** gathered to plant a strong white oak.

**President Bob Alsop's** remarks are as follows. "Family and friends of Neil Boyd, Thank you so much for choosing to remember Neil at Waldorf University. White oak trees are one of the staples of the forest, host to hundreds of species of organisms. Much like Neil, he sheltered so many people on their many journeys. At Waldorf, he was a wonderful influence on hundreds of people pushing them toward excellence at school and in their lives. He was a beloved friend and family member, known for his incredible attitude, some crazy camping trips, and being a caring person.



White oaks can live to be a couple of hundred years old, and at their fullest height of up to 100 feet, their roots are just as broad. The stability and beautiful crown are gentle reminders of Neil and how he embodied Waldorf. We will do our best to take care of this little tree, planted at a time that's best for it. At the end of our lifetimes, we will see how many people with their arms wide open it will take to go around the trunk, and remember the open heart Neil shared with us." - President

Bob Alsop

Commemorative trees help us plant trees as part of our campus master plan. \$500 smaller tree or \$1,000 for a more mature tree. Benches start at \$5,000 for a number of locations selected around campus - [foundation@waldorf.edu](mailto:foundation@waldorf.edu) 🌳

## Waldorf Warriors Golf Tournament, June 27th



Join us for our 21st Annual Waldorf Warriors

### Golf Tournament

Registration opens at 8 a.m. with a start at 9:30. Bring your 4 person team or let us help make a team. Hole, contest, and prize sponsorships come from our local partners and many vendors.

There are many course games and prizes!

Golfers are \$75 per person, snacks and lunch included. Golf carts are available for rent (sign up in advance), and raffle and putting contest tickets available through [registration](#) and also day of. You can register at this [LINK](#) and view other [Events](#) on the main page.

Questions? Call the Athletics Office at **641.585.8248** or email [Jenna Quina](#) .  
Event proceeds benefit Waldorf University Athletics.


## 🏆 Summer! Iowa Cubs Alumni Event! 🏆



### Iowa Cubs Alumni & Family Night


Enjoy a summer evening at the ballpark as the Iowa Cubs face Indianapolis, all from Waldorf's private, connected suites overlooking the first-base line. This family-friendly event is a great way to reconnect while enjoying great views, comfort, and food—all capped off with post-game fireworks.



#### Event Details

 Friday, July 31, 2026

 6:00 p.m.  Game starts at 7:08 p.m.

 Principal Park, 1 Line Dr., Des Moines, IA 50309

#### Suite Experience

- Private connected suites (#328–329), open 6:08 p.m.

- Indoor seating with outdoor viewing access
- **Meal and unlimited snacks included**

#### Ticket Prices

- \$30 – Adults & Teens
- \$15 – Children ages 4–12
- FREE – Children ages 3 and under
- Ticket sales open through July 24, 2026, or until sold out.

✉ Reserve tickets [HERE](#)

Questions? [alumni@waldorf.edu](mailto:alumni@waldorf.edu) | 641-585-8148



## The Iowa State Fair - Alumni Day, August 19th

Stop by the **Waldorf booth** any day of the Fair, but especially on Wednesday August 19th. Where? Varied Industries Building (yes, with air-conditioning!)

## Hall of Fame & The Team of Honor in 2026 ★

Waldorf is proud to announce the Hall of Fame recipients:

- **Edgar Baxton 1974**
- **Erin Janss 1979**
- **Derek MacCready 1986**
- **Rachael Mesner Jones 2003 2005**

Our Team of Honor will be the **2004 Softball Team! Congratulations to All!**

✓ Presentations at Homecoming & Reunion 2026. Join by registering [here](#).

Athletics News webpage can be found at this [LINK](#)

In next month's June newsletter, we will announce the **alumni award winners!**

## Waldorf Homecoming is set for October 9 - 10, 2026

Waldorf University is excited to welcome alumni back to campus on **October 9-10, 2026** for a fun-filled Homecoming weekend full of connection, tradition, and Warrior pride. You can also celebrate our Hall of Fame inductees and the Team of Honor.

**Featured reunions:** 1966, 1976, 1986, and a "55th cluster" for 1970, 1971, & 1972.

**NOTE** - the Class of **2001** will celebrate a "25th cluster" with the classes of 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 next year **in 2027** - details to be announced later.



Reconnect with classmates, enjoy campus events, and celebrate everything that makes Waldorf special. [Visit the Homecoming webpage](#) for the tentative full

schedule of events. **Registration is now open [HERE!](#)**

We can't wait to welcome you home! Go Warriors!

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## Be Like Ryan - consider a recurring gift!



Ryan Workman 2006

Be Like Ryan! It is easy to do.

To support accessibility to a quality education at Waldorf, please join **Ryan Workman 2006** with a monthly gift of any size (minimum \$5).

Thank you, Ryan, for this consistent monthly support for five years!

**Can you Be Like Ryan?**

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## I Have A Question...

As you reflect back on your **Waldorf experience**, what helped **transform** you, **shape** your life, **prepare** you for the next journey beyond Campus, beyond Online?

👉 Email your response to [alumni@waldorf.edu](mailto:alumni@waldorf.edu)

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## What is in the next edition of the Waldorf Magazine?

Have you received this magazine in the past? If not, see below.

Showcased in the upcoming spring Waldorf Magazine are:

- President Bob's letter to alumni: Faith in Action
- 2025 Hall of Fame, Team of Honor, and Alumni Award photos!
- What's in the Archives?
- That traveling Garment Bag
- Hannah's Journey
- Carnegie Hall - What an amazing trip!
- Campus Ministry Update
- ...and More.



All donors to Waldorf receive a copy in the mail. **Not a donor? Interested in reading the Magazine and supporting your alma mater?** Give [here](#). *Ryan did.*

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