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# GREETINGS!

I (Rita) had a dream about Muggie Hagen '26 a few weeks ago. I can't remember many details about it except that it seemed so real at the time, and I woke up feeling good. When I close my eyes I can still vividly see her wearing a blue belted dress with small flowers, her signature glasses and a warm Cheshire grin.

I couldn't help but ask myself what prompted me to dream about her after all these years. Could it be the fact that I often drive by her former house on my way home from work and appreciate the recent improvements that have been made? Perhaps. Could it be that I spent some time in the library archives doing research for another magazine article and noticed a photo of her? Maybe. Or, could it be that I recently re-read Ray Mehl's '51 delightful chapter about her in the book, *Continuity and Change: 100 Years – Waldorf College*, by James Hamre? Likely. Perhaps it could also be that Muggie's legacy is all around me and lives on in this place that so many of us call home.

For those of you who never had the pleasure of knowing Muggie, she was often considered the "Mother of Waldorf." She had a kind, spunky spirit, genuine love for students and a gift for remembering names. She was married to Choir Director Odvin Hagen and served in a variety of roles at the college over several decades, including choir tour coordinator, admissions counselor, alumni director, ambassador for Waldorf and more.

The reason I share my dream with you is that it made me feel good to remember Muggie. It made me smile. One thing she taught me was not to take life too seriously. Sometimes when we rush about our daily lives we tend to forget about the people who have made us better just by knowing them. Muggie was one of those people. She is just one of many legends who helped make Waldorf what it is today. Because of their influence, our alumni have gone on to achieve great things...for the Good. That is what the story is about on page 30. Read how the Swenson brothers are changing the lives of young people...for the Good.

Waldorf still has dedicated faculty and staff who truly care about our students. It is our hallmark. Read about Professor Dawn Borgschatz Johnson '80 and the many ways she supports our students in and out of the classroom. Although no one can ever replace Muggie, current employees continue to make an impact on our alumni of tomorrow. They are the giants with broad shoulders our students stand on as they are lifted up and charged with changing the world...for the Good.

We hope you enjoy reading about some of these giants, students, and alumni in this issue of the Waldorf Magazine. Before you begin reading, however, I invite you to close your eyes for a few seconds and think about someone who significantly influenced your life at Waldorf College.

Indeed, the flame still burns.

Sincerely,

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## WALDORF 3.0: A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ROBERT ALSOP

Can you remember a time when higher education has been so much in question? From the rising cost of education to the value of the liberal arts to student debt load to the demand for more accountability to questions of gainful employment, higher education is under the microscope. I would like to take just a moment to give you my take on where higher education is going and where Waldorf College fits into that future.

Waldorf College Trustee Fred Snow, whose biography is included in this issue, has articulated the historic development of modern higher education in three versions. These versions are by design overgeneralizations (and this article just touches the surface), but they are helpful for framing the future of higher education.

We can trace the first version of the university, or university 1.0, to late medieval times. This is the model of education we are most familiar with: campus-based, with face-to-face instruction. Students, fresh out of high school, usually live on campus. While much of the students' time is spent learning in classrooms, university 1.0 is usually seen as a place where they learn to live on their own before they enter the "real world." University 1.0 emphasizes the liberal arts as a means of learning how to learn and educating students not only for careers but to become engaged members of their communities.

The next version of the university, or university 2.0, did not replace university 1.0, but allows for greater access to a university education. Beginning in the mid-1990s, the modality of university 2.0 is online. Unlike their university 1.0 counterparts, university 2.0 students are generally older, have families of their own, and are holding down full-time jobs or serving in the military. Without the flexibility of the online modality, these students would not have the ability to obtain a degree. By virtue of the online modality, learning in university 2.0 takes place in more isolation and generally places more emphasis on career preparation than the liberal arts.

University 3.0 is yet unrealized, but its qualities are coming into sharper focus. It will be characterized by connectivity, community, and partnership. The internet and social media have changed how we connect with one another and how we define community. University 3.0 will acknowledge the cultural shift represented in the ways we communicate, locate information, and share knowledge. University 3.0 will identify and expand an institution's best learning assets, such as outstanding classroom lectures, virtual class discussions, blogs from experts in their fields, and live performances, and deliver these learning assets to all of its students, whether on campus or online. University 3.0 will build learning communities around these assets that connect its faculty, staff, students, and even alumni. Congruent with the values of a liberal arts education, university 3.0 prizes life-long learning, offering students, alumni, and partners the ability to remain engaged in learning communities.

*"Waldorf College is uniquely situated not only to succeed in university 3.0 but to lead in its development."*

Waldorf College is uniquely situated not only to succeed in university 3.0 but to lead in its development. University 3.0 builds on one of Waldorf's historic strengths – our supportive learning community, and utilizes our greatest asset – committed, dedicated, and innovative faculty and staff.

We have undertaken two exciting new initiatives to form the foundation of Waldorf 3.0. The first is a series of community portals that allow both online and residential students and faculty to engage and network with one another. Our pilot program is fire science, and it will feature interactive elements such as a fire science community discussions board, live updates from the Chicago Fire department fire calls, opportunities to Skype with fire chiefs, and a fallen firefighter page.

The second initiative is to pilot an academic program that incorporates the elements of university 3.0 into a significant and powerful learning experience. By building innovative partnerships we will enhance the Waldorf experience and reach new students. Waldorf 3.0 will provide exciting new learning opportunities for our students that will equip them to live out our mission as an engaging community of learning and faith where relationships are formed and opportunities for learning and service abound.



## FRED SNOW JOINS WALDORF BOARD OF TRUSTEES



At the November meeting of Waldorf College's Board of Trustees, Dr. Fred Snow was appointed to a four-year term. With his comprehensive history in academia (he's been president of three universities), Snow is an excellent addition to Waldorf's leadership.

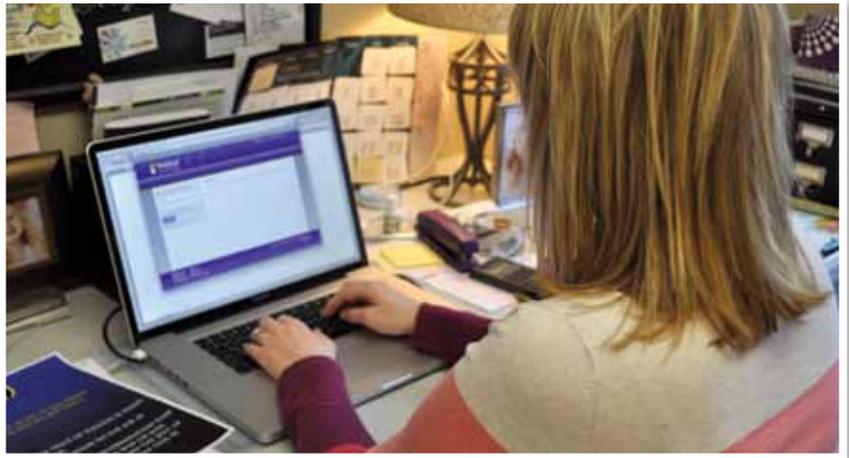
Snow has been instrumental in developing some of the country's most successful online programs, with outstanding academic outcomes and graduation rates. He promotes a consolidated, college-wide approach to online learning, building upon an institution's own strategic plans, identities and market opportunities. He is currently working closely with Waldorf's administration to identify plans and programs to propel us into the forefront of quality online education.

A sought-after speaker and panelist, Snow has presented at numerous national conferences on the economics of online learning, the complexity of marketing online organizations, global online education and more. As a consultant, his specialties include strategic planning, institutional communication, financial planning, and designing programs for maximum academic outcomes and student enrichment.

Snow holds an MBA from Penn State University, and earned his Ph.D. in International Business/Economics from Kent State University. He received his BA in Accounting and Spanish from Grove City College, and holds CPA certification in Pennsylvania.

His extensive travel has inspired Snow to develop a vision of worldwide learning and accord through Collaborative Global Education (C-Global-E), an "organization whose mission is to develop online learning solutions for social good, both here and abroad."

*Snow lives in Ottawa, Kansas with his wife Gloria, and delights in his children and grandchildren.*



## COMM. DEGREE ADDED TO WALDORF ONLINE OFFERINGS

Students who wish to participate in Waldorf College's renowned communications program now have an off-campus option with a newly developed online communications major.

The online communications degree was created by Waldorf communications faculty members David Damm '73, Mark Newcom and Tiffany Blome Olson '98. In developing the curriculum, the professors wanted to bring the true on-campus experience to distant students. "We worked very hard to ensure the residential and online degrees are as similar as possible," said Olson. "The same projects are assigned to both learning environments."

With courses designed and taught by Waldorf's residential communications faculty, the online program offers hands-on experience with cutting-edge design and production technologies. "It will be exciting and challenging to see how the hands-on training translates online," said Olson.

"The online program offers flexibility that is especially appealing to adult learners," explained Waldorf's Director of Online Learning Laura Satre Friesenborg '95. "With online delivery, we are able to offer Waldorf's renowned communications program to learners who live in other states or even on military bases overseas." The program is also ideal for local students who have full schedules with work or family.

"Students and instructors will interact through Blackboard – an online academic system for sharing resources like documents, videos, and presentations – and email. Instructors are also exploring using videos to provide feedback on student projects," said Olson.

Online communications courses can be taken on a full-time or part-time basis. Full-time students taking two courses per term can anticipate graduating in four years with a bachelor of arts degree. Transfers from community colleges or other institutions are also accepted. Students can enroll by calling 877-267-2157 or by completing an admissions application at Waldorf's online program website: [www.waldorf.edu/online](http://www.waldorf.edu/online).

With the addition of the new communications degree program, Waldorf now offers seven online bachelor's degree programs (business administration, criminal justice, criminal justice administration, fire science administration, organizational leadership and psychology) as well as an online associate's degree.



## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: DAWN BORGSCHATZ JOHNSON '80, PROFESSOR OF BUSINESS

Dawn Borgschatz Johnson '80 credits her Waldorf professors with impacting her life in a significant way and contributing to the person she has become. Her goal to have the same effect on current students is what has kept her at her alma mater for more than three decades.

In 1980, Johnson graduated from Waldorf College with her AA degree. She went on to earn her BA in business from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN in 1982. One week following graduation she was hired as a Waldorf admissions counselor. Two years later, she was asked by the academic dean at the time, Dr. Susanne Tjornhom, if she would be interested in furthering her education and filling a teaching position that had become available in business.

Thrilled with an opportunity to directly influence the lives of students on a daily basis and work along-side some of the faculty and staff she so admired, Johnson enthusiastically accepted the offer. "It was one of those doors that opened at the right time," Johnson said. In 1984, she taught her first class at Waldorf College and began continuing her education. She received her MS degree from the University of Minnesota, Mankato, and MBA from the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul. Now, more than 13,000 lectures later, she is a professor of business and one of the most experienced faculty members on campus.

Known for her sense of fairness, wisdom and integrity, Johnson has earned the respect of her students, colleagues and administration. Over the years, she has served as department and division chair, on president's council, numerous academic searches, and countless committees.

Administration's high regard for Johnson prompted them to ask her to serve as interim vice-president of student life for the 2005-06 academic year while the college conducted a national search.

In 2008-2009, she was asked to step in again and serve as interim vice-president of admissions and financial aid during another year-long search. Both the areas of student life and admissions were very familiar to Johnson and provided her opportunities to put into practice what she had been teaching in the classroom – management and marketing, and to impact students in a whole new way. She returned to teaching following both interim positions.

Johnson and long-time colleague, Professor John "JR" Robinson have made significant revisions and updates within the business department over

the past couple of decades. From offering courses in typing and 10-key as part of the transfer AA programs, to developing an accelerated three-year BA program in the mid-90s, a four-year BA program in the 2000s, and most recently an online business program, they've had a hand in it all! Today, Waldorf offers a business administration major with either an emphasis in management, finance and banking, marketing, or management information systems. Additional majors in the business curriculum include sport management, international management and organizational leadership.

*“I still learn from my students every day!”*

Johnson and Robinson have been key to the popularity and growth of the business department resulting in increased enrollment for Waldorf College. “It’s been a team effort and a real privilege to work with JR,” Johnson said. “We’ve been through a lot together,” she added.

The biggest change Johnson has seen over the years has been the development and use of technology. “When I first started teaching students used a notebook, pencil and textbook,” she said. Now, with the use of laptops, she and her students have access to the internet and a whole new world at their fingertips that allows them to be more creative and interactive in the classroom.

“I still learn from my students every day,” Johnson said with a smile. “There is never a dull moment. I consider myself blessed to be here – my door is always open.”

Johnson goes above and beyond expectations every day to help students have the best Waldorf experience possible. She truly cares about her students and shows her support by attending their extra-curricular activities, serving as floor mom, volunteering as football trainer (1998-2001), and offering a listening ear or a shoulder to lean on.

“Professor Johnson is the face of Waldorf College for many alumni,” said President Dr. Bob Alsop. “In speaking with her former students, virtually all of them have a story of how she impacted their lives both inside and outside the classroom.”

Casey Miller '97, Waldorf trustee, investment director for Principal Global Investments in Des Moines, Iowa, and former business student added, “to say Dawn Johnson loves Waldorf College, and her students, is an understatement. She exhibits a contagious enthusiasm in the classroom and beyond, which is uncommon in traditional academia. Caring for the success of each student comes naturally

to her. She is someone I truly admire and respect. Waldorf College is a better place because of Dawn’s extraordinary contributions.”

In recognition of her teaching and service, Johnson received the Board of Regents’ Outstanding Faculty of the Year Award in 1990, the Holmen Award for Community Service in 2000, and the Phi Theta Kappa Award in 2001. In 2013, Waldorf students voted her Professor of the Year.

Johnson learned from some of Waldorf’s legends who were more than just excellent educators – they

were humble servants, advisors and trusted mentors. More than thirty years later, the same can be said of Johnson, who has been following in their footsteps ever since and building a legacy all her own.

*Dawn is married to Craig Johnson '79 and together they have two sons, Andrew '10 and Alex, a junior at Iowa State University.*

**HOMECOMING '12:  
CLASS OF 1957**

**Row 1, L to R:** Eunice Keller Christensen, Cherill Anderson Brue, Carol Miller Moritz, Dona Bielefeldt Paulson. **Row 2, L to R:** Caroll Carson, Wally Smeby, Eldon Brue, Harriette Nelson Bondhus, Marvin Anderson, Mary Jo Hanson Boman. **Row 3, L to R:** Ken Eliason, Marvin Leerar, Chuck Skogerboe, Bob Moritz, Jerry Anderson



**HOMECOMING '12: CLASS OF 1967**

**L to R:** Jim Gilbertson, Howard Belsheim, Douglas Felix.



## A ROSE IN WINTER: CHRISTMAS WITH WALDORF

Christmas with Waldorf 2012 honored its heritage as it created lovely new traditions. Held at Immanuel Lutheran Church (after many years at the Hanson Fieldhouse), the program was joyful yet spiritual, and included many members of the surrounding community.

“A Rose in Winter” was primarily a vocal showcase, featuring the Waldorf Choir, Schola Cantorum, Sangkor and Mannskor. Mannskor replaced the “Viking Men’s Chorus” of prior years, and Sangkor now also welcomes non-student singers.

Members of the Waldorf Wind Symphony accompanied the choral groups on several of the pieces.

The readings were also inclusive, featuring Forest City dignitaries as well as Waldorf representatives.

Musical selections ranged from the ethereal *Lux Arumque* to a modern version of *The Holly and the Ivy*, and included several opportunities for the audience to sing along with holiday favorites.

The concert ended with a candlelit procession to the sides of the nave and F. Melius Christiansen’s rendition of *Beautiful Savior*.

Plans are already in place for next year’s concert, which will also take place at Immanuel Lutheran on the first weekend of December.



“A Rose in Winter: Christmas with Waldorf 2012” can be downloaded on iTunes U by visiting <http://goo.gl/9j2fm>.



## ALL THE WORLD’S A STAGE... AND SO IS WALDORF COLLEGE!

The fine arts are alive and well at Waldorf, a fact proven by a variety of exceptional performances this year. Our theatre and music departments have been in fine form, showcasing the vocal, instrumental and acting skills of dozens of dedicated Waldorf students.

The theatre season started with *Lawn Mower Wars*, a raucous and rollicking comedy written by Associate Professor of Theatre Dr. Robert AuFrance. “*Lawn Mower Wars* is set in small town Iowa but might as well be a small town anywhere in America,” AuFrance said.

In October, Waldorf’s first *Musical Showcase* took the stage. Directed by Assistant Professor of Theatre Dr. David Sollish, *Showcase* featured six musical theatre students performing numbers from *Hairspray*, *Monty Python’s Spamalot*, *City of Angels* and more.

November brought *Tartuffe* to Smith Theatre, in a new 21st century version adapted by Dr. Sollish. Combining French Renaissance comedy with *True Blood*-style vampire lore, Waldorf’s *Tartuffe* moved Molière’s satire about love triangles, piety and deceit into a small-town Louisiana café.

*How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, by Loesser and Burrows, was the spring musical, featuring a cast and crew of more than 40 students, staff and faculty. The Tony-winning musical was a crowd-pleaser, with colorful sets, extensive choreography and a timeless story of corporate one-upmanship.

The music department has also been very active, with regular concerts from the Waldorf College Choir, Schola Cantorum, and Sangkor, under the direction of Dr. Adam Luebke and Travis Beck. The Choir has had a couple of “run-outs” or short tours to the Twin Cities and regional towns. And in what is hoped to be the beginning of annual tradition, the Waldorf College Choir performed Fauré’s *Requiem* as a choral masterwork.

The Waldorf Wind Symphony, directed by Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Instrumental Activities Josh Thompson, also toured the Minneapolis/St. Paul area, performing in the St. Paul Cathedral as well as a variety of area high schools.

In addition, audiences were treated to marvelous performances by the Jazz Band and Warrior Drum Line and wonderful recitals by music faculty, students of both vocal and instrumental music, and Waldorf's new Zeta Lambda chapter of the Mu Phi Epsilon music fraternity.

Check the events calendar on the Waldorf website when you're planning a visit to Forest City. Chances are there will be a show just waiting for you to attend! And if you can't make it, many of our performances are live-streamed and available to watch online.



*Left: The cast and crew of How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying poses for a photo on the set.*

*Right: The Waldorf Wind Symphony poses for a photo on their tour in the Twin Cities at the Cathedral of St. Paul.*



## THE SACRED ACRE UNITES WALDORF AND COMMUNITY

The Forest City Wellness Coalition (FCWC) partnered with Waldorf College to host its first community common reading experience last fall. Students and community members read *The Sacred Acre*, an inspirational story about football coach Ed Thomas.

"It's an incredibly powerful story," said Kristi Leonard, Waldorf College associate professor of wellness and FCWC member. "Ed Thomas was a football coach who helped rebuild the community of Parkersburg, Iowa after a tornado struck in 2008. A year later he was shot point-blank by one of his former football players. There are inspiring messages in 'The Sacred Acre' that anyone can benefit from," said Leonard.

"The Sacred Acre" follows the recovery of Ed Thomas' family and the Parkersburg community after his death.

"Ed wanted his community to come together to overcome adversity and tragedy after the tornado, and that's a great message for our students," said Director of Student Activities

Amy Woods. "His life is an example for all of us. There is a need for community and Ed embraced that."

Waldorf College Speakers Series Committee members spent the summer reading books to select one for the First-Year Seminar class. "The Sacred Acre" was selected because of its inspirational message and its Iowa setting. It was clear to the Forest City Wellness Coalition that the book's message was meant for more than just college students.

"The book talks about life, integrity, character development, and faith," Leonard said. "It's not just another football book. It has a strong message about what our priorities in life should be and what role you have in a community."

The reading experience concluded on Wednesday, Nov. 7 with a motivational presentation by Aaron Thomas, one of Ed Thomas' children, in a packed Hanson Fieldhouse with over 800 students and community members in attendance.

# ATHLETIC RECAPS



## FOOTBALL

The 2012 season marked a resurgence of the Warrior football program. First-year Head Coach Kent Anderson instilled a new and dynamic offense that allowed the Warriors to shatter records. Since becoming a four-year institution, the Warriors have searched to find their identity in the highly-competitive Mid-States Football Association. For six of the seven previous seasons, the offense was ranked near the bottom in points per game, but this year the Warriors improved to the upper-echelon in this category. The team finished ranked 19th in the entire NAIA in points per game (32.7) that average was more than the previous two seasons' scoring averages combined.

Waldorf established a new team record for points scored in a single game with 76, in their 76-35 victory over Trinity Bible College. The same matchup had a flurry of special teams production as the Warriors returned three kick returns for touchdowns, which marked another school record. By season's end they returned five kick returns for touchdowns for a first-place ranking in the NAIA in that category.

A rebirth of the passing attack increased the offense's production throughout the season. Waldorf's quarterbacks passed for 2,529 yards and 25 passing touchdowns, both school records. In 2012, the Warriors amassed one more passing touchdown than the last five years combined. They concluded the season ranked 15th in total passing and 20th in pass efficiency.

The Warriors' run game thrived as they became more efficient than years past. By the third game of the season they had surpassed 2011's rushing total. Waldorf would accrue 1,863 total rushing yards and

20 rushing touchdowns in 2012. Three different running backs had 100-yard rushing games and six different Warriors scored rushing touchdowns.

Several Warriors received post-season recognition including junior James Loydd. The kick-return specialist and wide receiver was a First-Team Offense selection and Return Specialist on the All-Midwest League team. The Lake Wales, Fla. native was ranked first nationally in kick returns for touchdowns, third in total kick return yards, and ninth in all-purpose yards. Loydd also landed on the Second-Team Offense list at wide receiver. Junior Tevin Padgett also played a key role in the special teams' production. Padgett was named the Second-Team Offense's Return Specialist. Junior quarterback Bryan Smith of Palmetto, Fla. returned from an injury early in the season to orchestrate a productive offense. Twice Smith scored seven touchdowns in a single game, the most by any player in the NAIA. His contributions earned him Honorable Mention All-Midwest League accolades.

Three other Warriors earned Honorable Mention recognition: sophomore Wide Receiver Marc Ballatori of Tequesta, Fla., senior Defensive End Ebben Mignott of Pensacola, Fla., and junior Defensive Back Kenny Brown of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

## MEN'S SOCCER

First-year Head Coach Ryan Martin took the reins of a young men's soccer program this fall. Throughout the season the Warriors battled injuries while finding their feet in rigorous non-conference games and a competitive conference. Following a 2-9 start, they went 4-3 in the month of October to secure a spot in the MCAC Semi-Final match against #1 seed and fourth-ranked Oklahoma Wesleyan University. The Warriors fell 8-0, but



their late-season form showed that the future of the program is bright.

Three Warriors earned All-MCAC Second Team honors. Junior Keeper Alejandro Olmos of Rupert, Ind. started in all 19 games in the net for the Warriors. He tallied 137 saves on the season, which ranked him third in the nation. His 7.21 saves per game average ranked him ninth. Midfielder Danny Minniti, a senior from Tacoma, Wash., started all 19 games and scored nine goals on the season with 39 shots on goal. Forward Scott Hanson, a junior from Tacoma, Wash., appeared in 14 games this season, and netted eight goals with 33 shots on goal.

“I believe we took a big step forward this season, and we grew both as individuals and a team. We faced a lot of adversity throughout the season which made us stronger and more resilient,” stated Head Coach Martin.

**WOMEN’S SOCCER**

The women’s soccer team wrapped up their 2012 season with a 5-10-3 overall mark, including a 3-4 record in MCAC play. The Warriors concluded the year with two conference wins over York College and Central Christian College.

Defender Karissa Vilks, a junior from Maplewood, Minn. collected All-MCAC First Team recognition. She appeared in all 18 games this season and served as the key defender and anchor for the Warriors’ defense.

“We played three teams ranked in the top 25 in the nation, so our team had a very competitive season,” commented Head Coach Casey Curoe. “I am extremely excited for next season. We have a lot of talent coming back next year, and I truly believe next season is going to be the most successful season Waldorf women’s soccer has ever had.”

**CROSS COUNTRY**

The men’s and women’s cross country programs continue to progress under the direction of first-year Head Coach Missy Reynolds. This season the teams competed across the state before concluding their regular-season schedule with a trip to Lawrence, Kan. for the MCAC Championships. The women’s team was paced by senior Dana Miller of Creston, Iowa who ran the 5K in 21:14:93. Miller placed 15th, just missing All-Conference honors. The team recorded 130 points, placing them fifth.

On the men’s side the team finished with 110 points, which placed them fifth in team standings.



Alejandro Sanchez, a freshman from Plano, Texas, placed 3rd overall with a time of 27:15. Sanchez’ finish earned him 1st Team All-Conference and Freshman Runner of the year honors, while securing a spot at NAIA Nationals in Vancouver, Wash. on Nov. 17.

Sanchez forged into new territory, becoming the first cross country runner to compete at Nationals for the Warriors. The course was muddy and slick in part to the usual rainy weather of the Northwest. Sanchez battled his way through the rough conditions to a time of 28:23 for 276th place.

**VOLLEYBALL**

The Waldorf volleyball squad experienced an immense amount of growth over the course of the season. Many new faces on the roster meant the Warriors spent the first portion of the season establishing chemistry on the court. Following a 1-7 start to the season, the Warriors found their stride entering conference play and rolled to a 10-3 record in the MCAC and a 23-20 overall record. They earned a #3 seed in the MCAC tournament and advanced to the championship match against #22-ranked and #1-seed Bellevue University. The Warriors fell 3-0, missing their shot to advance to the NAIA National Tournament.

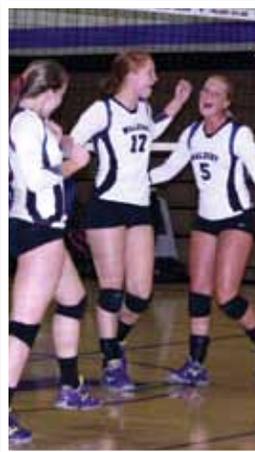
The successful season brought a host of post-season awards for the team. Libero Jennifer Henke, a senior from Rosemount, Minn., earned All-MCAC First Team and AVCA All-Region honorable mention recognition. Henke racked up 875 digs on the season, which ranked her first in the nation.

Meagan Macias, a sophomore from Hacienda Heights, Calif., also earned First Team honors and gained the title of MCAC Newcomer of the Year.

Waldorf’s two middle-hitters earned recognition from the MCAC, receiving spots on the All-MCAC Second Team. Abby Buehler, a freshman from Dodge Center, Minn., and Klarissa Larsen, a freshman from Lamberton, Minn., dominated the net throughout the season.

Setter Becca Flavin, a freshman out of Loves Park, Ill., distributed the ball well for the offense, gaining 798 assists, which earned her Honorable Mention recognition.

“We really had an incredible season and we surpassed a lot of expectations while bringing Waldorf volleyball back to a very high level,” stated Head Coach Paul Meyer. “After being picked to finish eighth in the MCAC, we finished third.”



*"I must say that if it weren't for my Campus Connection Specialist, I would not be here right now."*

*-Freshman Jake Taylor*

## EMPLOYEES CONNECT WITH STUDENTS THROUGH FIRST YEAR MENTOR PROGRAM

The Retention Task Force Committee & First Year Experience Team joined forces to develop an exciting new program assisting new students in their adjustment to college life. Amy Woods, director of student activities and orientation, and Jason Ramaker, dean of students, headed up this Campus Connection Specialist or "CCS" program.

Each new student was assigned a "CCS" throughout the first semester of college. The goal of the program was to have regular meetings, allowing the mentor employee to serve as a helpful resource, referral or listening ear to the new student to help promote a positive first year experience.

Ramaker, who chairs the Retention Task Force Committee, indicated that retention of first year students is always a focus because that tends to be the most difficult year for college students and yields the highest percentage of non-returns.

"Waldorf is known to be a small, helpful, friendly campus that provides safety nets for student success. This is another initiative and example of the student centered focus and individualized approach we are trying to take at Waldorf with each new student that comes to our campus," Ramaker commented.

"We had 50 willing and excited faculty, staff, and administrators across campus volunteer," Woods said. "The surveys indicated that the 200 students



*Above: Freshman Jake Taylor meets with his Campus Connection Specialist Jill Minkel, assistant director of admissions.*

involved in the program found the relationship helpful in their first semester."

Kris Juenger, head housekeeper in Johnson and London, served as a CSS. "This program gave me six close student friends, ones that I will keep in touch with for years. I can only hope this was as good an experience for them as it was for me."

President Alsop also served as a CSS. Alsop had two mentees he met with and said, "I hope the CCS program was half as beneficial to my students as it was to me. I learned so much from my CCS students. Some of our conversations confirmed my understanding of the Waldorf experience, but our conversations also helped me to better understand the needs and expectations of our new students."

"Initial retention data from fall to spring is indicating that we are ahead of where we were last year, so the program seems to be having an impact," Ramaker added.

One student involved in the program, Jake Taylor, recognized the impact his CCS had on him. "I must say that if it weren't for my Campus Connection Specialist, I would not be here right now. She helped me get established here at Waldorf in only a few short days. I have never been to college before and neither has anyone in my family so I was walking into a dark cave with a wet match, but she was my light."

This program will continue again next fall as part of the Waldorf's First Year Experience Program. "Hopefully some of these relationships can benefit the student over all four years. Relationships are what Waldorf is all about," concluded Woods.

## HOMECOMING '12: CLASS OF 1972

**Row 1, L to R:** Diane Teigland Clark, Jane Ellwood Askeland, Jan Rosdail-Aegerter, Janet Ambrosen Haugen. **Row 2, L to R:** Linda Hinds Buehler, Wendy Olson Schulte, Karen Miller Lillesve, Tom Martin, Don Meyer, Larry Rygh.

**Row 3, L to R:** Karilyn Naeve Claude, Jan Shurson Anderson, Cheryl Sprung Pearson, David Sanderson, Duane Wickman, Donn Johnson, Ardys Sorum Johnson, Marlon Jepson.



# LEARN. LIVE. SERVE.

*The annual Rake-a-Thon tradition continues with Waldorf students raking several community members' yards.*



**Top Left:** *Mu Phi Epsilon, Waldorf's music fraternity, hosts a pasta dinner with proceeds being donated to Music Man Square to offset music lesson costs.*



**Bottom Left:** *Waldorf students participate in the Oxfam Hunger Banquet where they learn about world hunger.*



**Right:** *Dr. Robert AuFrance poses with food collected by Waldorf's theatre honor society Alpha Psi Omega to be donated to the Neighborhood Food Bank.*



WALDORE COLLEGE

**DESCENDANT OF HANS LONDON  
SERVES IN LONDON HALL**



Lauren Schryver '15, a fourth-generation Waldorf student on both sides of her family, serves as a Resident Assistant (RA) in the very dorm named after her great-great-grandfather, Hans London.

Hans London worked for Waldorf College for 34 years (until he was 91 years old) in a variety of positions ranging from groundskeeper, painter, carpenter and plumber to electrician and all around handyman. He was a gentle and kind person known for building beautiful bookcases, desk lecterns, wardrobes and chests of drawers. Although Hans did not attend Waldorf as a student, all four of his daughters are alums.

In 1968, a year after his death, a new dormitory was named in his honor. It was actually a double residence hall and the other side was named after Waldorf Math and Physics Professor O. J. Johnson. At that time, Johnson-London (J & L) residence hall housed male students only. In 2006, Johnson-London became an all freshman co-ed dorm. Freshman males now live on the Johnson side while freshman females live on the London side. This change allowed Lauren Schryver the opportunity to proudly carry on the family tradition of living in London Hall as both her father, Robert Schryver '79, and brother, Andy Schryver '06, had done as Waldorf students.

"I enjoy living in London Hall because there is so much life within our dorm community. We are always getting visitors from the Johnson side, and it's working out great. I can't imagine living anywhere else!" Schryver exclaims. There are still visitation hours that pertain to the two halls but they are different than they were when her father attended in the '70s.

Growing up in a family of alumni, Schryver has long been familiar with other people's stories of Waldorf. Over Christmas break she once again engaged in conversation with her parents and grandparents about Waldorf. This time she satisfied her curiosity by asking some specific questions about college rules in the '40s and '70s and what the girls, especially, were like.

It comes as no surprise that Waldorf is different in many ways now than it was back then. After all, it's doubtful any students would attend the college at all if it hadn't progressed with the times like other institutions. "It's different," Schryver says, "but it still has the same roots and underlying mission. The great thing is that I am now finally living out my own story as opposed to just hearing about somebody else's."

Schryver is a sophomore student from Farmington, N.M., majoring in humanities. She is involved in soccer, theatre, and campus ministry. The smallness of the college community is one of the things she likes best about Waldorf. "You can walk into any professor's office and have a conversation with them," she says. "Their door is always open. I know that is not the case at larger schools."

Her hope is to perhaps one day work for a college in some capacity. No doubt, Schryver's job would be different than her great-great-grandfather's, but perhaps the apple doesn't fall all that far from the tree.

## THE FAMILY LINEAGE

### Maternal Family:

Hans London (employee)

- Gertrude London Opdahl '22
- Harlan Opdahl '58
- Gwen Opdahl Schryver '79
- Lauren Schryver '15 / Andy Schryver '06 (Lauren's brother)

Other relatives on Lauren's maternal side include: great uncle Duane Opdahl '49, great aunt Gloria Opdahl Peterson '44, second cousins Denny Opdahl '72, Cindy Opdahl Moore '74, Jan Opdahl Holzer '75, Betty Opdahl Weeks '80, Greg Peterson '72, Sheila Peterson Swift '79 and Todd Peterson '83.

### Paternal Family:

- Melvin Brunsvold '11
- Ruth Brunsvold Schryver '44
- Robert Schryver '79
- Lauren Schryver '15 / Andy Schryver '06

Hans London was Ruth Brunsvold Schryver's baptismal sponsor (different sides of Lauren's family), so the families were connected even back then. Her paternal great-grandfather, Melvin Brunsvold, also served as Waldorf's business manager during the Great Depression.

# FACULTY/STAFF NEWS

Waldorf College professors **Dr. Robert E. AuFrance** and **Dr. David S. Sollish** were featured at the Illinois High School Theatre Festival this January. The festival is the largest and oldest non-competitive high school theatre festival in the world.



Associate Dean of Accreditation and Assistant Professor of English **David Behling** was cast as Sherlock Holmes in the Albert Lea Community Theater production of *Sherlock*

*Holmes: The Final Adventure*.

Student Services Representative **Andrew Hanes** was selected as the 2011 Alabama Wing Cadet Programs Officer of the Year (awarded in March 2012) and the 2012 South East Region John V. (Jack) Sorenson Cadet Programs Officer of the Year (awarded in May 2012) for the Civil Air Patrol. He was also nominated for the 2012 National John V. (Jack) Sorenson Cadet Programs Officer of the Year for CAP.



Professors of Business **Dawn Johnson '80** and **John Robinson** led two residency courses for online students focusing on leadership and managing finances.



Library Director **Elizabeth Kiscaden** was accepted into the College Library Directors' Mentor Program. The program is intended to support new college library directors through meetings, a match with a mentor, site visits, and a seminar.

Associate Professor of Wellness **Kristi Leonard** became a National Wellness Institute Certified Wellness Practitioner (CWP). This honor symbolizes strong academic preparation, breadth of professional leadership experiences in the wellness field, and commitment to continuing education, scholarship, and professional development.

**Jill Minkel '07** has been promoted to assistant director of admissions and is also now the women's basketball recruiting coordinator.

Associate Professor of Music **Dr. Kristin Jónína Taylor** will be performing and giving a presentation at the World Piano Conference in Novi Sad, Serbia this summer. She was also selected as an ambassador to Iceland for the College Music Society.



Director of Creative Writing and Associate Professor of English **Joe Wilkins** has new stories, essays, and poems appearing in recent issues of *Orion*, *Montana Quarterly*, *The Sun, Hawk & Handsaw*, and *The Nashville Review*. His essay "Celilo Falls" is slated for spring production on the National Public Radio program Reflections West, and the paperback edition of his memoir, *The Mountain and the Fathers: Growing up on the Big Dry*, will be published in June of 2013. *The Mountain and the Fathers* was also selected as the 2012 Montana Book Award Honor Book. This semester, Professor Wilkins will read from his work at The Association of Writers and Writing Programs National Conference in Boston, Massachusetts, and at the Get Lit! Festival in Spokane, Washington.



Media Specialist **Besty Yaros** was selected to give a micro talk at the USC School of Cinematic Arts based on her abstract, "YouTube Search: 'Gay Marriage Animation'."

## NEW HIRES

**Emily Angstman** Marketing Media Coordinator  
**Darrell Barbour** Registrar  
**Steven Bardwell** – Department Chair Fire Science Administration  
**Heather Coley** Online Programs Student Services  
**Sara Corey** Bookstore Assistant  
**John Giermanski** Online Programs Admissions  
**Jennifer Koziolek** Adjunct Wellness  
**Nicole Lovik-Blaser** – Cheer Coach  
**Robert Mattson** – Director of Institutional Research and Assessment

**Karla Olson** Administrative Assistant, Financial Aid  
**Julie Pollard** – Business Office Cashier  
**Linda Prestholt-Johnson** Adjunct Business and Religion  
**Brenda Ray** Housekeeper  
**Jeri Rayfield** Online Programs Admissions  
**Ashlyn Riley** Online Programs Admissions  
**Ralph Rodriguez, Jr.** Online Programs Milt/Corp Education Rep.  
**Claudia Tillman** Adjunct Education  
**Jackie Zwiefel** Adjunct Music

## “A JOURNEY OF TRANSFORMATION” BRINGS DR. TIMOTHY SCHMIDT BACK TO THE STAGE

When Dr. Timothy Schmidt returned to the concert stage after a long absence, he came with a purpose: to raise awareness of and funds for the Choroideremia Foundation. Choroideremia, an inherited genetic condition, causes gradual blindness, and temporarily ended Dr. Schmidt’s concert career.

Dr. Schmidt remembers seeing a blind pianist in concert decades ago. “He had a hard time with it,” he said. “He was really struggling, and at some level I told myself ‘blind people can’t play concert piano.’”

Choroideremia has taken nearly all of Dr. Schmidt’s vision, leaving him just a four-inch circle of sight. And someday, maybe someday soon, even that will be gone.

Dr. Schmidt has been legally blind for more than twenty years. He gave up driving in 2000, and made the difficult decision to stop teaching piano at Waldorf when he could no longer drive, recruit and recognize students in class and in the hallways. Dr. Schmidt continues his involvement with the College as an accompanist to vocal students, and this year is celebrating his 40th year on the Waldorf faculty.

So what sparked his return to the concert stage? “I went to a Landmark Forum seminar,” he said, “and I really had a breakthrough! I had held onto this old belief that being blind means you can’t perform. That’s just not true!”

And Dr. Schmidt jumped back in with both feet. His concert was a challenging program of Beethoven’s *Moonlight Sonata*, Liszt’s *Sonata in B Minor*, and *Troika Ride*, a work created especially for him by American composer Daniel Pinkham.

“I felt this concert went very well,” said Dr. Schmidt. “It was not my best concert, and like all concerts, it was instructive.” He played the same program in Mesa, Ariz. on March 17, and planned a few changes. “On this concert,” he said, “I wanted to relax more, slow down the tempos, and ‘smell the roses.’” Dr. Schmidt is also preparing new literature for a concert this June to be played in the Catskill Mountains with his daughter Marie Schmidt ’05.



His Waldorf Concert was played for an appreciative audience that also donated to the Choroideremia Research Foundation. Through three area performances, Dr. Schmidt has raised over \$1,700 for research into a cure for choroideremia, which is closer than ever before. “They’re doing incredible work,” said Dr. Schmidt. A year-long genetic therapy study is showing great success in stopping the retinal degeneration characteristic of the disease. “It’s probably too late for old guys like me,” he said with a smile, “but it gives me great hope for my grandson.” Dr. Schmidt’s grandson has also inherited the condition, which occurs almost exclusively in males.

The symptoms, which usually start in childhood, begin with night blindness and progress to degrading vision, depth perception, color perception and eventually total loss of sight. All are caused by changes in the back of the eye, in and near the retina. Research into choroideremia is therefore extraordinarily significant to more widespread disorders like macular degeneration.

Dr. Schmidt intends to keep performing. “My sight is very limited now, but I will continue to play as long as I can,” he said. “If we have an open heart and mind, we can do whatever God calls us to do.”

“All of us face barriers in life,” he said. “The joy and excitement of life is living in the present moment and knowing we are not alone. God is a part of the process, along with teachers, family, friends and colleagues. Life is too short not to take some risks.”

Dr. Schmidt’s Waldorf performance is available online at [new.livestream.com/waldorfcollegestream](http://new.livestream.com/waldorfcollegestream). For more information about the Choroideremia Foundation, and how you can help, please visit [choroideremia.org](http://choroideremia.org).



Watch Dr. Schmidt’s recent performance on Livestream.

# FORMER FACULTY, STAFF, & REGENT NEWS

**Rev. Steve Dornbusch**, former long-term member of the Waldorf College Board of Regents and president of the Waldorf Association of Congregations, retired on January 19, 2012. Rev. Dornbusch served as associate pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Forest City from 1976 to 1987. He then moved on to serve as senior pastor at Morningside Lutheran Church in Sioux City, Iowa for 10 years before accepting a call as senior pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church in Golden Valley, Minn. in 1997. He and his wife Kathy live in Plymouth, Minn.



**Genevieve Heeren**, former secretary in the financial aid office in the '70s and '80s, died November 26, 2012. Survivors include a son and daughter **Debra Heeren Chamberlain '78**.

**Kenneth Johnson**, former faculty member, died October 23, 2012 at the Good Samaritan Center in Forest City where he was residing. Ken was Dean of Men at Waldorf from 1960-1967 and later set up the first computerized business at Waldorf. In 1982, he took a leave of absence to go to Abu Dhabi and computerize a travel service run by a Lebanese friend. He ended up resigning from Waldorf in order to stay on the job and train other programmers. Ken became a consultant for other Arab owned companies as well. One job he undertook was to computerize the Nissan parts business. When Ken was 64 he finished his work in the Middle East and returned to Forest City. He went back to work at Waldorf, supervising the computer system, half-time, for the next 10 years. Upon retirement at age 74 he continued to volunteer his computer expertise and lend a hand to anyone who asked him. Survivors include his wife Carol, son **Jeff Johnson '75** and daughters **Rosalyn Johnson Foster '78** and **Loralyn Johnson Trost '80**.

**Z. Michael Van Auken**, former music instructor, has written his second children's book entitled: *The Story of Toodis McGrewdis As Told By Papa McGrewdis*. It may be purchased directly from Mike for \$16. If interested, contact him at [mva@wctatel.net](mailto:mva@wctatel.net). The book is available for viewing at [Blurb.com](http://Blurb.com) – just search for Z. Michael Van Auken.



Former music faculty and staff gather at homecoming. L to R: Tim Schmidt, Adrian Johnson, Elaine Johnson Cole Campney '47, Bob Abkes, Mike Van Auken

## STEVE LOVIK '75 MAKES STRIDES AGAINST CANCER

Former Waldorf employee, Steve Lovik '75, is now working in community relations for the American Cancer Society (ACS) of North Iowa. Steve worked in the Waldorf admissions office for 30 years, 25 as vice president of admissions and financial aid and later in the advancement office for three years as director of planned giving.



Four years ago, Lovik received a call from the American Cancer Society asking him if he would consider joining their team. Having always respected the ACS and the work they do, it seemed like the right time to make a change. Lovik is responsible for the fundraising efforts in Winnebago, Hancock, Mitchell, and Cerro Gordo counties in the state of Iowa. "My work is extremely meaningful because every day I get to raise money to support cancer research that will ultimately lead to saving people's lives," he said.

When Lovik lost his mother to cancer he was 21 years old and serving as an ACS volunteer. The nonprofit organization has been close to his heart ever since. Two years ago, Lovik's sister was diagnosed with cancer and went through a year of grueling treatment. Fortunately, now she is cancer free! Lovik focuses on research support so others can also win the battle against this devastating disease.

For his work with Relay for Life and Coaches vs. Cancer in each of his assigned counties, Lovik is the second highest per capita fundraiser of any ACS employee in the state of Iowa! Lovik credits his experience at Waldorf College for his ease of public speaking in front of hundreds of people at the two main events. In the past, Lovik gave seminars on financial aid and Waldorf College. Now, he serves as the spokesperson for ACS in Northern Iowa, and guest speaker at area Rotary Clubs and other organizations.

This grateful alumnus has the utmost respect for ACS as he sees first-hand what it can accomplish. "I feel privileged to be part of it," he said.

*Lovik works out of his home in Forest City and can be reached at [steve.lovik@cancer.org](mailto:steve.lovik@cancer.org). He is married to Pat Cooper Lovik '76, and they have two daughters, Nicole Lovik-Blaser '06 and Mallory Lovik '10.*

## FORMER FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: WAYNE JOHNS

After 27 years of influencing and teaching students at Waldorf, Wayne Johns continues to impact lives outside the classroom.

Professor Johns taught several different courses in mathematics at Waldorf from 1970-1997. He started the Waldorf women's softball program in 1972, serving as head coach for the first nine seasons. His teams won five fall conference titles, six spring conference titles, and advanced to the national tournament twice—finishing sixth in 1978. In recognition of his stellar coaching career, Johns was inducted into the Waldorf Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999. He was also recognized for his excellence in teaching by receiving the first Board of Regents' Outstanding Faculty Award in 1986.

Since retiring from full-time teaching in 1997, Johns hasn't slowed down one bit. He's not one to sit idly by on the sidelines and expect other people to do the work. He's a leader who rolls up his sleeves and helps however he can. Known for his integrity, humble heart and positive attitude, he genuinely cares about others and has devoted countless hours to better his community and North Iowa.

Johns currently serves as board president of the Neighborhood Food Bank of Winnebago County, which provides food assistance to families of limited income in Winnebago, Hancock and Worth Counties. The food bank helps an average of 175 families or up to 710 individuals per month. Johns has been involved with the non-profit organization since his retirement, volunteering approximately 15-20 hours of his time every week.

However, his service to community extends far beyond the food bank. After 10 years of service, Johns recently retired from the Veteran's Commission. He will retire from the North Iowa Community Action Board this May after five years of service. He is the treasurer of the Forest City Legion and remains active in his church. He stays involved with Waldorf College by serving on the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee and attending many sporting events. All, according to Johns, he does "just for fun."

Below are some of the awards he has received over the past few years in recognition of his service:

2007-2008 – Lion's "Citizen of the Year" Award

2010 – First "Unsung Hero" Award from the Forest City Rotary Club

2011 – Governor's Volunteer Award

When asked what he enjoyed most about being at Waldorf, Johns credits the outstanding academic students he had the privilege of teaching and his first-rate softball teams. He still has an incredible memory and recalls most every former student's name. Wayne Johns continues to be a blessing to Waldorf College, the North Iowa Community, and all who know him.

*Wayne and his wife, Karen Flugum Johns '68, live in Forest City. They can be reached at [johnspsu@wctatel.net](mailto:johnspsu@wctatel.net).*



*Wayne Johns, pictured with Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds, was recognized by the State of Iowa for his work with the Winnebago County Veteran's Commission. He was the treasurer on the first honors flight that sent County WWII veterans to Washington D.C. to visit memorials.*



### HOMECOMING '12: CLASS OF 1947

*L to R: Jeanne Wiberg Berkeland, Ardis Mostrom Ellwood, Dorothy Field Sundet, Elaine Johnson Cole Campney*



### HOMECOMING '12: CLASS OF 1952

*Row 1: Jacob (Jake) Birulkin. Row 2, L to R: Gloria Dahl Egertson, Joyce Mickelsen Winnick, Bernis Flatjord Geving, Ilene Picht Jennings, Elain Haaland Edge, Mavis Olson Lovik, Marilyn Ellefson Boyd, Juanita Larson Opheim. Row 3, L to R: Mary Jane Bergland Calgaard, Paul Mork, Eugene Smith, Roger Holtan.*

# STUDENT PROFILE: CODY CLARK '16

After traveling more than a thousand miles from Lexington, S.C., Cody Clark first set foot in Forest City last August when he came for cross-country practice prior to the start of the academic year. Even though he had never been to the Midwest before, he had a feeling Waldorf would be a good fit for him. He researched the college online and learned that his high school was similar in size to Waldorf. That helped make the college transition easier, and the community to feel more like home.



Clark has not been disappointed. "I really love the people at Waldorf," He said. "I think I've met almost everybody. I like the fact that Waldorf is a small, close-knit family. Everyone knows each other and

they pretty much get along. It's easy to get involved when you know others who are," he continued.

*"I like the fact that Waldorf is a small, close-knit family."*

This southern gentleman is not shy. He is involved in cross-country, track and field, and almost every intramural sport offered on campus (basketball,

volleyball, ping pong tournaments...). He also enjoys playing pool and darts, talking with friends and reading. He serves as assistant sports director for the college radio station, KZOW, and hopes it will someday become a stepping stone to his dream job – a sportscaster for ESPN, college or professional team.

He believes the quality education he is receiving at Waldorf will help him achieve his career goals. He is majoring in communications with an emphasis in journalism and television. Digital technology, taught by Associate Professor of Communications Mark Newcom, is his favorite class. Clark is learning how to design his own social media pages and personal website which will become the foundation for his digital portfolio.

"Cody is a pleasure to have in the program. You can't help but smile when he enters the room. His ability to challenge his peers to take it to the next level is impressive. I have no doubt Cody will make the world a better place," said Newcom.

As a freshman, Clark enjoys living in Johnson Hall. "I like the lobby because everyone hangs out there," he said. "You have a chance to talk to people and there is always someone to do something with. It allows for a great group atmosphere."

Clark is a doer. His positive attitude, strong character and commitment to excellence are reminiscent of so many students who have gone before him and so many yet to follow.



HOMEcoming '12: CLASS OF 2002  
L to R: Brandon Baker and Carolyn Hansen Baker

# A LETTER FROM THE FOUNDATION CHAIR



Dear Friends:

You know from previous letters that I did not attend Waldorf College nor have I ever been a Waldorf employee, but my wife Joan and I recognize the importance of the college to the Forest City community and the positive impact the “Waldorf experience” has had on so many young people.

*“I’m thankful for the relationship between the student body and staff at Waldorf. It’s wonderful that faculty members know me by name and that I can talk to them about my personal life. I’m not only able to learn from them, but I can trust them. That means everything to me.”*

*-Marisa Donnelly, a sophomore of Naperville, Ill.*

I thought it would be beneficial for me to get in the “trenches” with some Waldorf students and put my thoughts about the “Waldorf experience” to the test. So seven Waldorf students (two seniors, four juniors and one sophomore) and I kicked back over pizza in the Ballroom on Friday, Feb. 8. Wow, what an inspiration these students were to me! If you were not a believer that the Waldorf experience changes lives, you would have been converted at this gathering. These students left me totally inspired and I want to share some of my excitement with you.

***“I have been educated not only with the knowledge of how to be successful in my field when I graduate, but also cultured with the priceless skills of actively serving causes bigger than me. Unfortunately for me, my Waldorf experience is drawing closer to its end, but the ideals and perspectives that I have accumulated here will definitely carry on.”***

*Antoine Cummins, a junior of Brooklyn, N.Y.*

I’ve provided some quotes from those students, but I also want to share some of my observations. There were several themes that kept resurfacing. They view Waldorf as their home away from home. They are made to feel welcome from Day 1 and they think of the Waldorf community as a “close-knit family.” They talk about the one-on-one attention they receive. They feel that faculty and staff are dedicated to giving each student a quality education, but beyond that, they care about each student from a personal standpoint and take the time to really get to know you. They are very appreciative of the fact they are able to participate in so many activities. They feel that Waldorf has been a life-changing experience.

*“If I could relive my college experience here, I’d do it in a heartbeat.”*

*-Liz Taylor, a senior of Spencer, Iowa*

Wow and wow again! I hope you share my excitement! Indeed, Waldorf College is changing lives. Please support the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation, so we can help create more life-changing experiences at Waldorf College.

***“The college and community interact with each other very well, and it gives students an all-around college experience and life experience; not just ‘going to school.’ The faculty, staff and students are so nice and welcoming to every type of person and student.”***

Sincerely,

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

*-Claire Lawson, a junior of West Palm Beach, Fla.*

*Ashley Brinkman, a junior of Manly, Iowa*

## THE WALDORF LUTHERAN COLLEGE FOUNDATION PRIORITIES

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

The Foundation funds three major priorities:

- **Scholarships** – to help students directly with the cost of their education and allow them to have their own “Waldorf experience.”
- **Campus Ministry** – to help fund the cost of mission trips, bible study curriculum, a drama peer minister scholarship and more.
- **Alumni Relations** – to help fund publications such as the Waldorf Magazine, area events, and more.

Please consider a gift to the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation today. All sizes of gifts are appreciated and put to good use as noted above! Gifts are tax deductible as allowable by law.

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## ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONS SCHEDULES ANNUAL MEETING

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 February 1, 2013, the following congregations have joined the new WLAC:

Bethany Lutheran Church, Kensett, Iowa • Bethany Lutheran Church, Thompson, Iowa • Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kiester, Minn. • Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Manly, Iowa • Bricelyn Lutheran Church, Bricelyn, Minn. • Central Freeborn Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, Minn. • Elk Creek Lutheran Church, Kensett, Iowa • Faith Lutheran Church, Griswold, Iowa • First Lutheran Church, Britt, Iowa • First Lutheran Church, Clarion, Iowa • First Lutheran Church, Milford, Iowa • First Lutheran Church, Northwood, Iowa • Fjeldberg Lutheran Church, Huxley, Iowa • Grace Lutheran Church, Hanlontown, Iowa • Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa • Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Story City, Iowa • Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Leland, Iowa • Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Osage, Iowa • St. John Lutheran Church, Cylinder, Iowa • St. John Lutheran Church, Pomeroy, Iowa • Salem Lutheran Church, Lake Mills, Iowa • Trinity Lutheran Church, Kiester, Minn. • Trinity Lutheran Church, Mason City, Iowa • West Prairie Lutheran Church, Leland, Iowa • Zion Lutheran Church, Clear Lake, Iowa

### Officers of the Association:

**President** – Rev. Rod Hopp, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa  
**Vice President** – David Rasmussen '53, Zion Lutheran Church, Clear Lake, Iowa  
**Secretary** – Rev. Stephen Anenson, Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Story City, Iowa

If your congregation is interested in joining the WLAC 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/>.

## NEW HONORARIUM CARDS AVAILABLE FROM FOUNDATION

The Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation now has new honorarium packets that will easily allow alumni and friends to honor someone with a gift to the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation. They are very similar to the memorial packets that have been available for many years. Please contact Janet Berhow in the Foundation office at [berhowj@waldorf.edu](mailto:berhowj@waldorf.edu) or (641) 585-8148 if you would like either a memorial or honorarium packet sent to you. The packets are free of charge and include a sympathy or honorarium card to give to the family or honoree and a gift notice and return envelope to send along with your check to the Foundation. They are great to have on hand when you need them. Feel free to request more than one. Memorial/Honorarium contributors are listed in the honor roll section of each issue of the fall Waldorf Magazine.

## LIFETIME GIVING REMINDER

As a reminder, the LIFETIME GIVING listed on the bottom of your gift receipt reflects your giving to the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation only. It does not reflect prior giving to Waldorf College. Rest assured, however, that the Foundation office is keeping track of both totals and will continue to add them together for cumulative recognition within the Waldorf Society. Thank you again for your faithful support. If you have any questions or would like more information on deferred giving, please contact Nancy Olson at (641) 585-8147 or Rita Gilbertson (641) 585-8140.

# WALDORF IS ON FIRE!

Don't worry, the buildings at Waldorf College are not on fire, but several students are! They are heavily involved in Waldorf's campus ministry program and have become spiritual leaders on campus. They've participated in worship bands, chapel dramas, mission trips, service projects, bible studies and prayer groups.

Last August, Mary Dickman '10 was hired as the Campus Ministry Coordinator. Dickman's duties include organizing weekly chapel services, overseeing campus worship opportunities for faculty, staff and students and helping plan the annual mission trip. One of Dickman's favorite parts of being a student at Waldorf was the connections she made with faculty and staff members. Dickman stated, "I want to be able to have that same effect on the students now and be able to give them an experience similar to mine. Giving back to my alma mater in this way is the most rewarding experience I've had so far."

Dickman has many ideas and worship styles that she would love to try, but it's challenging to find the time to accomplish her dreams. With a diversity of denominations on campus, Dickman is continually seeking ways to reach out to students and make sure that all feel welcome at the many service types.

On Monday nights Like Fire is held in Gatsby's and students are encouraged to come and feel the fire of the Spirit. Pastor Greg Anderson of Immanuel Lutheran Church and his Lutheran Campus Ministry team lead the worship service.

Tuesday nights are led by First Baptist Church members with a group called The Bridge which takes place in Salvesson's Ballroom. Although the music is similar to Like Fire, the service is usually more relaxed. This group has developed many bible studies over the school year and connected students with the Word and each other.

Chapel is held on Wednesday mornings in various locations based on the type of presentation. Dramas, Holden "Morning" Prayer, silent discussions and speakers have been incorporated into a well-rounded worship experience for all. One of the highlights has been the addition of Drama Peer Minister Shaye Sutherland. Sutherland is a first year student from Chaska, Minn. and her enthusiasm for



*Above: Waldorf students, faculty, and staff help build a home at Red Bird Mission.*

chapel dramas has been contagious. Involvement in the dramas has ranged from two to twenty students, with several of them experiencing chapel for the first time. The students take these dramas very seriously and as a result, lives have been impacted.

On Thursdays Catholic Mass is held in the Recital Hall. Two local priests take turns leading the service and Eucharist is served each week.

When asked about this year's spring mission trip, Dickman responded, "We went to Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky. While there, we rebuilt and repaired homes in the area. Beverly has an average yearly income of roughly \$9,000-\$11,000 per household and Red Bird Mission helps give hope to those families going through hard financial situations. They also have started a school to help educate the children of the region. In the evenings there were activities to educate us about the mission and the area to better understand the work that we are providing for the residents. We took 15 Waldorf students and five faculty/staff chaperones on the trip, and all of us had an eye-opening experience that we'll never forget."

Dickman feels that friendships and relationships have been formed through campus ministry. She stated, "Campus ministry has a way of bringing people together on a united front, and through prayer, conversation and support, lifelong friendships have started."

As always, alumni and friends of the college are invited back to campus to worship with us. Come! Feel the fire of the Spirit!



## HOMEcoming '12: CLASS OF 1982

*Row 1, L to R: Tammy Sersland Egesdal, Sharon Peterson.*

*Row 2, L to R: Glen Klaver, Daniel Wennblom, Jerry Barth, Miriam Ring.*



## STUDENTS ESTABLISH SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF TAD “WHEELZ” VENZKE

It isn't often that a request is made to wear blue jeans, skater shoes, and a t-shirt to a funeral or visitation, but that's exactly what Waldorf College students and alumni wore as they remembered homecoming king Tad "Wheelz" Venzke '12 after his unexpected death in mid-August. Venzke, a communications major, was known on campus for his positive outlook and creative talents.

Shortly after his passing, students Gabe Vasquez and Abbie Wibe visited the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation aiming to establish a scholarship in Venzke's name. Through generous donations, t-shirt sales, and a live concert event at homecoming, nearly \$5,000 was raised for the scholarship that will be awarded to a communications major with a passion for graphic design or radio.

Wibe knew Tad after sitting together in several classes and critiquing each other's work.

"I wanted to make sure Tad was remembered," Wibe said. "This scholarship is a way we can show people that didn't know him what kind of impact he had on our school. Everyone liked Tad, and if you didn't like Tad, it was because you had never met him."

Vasquez got to know Venzke by hanging out and showing him spray-painting techniques. "Tad was all about art, art, art," Vasquez said. "He was like a machine, and he had the eye for it. His dedication and desire was so strong."

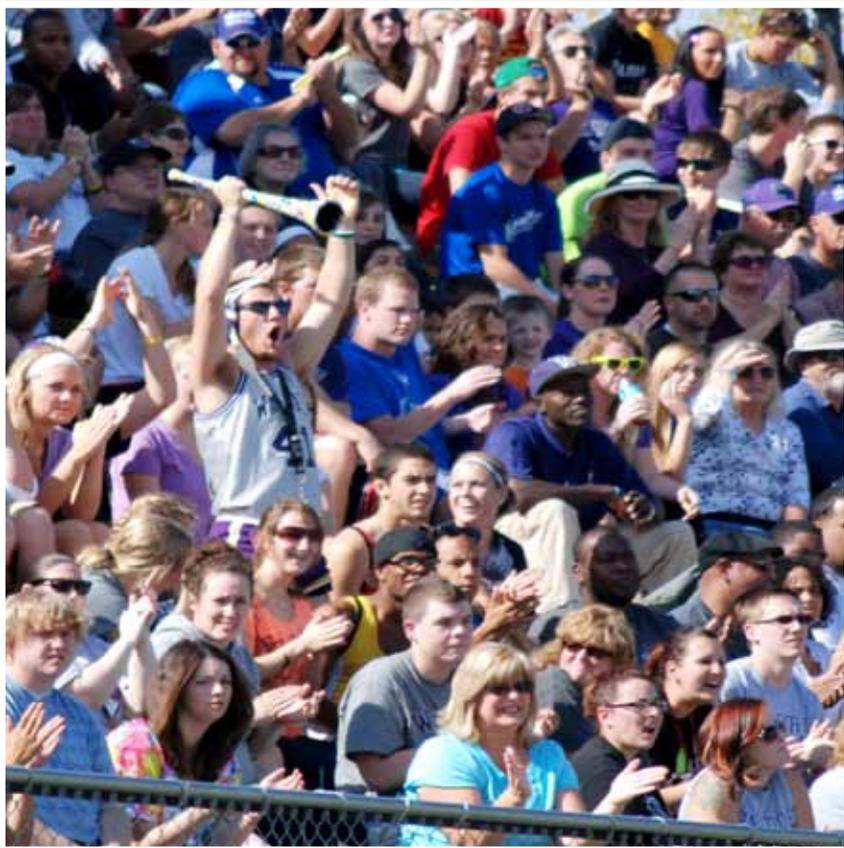
Vasquez and other students planned the Wheelz for Wings homecoming event last fall as a party in Venzke's honor. "When Tad and I would hang out, he told me once that when he dies, he wanted it to be like a party; a holiday. So that's what we gave him," Vasquez said. The event featured live music from Vaudeville, one of Venzke's favorite bands, body paint, t-shirts with Venzke on them, and a large spray-painted portrait of Venzke made by Vasquez.

Venzke leaves a legacy of overcoming challenges and living life to its fullest.

"That kid showed me what strength was," Vasquez said. "Tad may have been in a wheelchair and had every reason to be sad or depressed, but he wasn't. He was the living definition of the phrase 'when life gives you lemons, make lemonade.' And boy his lemonade was good."

Donations to the Tad "Wheelz" Venzke Scholarship can be made by contacting the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation at (641) 585-8140 or emailing [gilbertsrita@waldorf.edu](mailto:gilbertsrita@waldorf.edu).

# HOME COMING 2012 RECAP



Waldorf Spirit: 2012 was the theme for homecoming weekend, and the Waldorf spirit was definitely alive and well all weekend long! It was evident in the smiling faces of our alumni, the hugs of former faculty and staff, the energy of our students, and the support of the Forest City community.

Hundreds of alumni returned to campus for a beautiful fall weekend packed with activities. Several alumni class floats were featured in the parade, a meaningful tribute was held in memory of former choir director John Williams, happy birthday was sung to former Choir Director Adrian (AJ) Johnson, several opportunities were available to cheer on Waldorf athletes, and theatre students kept alumni laughing in their performances of *Lawn Mower Wars*. Several exceptional alumni were honored with various awards and homecoming worship was truly an inspirational service with guest preacher Rev. Tom Martin '72 and many participating alumni.

Thank you to all who attended all or a part of homecoming weekend! The following is a quote from a letter sent to President Alsop by an alumnus after attending homecoming weekend:

“The message I want to send is that, although many, many things have changed over the years at Waldorf, one thing has not. God’s love permeates the atmosphere everywhere you go on campus. The smiles and warm greetings were abundant and the ‘old-fashioned’ Waldorf spirit is very much alive!”

To view and/or order photos of homecoming weekend view our Picasa gallery (<https://picasaweb.google.com/WaldorfCollege.Events>). Feel free to contact [alumni@waldorf.edu](mailto:alumni@waldorf.edu) if you would rather order a class photo through the alumni office. Additional photos can be found on Facebook.



*Left: A group of Waldorf students enjoying the bonfire pepfest to kick off homecoming weekend activities.*

*Right: President Robert Alsop talks at the alumni banquet.*



# DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HONORED AT HOMECOMING 2012

Alumni who attended the “Taste of Waldorf” banquet at Homecoming 2012 were in for a special treat: in addition to a delicious dinner and the introduction of honorees, professional opera singer Andrew Oakden '96 presented a stunning aria from *Pagliacci*. Waldorf’s Dr. Kristin Jónína Taylor provided beautiful piano music as well.

Waldorf President Bob Alsop then took the stage, welcoming everyone back to campus and introducing alumni president Amy Bahr '03. She also greeted her fellow alumni and thanked them for attending homecoming, for their service to Waldorf and their continued connection.

President Alsop returned to present the Alumni Distinguished Service Award to the **Rev. Dr. Philip Holtan '70**. The Holtan name is well-known at Waldorf, as many family members have made their mark on the campus. Phil Holtan served as the campus pastor of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., for 23 years. Over the years, he has prepared 2,900 students for service projects all over the country, participating in Habitat for Humanity, Justice Journey and Disaster Relief trips.

Holtan is now the pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church in Perham, Minn. and the president of the Perham Rotary Club. He was also the founding president of Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity in Fargo-Moorhead, Feed my Starving Children in Perham, Minn. and the CROP Walk in Minot, N.D. Luther Seminary rewarded his commitment to the less fortunate with their prestigious Faithfulness in Ministry Award in 2012. Fluent in Spanish, Holtan has taken more than 30 trips to Latin America. His

volunteer work also includes Moorhead’s Hispanic Task Force, Lutheran Social Services and the Red Cross.

Holtan was presented the Waldorf College Alumni Distinguished Service Award for “outstanding contributions to the Lutheran Church as pastor and innovative worship leader, and for selfless dedication to those in need.”

Director of Institutional Relations Nancy Bergland Olson '75 presented the next Waldorf College Alumni Distinguished Service Award to **Jan Shurson Anderson '72** for “professional excellence and integrity in the banking industry, and for selfless commitment to the betterment of society through local and international service.”

Olson called Anderson “a bank marketing director by day and service super-hero by night.” Anderson’s influence has touched virtually every local service organization as she has served on many boards and committees. She has participated in community clean-ups, obtained city beautification grants, and organized fundraisers for a swimming pool, fire department, and library.

Anderson has recently extended her reach to Central America, as she initiated and chaired the Forest City Rotary Club’s effort to send clothes and school supplies to needy Nicaraguan children. She traveled to Nicaragua to watch the kids open their gifts in person, and was so affected by their dire need for the most basic care that she initiated two new services projects, and has since



*L to R: Andrea Goedderz '07, Dr. Philip Holtan '70, President Robert Alsop, and Jan Shurson Anderson '72.*

committed (with her husband) to fund a college education for two Nicaraguan students.

Communications Department Chair David Damm '73 announced the Recent Alumni Award for Service recipient: **Andrea Goedderz '07**. In just five years since graduating, Goedderz has made a significant impact on lives throughout Iowa and beyond.

Goedderz has raised over \$1 million for the American Cancer Society, and was admired within the organization for her leadership and dedication as well as fundraising excellence. Her work with the Iowa Jaycees has been equally renowned: she won awards for New Jaycee Members in the State of Iowa in 2012, for Leadership in a Non-Jaycee Role in 2011, and as a Best Local Vice President in 2012.

She was the inaugural chair of the North Iowa Corridor Economic Development Corporation, which helps local businesses recruit and retain young professionals. Goedderz also initiated a North Iowa gathering for young Waldorf alumni. The Mason City Globe Gazette named her one of the "20 under 40" most up-and-coming influential young professionals. (She has since moved to Dubuque, Iowa, but her work with the American Cancer Society continues.)

Goedderz was presented with the Recent Alumni Award for Service for "significant contributions in the fight against cancer, and for inspirational leadership and service to community."

It is truly inspirational to see so many Waldorf graduates committed to personal service and making the world a better place. We look forward to honoring many more exceptional alumni in the future.

# HOMECOMING 2013: NOVEMBER 1-3

"110 Years Young" is the theme for Homecoming 2013! Please make plans now to attend as we celebrate Waldorf's long, rich history! All alumni and friends are welcome to attend. Those celebrating a class reunion this year include the Class of 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963 (golden anniversary), 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003 and 2008. Please connect with your classmates however you can and encourage them to attend. One reunion class has even developed their own Facebook group page – "Waldorf College Class of 1978"! What a great way to catch up with people and share memories and photos of the past/present with classmates. If you would like to establish a Facebook group page for your class, please contact the alumni office to help you get the word out.

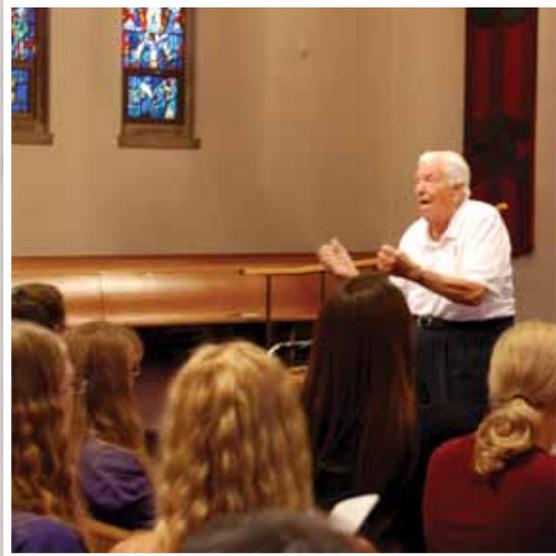
Watch for more homecoming information in the monthly e-newsletters and official homecoming brochure that will be mailed early this summer. If you would like to be part of the annual homecoming art and craft fair, please contact the alumni office at [alumni@waldorf.edu](mailto:alumni@waldorf.edu) or (641) 585-8140.

We look forward to seeing you in November!





*Left: 2012 Homecoming King Jason Mueller and Queen Molly O'Brien.*



*Right: Former Choir Director Adrian Johnson directs current Waldorf Choir members and alumni at the annual sing-a-long.*



*Left: Alumni gather for a memorial service to honor former Waldorf Choir Director John (JW) Williams. Pictured is Paul Smith '97 sharing a memory.*



*Right: Jeffrey Peterson '11, Tiff McNelly '12, and Reese Isaacson '12 pose for a photo after completing the Homecoming 5K.*



*Left: Students compete in the Greased Pig event at the Warrior Cup.*



*Right: Junior James Loydd makes a touchdown catch at the football game.*



## ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTS FOUR MEMBERS

Four Warrior sports stars were inducted into the Waldorf College Athletic Hall of Fame at a special banquet during Homecoming 2012. The inclusion of these individuals was about much more than athletic prowess: all were also commended for their character and commitment while at school and in the years since. In addition to the official honorees, members of the record-setting 1962 football team were also recognized.

Associate Athletic Director Denny Jerome presided over the ceremony, which had an especially personal connection: as Waldorf's women's basketball coach for 40 years, Jerome had coached two of the night's inductees.

**Jim Dotseth '63** was a member of Waldorf's remarkable 1962 football team, which went undefeated and was ranked sixth in the nation. He was an All-Conference defensive back, and memorably returned a 50-yard interception against Estherville to preserve a Waldorf victory. He was also a 1963 All-State selection in basketball, and earned the Forest City Chamber of Commerce Sportsmanship Award. In the years since Waldorf, he has continued to excel in sports, as a seven-time Minneapolis Wrestling Coach of the Year and two-time Minneapolis Football Coach of the Year. Many more accolades have followed, including numerous service awards and a 2000 induction into the Waldorf College Hall of Fame as a member of the 1962-63 basketball team. Dotseth now serves as the secretary-treasurer of the Minnesota Football Coaches Association. He and his wife Wanda have two daughters and four grandchildren.

**Jeff "Curly" Pierce '85** played both baseball and basketball at Waldorf College, and excelled at both.

With Pierce on the team, basketball qualified for the state tournament, and baseball placed second in the Region XI Tournament in Cedar Rapids. Pierce received All-Region honors in basketball, and was named the Lions Club Male Athlete of the Year. Since graduation, Pierce has been a successful coach and umpire and has kept close ties with Waldorf. He has been an active member of the Waldorf College Alumni Board and is the chairman of the annual Gabby Pierce Memorial Golf Tournament, in memory of his father, that benefits the Waldorf Foundation's scholarship fund. He and his wife Tanya have three children.

**Jamie Rustad '97** played both volleyball and basketball at Waldorf and track in her later college career. She was a two-time 1st Team All-Regional selection in volleyball, where she earned 1st Team All-Tournament honors and was named team MVP. In basketball, she was also named team MVP and an Honorable Mention All-American, as well as a 1st Team All-Regional Selection. In 1996, she was Waldorf's Female Honor Athlete. Her basketball stats are still in the record books for free-throws, steals and rebounds. She went on to earn a degree in sports administration.

**Carrie Norman Lowry '01** was a record-setter on the basketball court, placing highly in career points, field goals, three-pointers and steals. She received All-American Honorable Mention accolades in her two years at Waldorf, and went on to be named 1st Team All Conference, NAIA Scholar Athlete, All-American and Conference Player of the Year. She's worked in elementary education at Montezuma Community Schools for the past nine years. She and her husband Brian have three children.

*L-R: Waldorf College Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees Jeff Pierce '85, Carrie Norman Lowry '01, Jamie Rustad '97 and Jim Dotseth '63.*

## SWEN AND DEAN – FOR THE GOOD!

Have you ever noticed that some people seem to have been given an overabundance of God-given gifts? You know the type, the ones who apparently took a double-dip into the good-looks, charm and talent pool. Case in point: Craig (Swen) '81 and Dean '87 Swenson. These gospel proclaiming, singing, guitar playing brothers perform annually in front of thousands of people across the country and appeal to everyone from babies to grandmas. As fun-loving big kids at heart, they draw audiences into their lives through music, skits, stories and zany audience participation. Over the years they have seen ever-changing challenges face our youth and have served as advocates for kids with unhealthy role models.

“God has made a significant difference in our lives and we want to share it,” Swen said. “We believe it’s not of our own doing, clearly, but that God has anointed us and blessed us to be about His service.”

Music was a big part of their lives growing up in Northfield, Minn. With nine kids in the Swenson family, their mother often gathered them around the piano to sing Broadway tunes, Christmas carols or favorite hymns of faith. At a young age, Swen and Dean sang in the prestigious Northfield Boy’s Chorus and when it came time to attend college both were offered music scholarships at Waldorf.

“Somewhere along the way at Waldorf, music for the sake of music became music for the sake of God,” Swen said. He credits the warm and caring people of the Waldorf community with influencing his faith. In 1979, Swen began performing with another talented musician, Waldorf roommate, Duane (Duey) Jolivet ’81. They got their first big gig at the Lutheran Youth Encounter (LYE) Conference in Minneapolis. “I remember thinking if I could ride this for five years that would be awesome!” Swen recalled. Thirty years later he still is spreading God’s love through music “for the Good,” as he would say.

After singing quite a few years with Duey, Swen went solo. He performed at Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp and various church events that eventually led to much larger venues nationwide. In 1994, his brother Dean joined him on the road and they have been singing together ever since.

“Music gives us a gateway into building relationships with people,” Dean said. “Being on stage is just one step in beginning our ministry – it’s the one-on-one where the crux of our ministry happens. Shaking hands. Meeting people. Hearing



*Swen and Dean recently released their fourth CD, “MORE,” on iTunes. For booking info, contact them at [swenanddean@mac.com](mailto:swenanddean@mac.com).*

their needs. Music is the means to the opportunity. We connect with people and love them where they're at."

Dean went on to say that kids are hurting at a younger age today. Quick access and overexposure to social media has changed their perception of reality. Thirty-eight current variations of family have caused the family structure to change. When that happens, kids struggle with their identity.

"We want kids of all ages to root their identity in Christ, to leave our concerts knowing they are a loved child of God," Swen said. "We either plant the seed or water it. If they leave having met Jesus or grown to know him more personally, we've accomplished what we've been called to do."

*"God has made a significant difference in our lives and we want to share it."*

*-Craig (Swen) '81*

The duo toured together full-time for 10 years. Since then, they have cut back on their performances to one or two weekends a month in order to spend more time with their families and manage their full-time careers. Both of their current positions allow them additional opportunities to serve.

For the past nine years, Swen has worked full-time at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Burnsville, Minn. in the area of family ministry. As the Cross+Generational director he develops programs for bringing families together as a unit and increases their spheres of positive influence by introducing them to other families in order to help them grow spiritually. He also leads three Cross+Gen worship opportunities at Prince of Peace.

Dean has been at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Lakeville, Minnesota for eight years. His position has changed over the years – from teaching 600 confirmation kids to serving as executive director of youth ministries. This past year he became a family care and connections pastor at Hosanna. He assists families going through hurts, habits and hang-ups by helping them assess their situation and getting them back on the right path. Dean has been intentional about reaching out and working with school systems by serving on the Drug Prevention Advisory Board and starting a Mental Health Summit to address issues facing families today. He and his wife, Jen, also teach parenting classes at Hosanna.

Prince of Peace and Hosanna Lutheran both see what Swen and Dean do as an extension of their ministry and allow them to travel and perform. "They are very accommodating and supportive," Swen said. They also couldn't travel without the full support of their families. Their spouses hold down the home front when they are away on weekends. Swen and his wife, Kristin, have one thirteen year-old son, and Dean and Jen have four children ranging in age from five to eleven.



*Above: Swen and Dean visit Ecuador on a trip with Compassion International.*

It comes as no surprise that these child advocates have been long-time supporters of Compassion International, a Christian non-profit organization that supports children in third-world countries through sponsorships. After travelling to Ecuador with Christian artists Laura Story and the band Kutless, they were able to see the inner workings and the integrity of the organization first-hand, and became official spokesmen for the cause. While there, they each had the rare opportunity to meet the children they have been sponsoring.

"The experiences we have help shape who we become," Swen believes. "We want to help better the experiences of a child or friend however we can."

Swen and Dean's ministry continues to impact lives all over the world. No matter how witty or musically talented these brothers may be, their most important gifts are revealed off stage in their authentic one-on-one approach to loving God's people – wherever they are at.

*Below: Swen and Dean perform at one of their concerts as youth worship to the music.*



# ALUM BREAKS SILENCE ABOUT THE DAY THE MUSIC DIED

Little did Dick Rogeness '59 know when he woke up the morning of February 2, 1959, that he would attend the last concert of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J. P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson. It was a day dozens of Waldorf students would decide to throw caution to the wind and seize the opportunity to hear these rising stars perform just 25 miles away at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, Iowa. Although students knew they would break college rules by attending, they never dreamed they would become part of such a significant event that would go down in history. Tragically, the musicians' small plane crashed just miles from the Surf in the cold, early morning hours following the concert. All onboard were killed and February 3, 1959, became known as "the day the music died."

Even though it's been 54 years, it is still difficult for some alumni who attended the concert to talk about it. Not necessarily for reasons we might suspect, like continued grief over the loss of such rock and roll legends, but rather, because they are ashamed of so blatantly going against college regulations.

One alumnus, however, has no trouble speaking out. The following scenario is mostly Dick Rogeness's account of what happened in the days surrounding that fateful February 3 event.

Dick drove back and forth to Waldorf every day as a commuter student from Crystal Lake, Iowa, but was on campus enough to know that students desperately wanted to attend the concert and experience the rock and roll phenomenon that was sweeping the country. Of course, they knew it was against the rules and they would have to "face the music" if they were caught.

Waldorf did not allow drinking or dancing – or frequenting any place off campus where they were allowed. At that time, students were expected to sign-out and get permission to leave campus. Women had a weeknight curfew of 8:00 p.m. The concert was on a Monday night so it was a given that those who attended would be gone beyond their time limit.



Still, according to Dick:

The day of the concert it became obvious that something big was going on because many guys in their suits and gals in their can-cans and skirts left their dorms and piled into cars heading south to the Surf. I was among them.

Once we got there, a bunch of the gals made their way to the front of the stage and were really enjoying the entertainment. We all were! The music was electrifying! I was about 10 feet from Buddy Holly. It was a packed house so most people were standing; there wasn't much room to dance.

Suddenly, the exit doors burst open and someone yelled "Busted! The men's student government is here! Look out!" The gals panicked as they got smuggled into the restrooms or hid in the crowd. The guys protected them as much as they could. So, none of the gals, to my knowledge, were written up. Some guys bolted out the north doors and jumped behind the flower planters. I, on the other hand, turned around and ran smack into the student body president.

Even though Dick and 42 other names were taken that night, they stayed for the rest of the concert. News of the crash sent shock waves across campus the next morning as it came over the radio.



*Professor Holger (Hap)  
Holmen*



*Dick Rogeness '59*

Dick recalls:

It was a fun night, with a tragic end; however, Waldorf wasn't going to let this go. At first, Waldorf talked about expelling us – kicking us all out! But then they realized there were too many of us. So it was decided everyone had to go in front of the student government and answer the question, "Why did you purposely break the rules?" Most of them said they were glad they did because it ended up being a legendary concert and an opportunity of a lifetime.

Another concert-goer, who still wishes to remain nameless, also remembers going in front of the student government. He added that Professor Holger (Hap) Holmen was the spokesperson at the time and posed the questions, "Do you admit that you were there? Do you have anything to say for yourself?" Apparently, one student spoke up and said, "Mr. Holmen, we don't believe that the people who attended the dance should have consequences if there were other people there to testify that they didn't drink a drop." To which Mr. Holmen replied, "Did you boys come to this college to establish new rules for us or to abide by the rules already set?" Then there was silence.

So, they handed down punishment. According to Dick, violators were suspended from campus for two weeks and were asked to leave right away. That meant, among other things, that three of the five men's basketball starters would miss two games.

Sadly, it was only the beginning of Dick's punishment. Telling his parents he got busted when they didn't approve of dancing was a double whammy! The punishment he received at school was minor compared to what he had to do at home on the farm. For the next two weeks he ended up with a pitch-fork in his hand, shoveling manure.

Another offender recalls just being "campused" for two weeks as a penalty. He was only allowed to go to class, the cafeteria, and the library – no social activities. He was confined mostly to his room.

Whichever way things went down, the students who attended the concert paid the price. However, like Dick, they said they would do it all over again in a heartbeat if they had the chance. It was a night they will never forget. Long live rock and roll.

*Dick Rogeness is retired after enjoying a long and successful career at Winnebago Industries. He looks back fondly at his years at Waldorf College and credits Professor O.J. Johnson with teaching him useful courses in math and drawing that helped him move forward with his life and career. Dick and his wife, Marie, live in Forest City and winter in Arizona.*



### HOMECOMING '12: GOLDEN REUNION CLASS OF 1962

**Row 1, L to R:** Lois Berkeland Klobuchar, LaDonna Valen Bergeson, Linda Gipp Hoppel, Marion Gniffke Leimbach, Carol Stark Neal, Caron Barney VanSteenberg. **Row 2, L to R:** Diana Baldwin Bergeson, Shirley Olson Sealine, Carolyn Gjerde Larson, Nancy Ihle Neilsen, Beverly Schaefer Cataldo, Donna Thayer Kvale. **Row 3, L to R:** Sharon Wilde Hanson, Caren Ramse Erickson, Ron Sealine, John Tweeten, Al Todnem, Lonna Herth Lenning, Bertha Ann Thompson Erickson, Sharon Reyerson Helgeson. **Row 4, L to R:** Donna Burmester Swenson, Karen Logemann Larson, Gene Lenning, Bob Paulson, Ron Christiansen, Bruce Gordon, Don Cherland, Wendell Wogen.



### HOMECOMING '12: CLASS OF 1977

**Row 1, L to R:** Pam Carlson Holtan, Carol Orvick Larson, Jeneen Banker Carnes. **Row 2, L to R:** Diane Landaas, Bev Tweed Retland, Lana Potter Thompson, Donna Peterson Rasmussen. **Row 3, L to R:** Sharon Rustad Paul, Bruce Jolivette. **Row 4, L to R:** Mark Langerud, Sue Pirsig Griese, Ron Holtan, Christa Cosgriff, Elizabeth Jacobson, Kathleen Grant Olson, Kevin Olson, Michael Holstad.

# ALUMNA RECEIVES ROOM MAKEOVER ON HGTV

Most of us only dream of a room makeover from a design team on HGTV, but that's exactly what Shannon Marzolf Winters '05 and her husband, Dan, were promised when their application rose to the top of the pile at West End Architectural Salvage in Des Moines, Iowa. Not only is West End Salvage a 50,000 sq. ft. warehouse that sells antiques and salvaged items, it is the name of the new hit TV show that airs on HGTV. Much of the show is filmed at the warehouse where custom pieces and salvaged items are repurposed by skilled craftsmen and incorporated into the overall design of a homeowner's room. Since Shannon and Dan could not agree on the style of their master bedroom, they were elated to be chosen to receive a professional makeover and be featured on the show's third episode.



West End designer Hal Davis said Shannon and Dan were not unlike a lot of his clients in that they each had distinct and different ideas of what they wanted the room to look like. "Sometimes it is easier to come up with something neither is expecting and deliver the ultimate element of surprise," he said with a smile. "But, usually we try to meet somewhere in the middle."

Hal and West End Salvage owner Don Short interviewed the Winterses beforehand to get a feel for their individual styles and then came up with their own palette and design. The Winterses signed a waiver giving up all rights to the room design and

total control to West End Salvage. "Shannon and Dan were really fun to work with," said owner Don Short. "They were very trusting."

Shannon is a self-proclaimed reality show junkie and loves HGTV! Her favorite part of the process was meeting the great crew. "Don and Hal are as hilarious in real life as they are on the show," she said. "They made it so fun!"

What surprised Shannon the most was how long it took to set up the scenes (lighting, sound, etc.) and

*Above: (L to R) Designer Hal Davis, Shannon Marzolf Winters '05, and Owner Don Short.*



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

**Send to Alumni Office, 106 S. 6th St., Forest City, IA, 50436**

**Online Option: <https://secure.waldorf.edu/alumni/addinfo.htm>**

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

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

Is spouse an alumnus/alumna? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes, what class? \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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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## TWIN CITIES ALUMNI GATHER AT HISTORIC MINNEAPOLIS CLUB

the number of people involved with each shot. She recalls the TV producers often announcing “hurry up and wait!”

The couple stayed in their guest room for two weeks while the crew worked long, twelve-hour days on the project. As tempted as they were to peek at the unfinished room, they never did. The door was always shut once the Winters were allowed back upstairs near the makeover room, and the crew kept items covered when they brought them into the house. “I really had no idea what they were doing and I wanted to have a true reaction on the show,” Shannon said.

As expected, both Shannon and Dan were absolutely thrilled with the final result! It was a one-of-a-kind blend of both their styles. For more on West End Salvage, check out <http://www.westendsalvage.com/about/>

*Shannon and Dan Winters live in Urbandale with their son, Cole. Shannon is the finance manager for the Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Dan is the evening news anchor at WHO TV-13 in Des Moines (local NBC affiliate). Shannon is the daughter of Rev. Gary and Jan Marzolf, formerly of Forest City. Jan worked in the Waldorf Library from 1990 -2005.*



**Left:** President Robert Alsop, Dr. Natalie Alsop, and Mark Hedin '93 at the Twin Cities alumni gathering.



**Above:** A Waldorf Warriors football jersey is displayed in The Pub.

Alumni of all ages got together on December 6, 2012 for a “Meet the President” reception held at the prestigious downtown Minneapolis Club. President Alsop gave a brief update on the College and alumni mingled in The Pub area of the club while enjoying complimentary appetizers.

Thanks to Minneapolis Club member, Mark Hedin '93, Waldorf jerseys were framed and mounted on the walls of The Pub for all to see. Waldorf was the only college represented by a couple of different athletic jerseys in this one-of-a-kind college themed room! Pennants from other colleges were hanging from the ceiling. It pays to have alumni in the right places!

## CAREER CENTER SERVES ALUMNI

Career Center services are not only available to current students, but alumni of Waldorf College as well. The knowledgeable, friendly and caring staff members are happy to assist with updates to your resumes and cover letters, job searches and graduate school information.

The Career Center is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-Noon, and 1 p.m.-5 p.m. for appointments or walk-ins. Contact them at [careers@waldorf.edu](mailto:careers@waldorf.edu) or (641) 585-8681.



**Above:** (L to R) Director of Career Planning Mary Reisetter and Administrative Assistant Roberta Kraft-Abrahamson

Please notify the Career Center if you have internships at your place of business that may appeal to a current Waldorf student or if you have a job opportunity to post on their Facebook page. For more on information on Career Center services, visit them on the web: <http://www.waldorf.edu/CareerCenter>

## HGTV FAN? ATTEND WALDORF'S ALUMNI EVENT IN DES MOINES

Alumni from the Des Moines area and beyond are invited to the popular site of HGTV's new show: West End Salvage on April 18 from 5-7 p.m. West End Architectural Salvage is located at 22 SW 9th St. in Des Moines and will be open only to Waldorf alumni and friends for the event. Complimentary appetizers will be served and a cash bar available.



Come join President Bob Alsop, Dr. Natalie Alsop, Nancy Olson and Rita Gilbertson for a fun night at West End Architectural Salvage! Dr. Alsop will bring a brief update on the college at 6 p.m. Please RSVP to the alumni office at [alumni@waldorf.edu](mailto:alumni@waldorf.edu) or (641) 585-8140 by April 15, 2013.

## 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).*

## 1920s

**Verna Knutson Webber '21** celebrated her 110th birthday on February 26, 2013 at Riverside Manor in Ames, Iowa. She is Iowa's oldest resident! Verna grew up on a farm near Radcliffe, Iowa. She married Henry Webber who was a chemical engineering professor at Iowa State University for 40 years. Verna worked as an engineering secretary at ISU. Together they had three children. Henry died in 1965.

## 1950s



**Irving Hall '52**, as you may recall, was featured in an article in the 2008 fall issue of the Waldorf Magazine for his work with Habitat for Humanity. Following his work with Habitat in the

Albuquerque area and on Habitat Global Village trips with Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter, Irving and his wife Lois spearheaded the Guatemala Dream Project with a goal of building numerous Habitat homes in Guatemala. They began in 2005 by building five houses, and from there it mushroomed. In 2012, they dedicated their 500th home! The Halls recruited many other donors to join them in financially contributing to the 500 Habitat House Project that will house more than 2,000 Guatemalans, including many children.

**Arlan '59 and Sharon Keast Stavnheim '59** visited Norway in September 2012 with their two daughters. They saw over 90 relatives in one week and visited Stavanger as well. Earlier Arlan and Sharon had been in Portugal and Spain for two weeks.

## 1960s

**Oscar Lenning '61**, former Waldorf academic dean, has co-authored a 2013 book with four other people, including his daughters, **Denise Lenning Hill '90** and Alisha. *Powerful Learning Communities* was launched in November at the 2012 annual conference of the Association for the Study of Higher Education in Las Vegas, Nev.

**Armon Lansing '68** and wife, Rebecca, have six grown children and three grandsons. He continues to run 5k races along with his wife. Armon welcomes any alumni coming through the Villa Rica, Ga. area to stop by and visit. Email: [armon.lansing@gmail.com](mailto:armon.lansing@gmail.com)

**Kathie Boyd Zipf '68** and husband Dan live in Palmyra, Pa. and have four grown sons and five grandchildren. Kathie retired from teaching K-8 music at St. Joan of Arc School, Hershey, Pa. in 2010. After a rewarding career inspiring young musicians, and one year off, she was called out of retirement to fill the position as a pre-kindergarten aide. This is a joyful reminder that God often opens opportunities to flesh out our faith. In her spare time, she enjoys singing in the sanctuary choir at Hershey Evangelical Free Church, and is the director of God's Project, a children's choir. Email: [kathiezipf@verizon.net](mailto:kathiezipf@verizon.net)

**Grace Holmen '68** retired in May of 2012 after teaching Spanish for 42 years in Texas. She now does consultant work with the school district. Email: [geholmen@gmail.com](mailto:geholmen@gmail.com)

**Kristen Hilleson Rossi '69** and husband, David, live in Broomfield, Colo. Email: [dkrossi@comcast.net](mailto:dkrossi@comcast.net)

## 1970s



**Mary Evanson Bleckwehl '75** has taught elementary school and raised three children with her husband, Bill. Following the success of her award-winning first

children's book, she has released her second book from Beaver's Pond Press. The book continues to follow imaginative young Henry who has a new problem. In her first book, *Henry! you're late AGAIN!* the first grader faces the wrath of the big bad wolf school secretary every morning he's late for school. In the new release, *Henry! you're hungry AGAIN?* Bleckwehl's endearing Henry frequently hears his tummy telling him it's time to eat. Not surprisingly, he prefers to eat junk food. Needless to say, Henry's eating habits rob him of his energy and, what's worse, Henry discovers a shocking truth about the eating habits of some very "needed" people at school. *Henry! you're hungry AGAIN!* is available in bookstores as well as online from Amazon, Beaver's Pond Books and Barnes & Noble.

**Dean Fredrickson '76** retired in November 2011 from the United States Department of Agriculture after 28 ½ years. He lives in Dayton, Ohio.

**Debra Johnson '77** is employed at Soderstrum Funeral Home in Story City, Iowa. She also does pet portraits and landscape paintings.

## 1980s

**Marty Pump '82** is employed at Hoover's Hatchery in Rudd, Iowa, and officiates volleyball, basketball, and softball in the North Iowa area. She had moved back to Rockford in 2007 to help both parents with their health issues. Her mother, Joan Pump, passed away on October 26, 2012.

## 1990s



**Lenore Blackford Theobald '90** worked at the TeamQuest Corporation in Clear Lake, Iowa for nearly 13 years as senior account manager. Her sales territory included the

U.S. Dept. of Defense and state and local government agencies which involved a lot of traveling across the United States. In February of 2013, Lenore began a new job at the American Cancer Society (ACS) of

North Iowa. She works in community relations and now only travels to five counties in Iowa, allowing her to stay much closer to home. She is excited for the opportunity to give back to this worthy cause by helping raise funds for cancer research. Lenore is married to Dan Theobald and they live in Clear Lake, Iowa. Email: lenoretheobald@gmail.com



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: ROSS REYNOLDS

Ross Reynolds '08 is a doctor of chiropractic at SouthWest Chiropractic in Eden Prairie, Minn. (voted the 3rd best place to live in America). Following graduation from Waldorf, Ross attended Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa on the accelerated track program which allowed him to graduate in just over three years. After taking five national board exams he was officially licensed in July of 2012.

Ross is originally from the small town of Ledyard, Iowa, about an hour west of Forest City. He knew the moment he stepped onto Waldorf's campus, that it was the right fit for him. He liked the size of campus, the great student-teacher ratio, the rich history of the college, the opportunity to continue playing football, and so much more.

"Waldorf gave me an amazing education and I will forever be grateful to the college. The quality of educators at Waldorf is world-class; they take the time to get to know each student on a personal level, are there for you if you have a question, and are genuinely interested in the future you are pursuing," Ross said. Ross can be reached at rreynolds@swchealth.com.

**Janna Brinkman '91** is a program supervisor at Cottonwood County Developmental Achievement Center in Windom, Minn. She is engaged and planning a summer 2013 wedding. Email: janna.brinkman@yahoo.com

**Mark Hedin '93** is the facilities operations manager at Thrivent Financial for Lutherans at their corporate center in Minneapolis, Minn. Email: mark@markmsp.com

### 2000s

**Brandon Dyvig '00** is an account manager at Mechdyne Corporation in Marshalltown, Iowa. Email: brandondyvig@gmail.com

**Hilary Deibler Formanek '01** is head of operations at Farmers State Bank in Clear Lake, Iowa. She and husband Mike, who farms, have two children.

**Tony '02** and **Leann Reaman Ede '02** welcomed son Liam Ohden, born April 17, 2012. They reside in Webster City, Iowa where Tony is the teaching pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church and LeAnn teaches high school special education. Liam joins big brother Carver Dean.

**Brandon Zobel '02** married Blair Diers on October 6, 2012. Brandon is employed by NMC as manager of Equipment

Management Solutions, Omaha, Neb., and Blair is employed by HayNeedle.com as an assistant buyer, Omaha, Neb.

**Nicholas Trask '05** married Kathleen Kruckenberg on November 26, 2011. Nicholas and Kathleen are both employed by the Mason City Community School District.

**Rachel Brown '07** married Rex VanDorpe on August 25, 2012. Rachel is employed by Geico in Coralville, Iowa and Rex is employed by HyVee.

**Ben Peake '07** lives in Sheldon, Iowa and teaches high school English.

**Abby Baldus '08** married Kevin Stoa on December 8, 2012. Abby is employed at Erpelding, Voigt & Co., LLP CPAs in Algona, Iowa. They reside in Clear Lake, Iowa.



**Layne Jacobson '08** married Dallas Morrill on September 22, 2012. Email: morrilllayne@gmail.com

**Aaron '08** and **Bridget Skarda Kurowski '08** welcomed daughter, Brooklyn, in October 2012. They reside in Ankeny, Iowa.



### HOMEcomings '12: CLASS OF 1992

**Row 1, L to R:** Katie Nelson Devos, Becky Kopka, Kimberly Serslan Brady, Melissa Josephson.  
**Row 2, L to R:** Amanda Endicott Stiens, Bonnie Rayhons Cataldo, Shonda Casey Tranel.

**Ruth Satterlund '08** married Will Brittain November 5, 2011. They reside in Shakopee, Minn. Email: ruthiebrittain@gmail.com

**Tasha Cummings '09** married Christopher Graham on October 20, 2012. Tasha is a head start home visitor with Child Care Resource and Referral in Rochester, Minn. Christopher is a soccer coach/substitute physical education teacher.



**Samantha Foss '09** married **Patrick Halsey '10** on August 27, 2011. Sam is employed in the payroll/accounting department at The Palmer Group in Des Moines, Iowa.

Patrick is a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps and works for his dad at Halsey Excavating. They reside in Guthrie Center, Iowa.

## 2010s

**Matt Klaus '11** has been named to the Miami Valley Adult Baseball League (MVABL) Hall of Fame Class of 2013. Matt is arguably one of the most dominant pitchers the MVABL has ever seen. In 2011, he returned as the season's strikeout king and followed that up last season with Pitcher of the Year honors and a First Team All-MVABL selection. Matt is a systems engineer with Harris IT Services in Beavercreek, Ohio.

## 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.*

**Theodora Hovey Felkey '31** died December 14, 2012 in Tempe, Ariz. Theo taught speech in Halfa, Iowa, and 6th grade and speech in Swea City, Iowa prior to marrying her husband, Merle, in 1936. When Merle was drafted into the Army in January 1944, she moved to be near family in

Kenosha, Wis. She taught Sunday school and bible school, and served on the church council and social ministry committee. When her children went to college, Theo taught Head Start in the Kenosha School District while taking classes at Carthage College to renew her teaching license. Survivors include her two children.

**Helen Gaard Anders '35** died July 2, 2009 in Kirkland, Wash. Helen taught English for 23 years before retiring in 1980. Survivors include two children.

**Ruth Hall Dacken '35** died November 14, 2012. Ruth received the Alumni Distinguished Service Award from Waldorf College in 1982, and was a TEAM missionary in South Africa from 1944 to 1981. Her work began in Swaziland where she first taught high school and then founded the Women's Division of the Union Bible Institute in Pietermaritzburg, Natal, RSA. Ruth and husband, Lester, worked together ministering in five small Methodist churches in the Ft. Worth area of Texas.



**Martha Anderson Meyer '35** died July 24, 2012 in Iowa Falls, Iowa. Martha was an active member of Women's Club, Ladies Air, LWML, library reading club, and Walther League as a young adult. It was

Martha's husband, Rev. Clarence Meyer, who helped purchase and start Camp Okoboji, a Lutheran church camp where she served as secretary. She also helped with VBS, Sunday school, Christmas programs, the mission work of the LWML, weddings, and bible class. Martha took a special trip to Norway in May of 2004 to visit relatives and saw family landmarks in Bergen, Norway, from where her parents and ancestors came. Survivors include four children.

**Helen Rasmussen Ostermeier '35** died February 10, 2013. During World War II Helen became a United States Public Health Nurse and was assigned to the U.S. Marine Hospital in Chicago, where she met her husband, Dr. E.F. Ostermeier, a Navy dental officer. Helen worked at hospitals in California before moving to Wisconsin where she assisted her husband in his dental office for many years before

his retirement. She was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, a charter member of the Weyauwega Garden Club, and a member of Kensington and other bridge clubs. Survivors include a son and daughter.

**Alvada Fosse Helvick '36** died December 13, 2012 in Mason City, Iowa. Alvada and husband, Garmon, farmed in the Forest City area for many years. They later moved to Bakersfield, Calif. where she worked in a library and, after moving back to Iowa, worked for Winnebago Industries in the mail department. A great enjoyment of Alvada's was her love of music, and she was a very accomplished piano player. Her greatest love and enjoyment was getting together with her family. Survivors include two daughters.



**Charles Knudtson '36** died January 17, 2013 in Forest City, Iowa. Drafted into the Army in 1942, he was part of Battery "B" 47th Armored Field Artillery Battalion and participated in five battles and

campaigns: Normandy Invasion landing on Utah Beach, Northern France, Rhineland, Battle of the Bulge and Central Europe. Medals received included the Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Star, Bronze Service Arrowhead and the French Jubilee of Liberty Medal presented by the French Consulate on June 6, 1997. Charles was honorably discharged in October 1945, achieving the rank of corporal. He then farmed in Mount Valley Township, where he lived for the next 62 years. He served on the Co-op Services Board, as a township trustee and on the Extension Council. He was also active in his church, holding offices and serving on boards. Survivors include sons **Steven Knudtson '68** and **Dennis Knudtson**, and daughter **Carolynn Knudtson Korth '92**.

**Esther Maxine Narland Madson '36** died November 22, 2011. Survivors include four children.

**Waldon Groves '38** died January 26, 2013. After serving in the Army in World War II, Waldon became a salesman for the Cherry River Paper Company out of

North Carolina with his office in Whittier, Calif. The company merged into the Kieckhefer Eddy Container Company and he was made sales manager for the Pacific Northwest with offices in Portland, Ore. In 1957, the company merged into Weyerhaeuser Company from which he retired in 1975. He then went into farming, raising beef cattle, grain and harvesting timber. Waldon was a lifetime member of the Sons of Norway, the Elks Club, and also a member of the American Legion, the Navy League, and the Grange. Survivors include three children.



**Sylvia Coltvet Holmen '39** of Edina, Minn., died January 22, 2013. Survivors include daughter **Grace Holmen '68**, and sons **Philip Holmen '75** and former Waldorf Trustee **Kenneth Holmen**.

Sylvia was married to the late Holger "Hap" Holmen, industrial arts instructor at Waldorf from 1949-1970.

**Catherine Thompson Tjornehoj '39** died February 26, 2011 in Eagle Grove, Iowa. Kate taught in a one room schoolhouse prior to being married. She was active in the Eagle Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church, WELCA, circle, family fellowship and in any way she could use her piano-playing or baking skills. She treasured her membership in Cecelian Music Club, Equality, Garden & Bookworms Clubs and serving as pianist for Sons of Norway. Her love of learning continued throughout her life. Survivors include four children.

**Eldora Christianson Hanna '40** died November 6, 2012 in Decorah, Iowa. Eldora received the Outstanding Elementary Teacher Award in 1975. She had taught in rural schools in Winnebago County, Moorland, and Garner, retiring from Woden-Crystal Lake in 1984 after teaching for a total of 33 years. She co-founded a neighborhood group called KYN (Know Your Neighbor), and was an active member of Grant Lutheran Church in Woden, serving as church council treasurer, WELCA president, deacon, secretary/treasurer of her circle, and Sunday school teacher. In addition, she was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Woden and a member

of the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association. She and husband Donald were active in Nordic 502 Sons of Norway, The Kum Along Club and Forest City Senior Citizens. They also loved to travel in their motorhome and spent several winters in Arizona. Survivors include two daughters.

**Alice Solomonson Larsen '40** died December 10, 2012 in Lake Mills, Iowa. Alice and husband, Carl, founded Larsen Plumbing and Heating in Fertile, Iowa. She worked for the business until her retirement in 1985. Survivors include a daughter.

**Harriet Brunsvold Petcoff '40** died January 2, 2013 in Mason City, Iowa. Harriet worked at Rath Packing Company in Waterloo, Iowa, then returned to Mason City to work for International Harvester until it closed. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church where she was involved in church circle and other church activities. Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

**Ruth Hanson Adrian '41** died January 15, 2013 in Johnston, Iowa. Over the years, Ruth held many executive secretarial positions and met many wonderful friends and neighbors along the way. She was a member of several Lutheran church choirs and enjoyed playing the piano and bridge. Survivors include two daughters.

**Cecil Slattum '43** died November 6, 2012 in Texas. Cecil was a proud veteran of the US Army, serving his country during World War II. He went on to become an engineer and retired from Texas Instruments with over 30 years of service. Survivors include wife, Barbara, three daughters, two step-sons, and sister, **Shirley Slattum Chorder '52**.



**Sylvia Roisen Johnson '45** died October 8, 2012 in Homer, Alaska. Sylvia was a homemaker but also worked in the family businesses and commercially fished. She held a Class "A" assistant guide

license #19. Active in the Star of the North Lutheran Church, the Pioneers of Alaska Women's Igloo #4, and the Chugach Gem and Mineral Society, Sylvia also served on many community committees. She loved to travel, making at least two trips around

the world, going on two African safaris and numerous rock hound tours, and traveling to six of the seven continents. Survivors include three children, a brother, and a sister.

**Gertrude Goehring Boyum '46** died October 29, 2012.

**Lorraine Dobbe Richardson '46** died November 19, 2012 in Northridge, Calif. Lorraine was a music teacher in Story City, Iowa for five years and upon moving to California in 1957, taught in the Los Angeles City Schools for 25 years. She sang beautifully, but her main passion was choir directing, which she did for about 40 years. She was also an artist and was often commissioned to do paintings. There are more than 400 of her paintings displayed around the world. She was a member of West Valley Artist's Association, Scandinavian-American Art Society, the Beverly Hills Art League, and the San Fernando Valley Art Club. Lorraine also authored a book titled "To Climb the Barn." She is survived by her husband, LaVerne.

**Sylvia Hammersland Belschner '48** died October 10, 2012. She taught elementary school for a number of years before farming with her husband, Delbert. Sylvia was passionate about music and harmony, singing with the Hawkettes ladies barbershop quartet as well as in a trio with her sisters, Clarice and Alice. Survivors include daughter, **Carla Belschner Burkhardt '84**; and siblings, **Ada Hammersland Boyce '41**, **Clarice Hammersland Larson '45**, and **Norma Hammersland Springer '51**.



**Dorothy Hesvick Faber '48** died December 2, 2012 in Mason City, Iowa. Dorothy taught elementary school for over 30 years in area schools until retiring in 1989. Dorothy was an active member of

the United Methodist Church in Forest City, the local PEO, and many local and community organizations. Survivors include daughter, **Kathryn Faber Van Driel '72** and sons, **Dennis Faber '73** and **David Faber '85**.

**Arvid Holtan '48** died December 1, 2012 in Mason City, Iowa. Arvid and wife, Maryon, farmed together near Joice, Iowa until their retirement in 1990. They enjoyed wintering in Florida and participating in many community activities. Arvid's hobbies included camping, wood carving, model engine building, exhibiting at engine shows, and serving as 4-H leader. He was very proud to have had the opportunity to go on the World War II Veteran's Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. during the summer of 2010. Survivors include his wife, a son, and sisters **Norma Holtan Wakeley '48** and **Betty Holtan Heyerdahl '50**.

**ChiuLing "Sunny" Chai '49** died January 26, 2013 in Philadelphia, Pa. Sunny graduated from medical school in 1957 and joined the family medical practice of Dr. Fred Phillips and Dr. David Shoemaker. He was deeply committed to his profession and his patients, serving the community for 38 years before retiring in 1997. An avid fisherman, he spent many summer vacations fishing on Trout Lake in the Poconos. In 1982, Sunny was honored by the Four Chaplains for his humanitarian efforts. He was a past president of Bucks County Medical Society, a member of F.F. (a Chinese Fraternity), and a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. Survivors include his wife, Marty; four children; and sister **Martha May Chai Kim '50**.

**Carlos Dokken '49** died March 6, 2012 in Aurora, Ill. Carl loved antique cars, camping, fishing and being with his loving family. Survivors include his wife Gladys, six children, and sister **Murial Dokken Eliason '75**.

**Loren Lease '49** died January 6, 2013. Loren served in the U.S. Navy in the Korean conflict on the USS Juneau. He later worked for Winnebago Industries for 21 years, retiring in 1989. He loved having coffee with his buddies at the Corner Drug and Backyard Deli, woodworking, fishing and hunting, and spending time with his grandchildren. He was often seen riding his motor scooter and he played Santa for many years in Clear Lake. Loren was a charter member of the Clear Lake Evening Lions, a member of the American Legion in Wesley and the Clear Lake VFW. Survivors include his wife Ruth and four daughters.

**Donna Classon Miller '49** died December 3, 2012 in Forest City, Iowa. Donna met her first husband, **Erwin Nerem '46** at Waldorf College. Erwin died in 2001 and, two years later, Donna met and married David Miller. She taught Sunday school and Bible school at Immanuel Lutheran Church while her children were growing up, and was a staunch advocate of citizens with mental disabilities, serving on committees at regional, state and national levels. Donna enjoyed being with people and worked many years as a home health aide. She was an avid bowler, earning her first trophy in 1962 and continued bowling into her 80s. Survivors include two children.

**LaMae Ingebritson Mehl '50** died December 16, 2012 in Surprise, Ariz. LaMae taught for thirteen years in Iowa and Minnesota. She served in many volunteer ministries as a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, S.D. She was a co-trainer for Stephen's Ministry and served on the Immigrant Resettlement Committee sponsored by Lutheran Social Services. She also taught English as a Second Language to immigrant populations in Sioux Falls. LaMae was an active member of numerous church circles and altar guilds. She served on the Luther Seminary Friends Board and as president of the Eastern South Dakota Chapter for the Alzheimer's Association. Survivors include husband of 33 years, **Raymond Mehl '51**, two daughters, and four stepchildren, **Kevin Mehl '77**, **David Mehl '79**, **Kristin Mehl '81**, and Jeffrey Mehl.

**Roy Myhr '51** died January 11, 2013 in Dothan, Ala. Roy served in the U.S. Marine Corp during the Korean War. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed life to its fullest in every endeavor. Survivors include his wife **Marjorie Groe Myhr '50** and two children.



**Thomas Holm '52** of Ankeny, Iowa, died February 10, 2013. Tom was a territory sales representative out of Des Moines for a building materials manufacturer. Music was a big part of Tom's life. He played the trombone in high school and sang in the choir at Waldorf and church choirs most of his life. Survivors include his wife Bonnie, two sons, and brothers **Richard Holm '53** and **Gerald Holm '55**.

**Janice Olson Kluver '52** died October 28, 2012 in Britt, Iowa. Janice helped on the farm and worked at Winnebago Industries on the sew line from 1975 until her retirement on September, 11, 1998. She was an active 4-H member and served as a county 4-H officer, a member of the UMW and the Crystal Lake United Methodist Church, and a member of the HW Club, a local ladies social group. She enjoyed eating out, playing cards, having coffee at Hardees, attending the grandchildren's events and spending time with family. Survivors include husband, **Morris Kluver '48**, three sons, and two sisters, **Yvonne Olson Rippentrop '56** and Marcia Milbrandt.

**Wayne Richardson '54** died January 14, 2013 in Woodland Hills, Calif. Survivors include sister, **Rowena Richardson Rustvold-Ihle '49**.



**Iola Berkeland Kalvig '55** died November 11, 2012 in Des Moines, Iowa. Iola worked at Central National Bank and also for Fiserv in West Des Moines. She was a retiree of Bank of America. She

loved spending time with her family and friends, and enjoyed traveling, reading, music and sports. Survivors include five children, **Dennis Kalvig '78**, **Larry Kalvig '80**, **Debbie Kalvig Ellsworth '86**, Tim, and Carol.

**Milo Pitkin '55** died July 18, 2012 in Poplar Grove, Ill. Milo excelled as an entrepreneur, founding the Fabricators and Manufacturers Association, Int'l (FMA). He published the trade journal "The Fabricator," was a founder of FABTECH, North America's largest metal fabricating event and pioneered new technologies in ergonomic office equipment, welding automation and meat processing equipment. One of the accomplishments of which he was most proud was his groundwork in prisoner rehabilitation. He conducted the first jobs training seminar at Attica state prison following the historic prison riot in 1971. Having studied vocal music, and sung tenor in the Waldorf College Choir, he continued to sing in church choirs. He also served his church and community as a Stephen Minister, member of the task force to develop the Immanuel Lutheran North congregation, past member of

Cherry Valley Rotary, president of Knolls of Boone Home Association, and held various leadership roles in the Poplar Grove community. Survivors include wife Deloris, four children, and sister **Sheryl Pitkin Johnson '52**.

**Kay Ingebritson Ganzel '56** died October 18, 2012 in Sun City, Ariz. Kay retired as an executive secretary in the aerospace industry in 1997. Survivors include husband Wayne and a daughter.



**Allan Gilbertson '57** of Forest City, Iowa died January 29, 2013. Al had an extraordinary career teaching high school advanced math, and coaching almost every girls' and boys' sport at one time or another. He

taught in Wellsburg and Rolfe, Iowa before returning home to Forest City in 1972. His greatest passion was girls' track and field. In Rolfe he coached two state championship teams in 1967 and 1968, when all schools were in one class. At Forest City he coached several state champion events, and his teams won many conference championships. He was inducted into the Rolfe Athletic Hall of Fame and the Forest City Education Hall of Fame. He recently received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Forest City High School. Al was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and a former member of the Forest City Lions Club. He spent many summers doing exterior painting in the area, and enjoyed treasure hunting with his metal detector, but nothing was more important to him than his family. Al was a devoted husband, a loving and caring father, and a proud and generous grandfather. He and wife, Donna, loved supporting their grandkids at their athletic and fine arts events. Survivors include wife **Donna Heitland Gilbertson '56**, sons **Mark Gilbertson '79** and **Denny Gilbertson '81**, daughter **Mary Gilbertson Meyer '84**, and brother **James Gilbertson '67**.

**Josine Benson Korska '57** died November 21, 2012 in Crystal Lake, Iowa. Josine taught in the Forest City, Woden-Crystal Lake and Titonka school districts. After retiring from full-time teaching, she worked as a teacher's aide for the Woden-Crystal Lake school. Later she served as the as-

sistant postmaster in Crystal Lake and worked at the Crystal Lake Public Library. She and husband Joe loved to travel, taking their kids on many summer vacations. Survivors include two sons.

**Fred McAdams '61** died January 5, 2013 in Linn Creek, Mo. Fred owned and operated Fred McAdams Builder and McAdams Supply in Missouri. He was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church where he served as president of the church council. He had a special gift when it came to gardening and was a member of the Master Gardeners Club. He enjoyed drinking coffee with his friends in the Coffee Club at Tonka Hills Restaurant and in his spare time going to the races, listening to the Gaithers, boating and traveling. Survivors include wife, Vivian, and two daughters.

**Richard Gustafson '63** died September 27, 2012 in Hudson, Wis. Gus taught at Hudson High School from 1965 to 2001. He also was the "interim choir director" at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Hudson – a title he held for 13 years. As the adviser of the student newspaper for his entire career, he was also very involved with the Wisconsin Chippewa Valley School Press Association, twice serving as president of the association and teaching at its annual summer workshops for many years. Gus was enthusiastic about reading, volunteering, music, and most of all, gardening. Survivors include wife, Carol, and two sons.

**Richard Stratton '68** died December 2, 2009. Rick was a kind and gentle person whose primary enjoyment was his family and his loyal canine companions. Survivors include wife, Kathi, and two sons.

**Arvid Nybroten '73** died November 2, 2012. Arvid worked at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis, Minn. and also at the Social Security Office. He attended Graduate Theological Union, University of California, Berkeley where he earned his masters of theology. He then attended the Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis., where he was working on his doctorate degree. Arvid continued to work on his Ph.D. when he moved back home to Iowa, and he was working on his dissertation prior to his death. Survivors include his mother and a brother.



**Calvin Johnson '78** died May 21, 2012. Cal was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Storm Lake, Iowa. He was active in the Storm Lake community and worked as the driver's license

examiner for Buena Vista County. He enjoyed going to the beach, riding his motorcycle, and an occasional round of golf. Cal loved helping people and was known as Cal-Fix-It for his ability as a handyman. There was nothing he enjoyed more than the time he spent with his family and friends. Survivors include his wife, Joy, a daughter and two stepsons.

**Curtis Lau '89** died October 25, 2012 in West Burlington, Iowa. Curt was the assistant men's basketball coach at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa from 1997 to 2004. He was a teacher and coach at Postville Community School, Community Lutheran in Readlyn and retired in 2010 from West Burlington Elementary. He enjoyed coaching basketball and playing any type of sport, going to professional sporting events, movies and dining out, but especially enjoyed being entertained by his son, Parker. Survivors include wife Christy, his son, a sister, and brother **David Lau '84**.

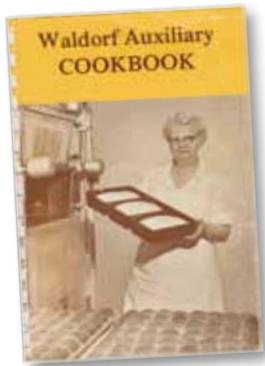


**Clancey Freese '95** died February 16, 2013 in Iowa City, Iowa. Clancey worked as a jailer in Hennepin County in Minnesota, then returned to Wells-

burg, Iowa and worked as a jailer in Hardin County. She was most recently employed by the Town House in Wellsburg. She was an avid sports fan and loved the Minnesota Vikings. She also loved animals, especially her dog, Tana, but most of all, Clancey loved being around people. Survivors include her mother and father, two sisters and two brothers.

**Tad Venzke '12** died August 12, 2012 in Manly, Iowa. Survivors include his parents and a brother.

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# I AM A WARRIOR

As an alumnus/alumna, you are forever a Waldorf Warrior! In our last magazine we wanted to know how you also see yourself as a warrior in everyday life. Here are some of the submissions we received!



**Above:** Karen Miller Lillesve '72 and Carter Blaine '72 **WE ARE WARRIORS:** As Waldorf classmates they are now both battling the real estate market together at Edina Realty in Edina, Minn. Carter builds buildings and Karen sells them.



**Above:** Amanda Weiss '09 **I AM A WARRIOR:** I am dedicated to changing the face of Alzheimer's disease by engaging my peers and raising awareness across generations. My grandpa passed away at 68 years old from the disease. I am committed to eliminating the stigma around Alzheimer's and related dementias.



**Left: Alumni Board**

**Front, L to R:** Mark Campbell '80, Karilyn Naeve Claude '72, Heather Ihle Lilienthal '94, Rachel Anderson '08, Jeff Pierce '85. **2nd Row:** Judy Brown '84, Jan Hetland Hernes '61, Amanda Weiss '09. **Back:** Vivien Aasland Hansen '59, Jay Smith '04, Keith Holtan '69, Mallory Lovik '10, Susan Fitzgerald Watson '89, Annie Furland Olson '90, Andy Buffington '90, Amy Bahr '03. **Board members not pictured:** Kent Stock '82, Jodi Evans '82, Duey Jolivette '81, Ben Klipfel '00, Dan Eisch '61, Jane Ellwood Askeland '72.

**WE ARE WARRIORS:** We are fighting for a stronger, more active alumni association and new ways to help serve current students.

**Right: Waldorf alumni working at Lichtsinn Motors proudly show their warrior pride! L to R:** Debbie Bartleson '08, Hannah Thompson Lunning '08, Jason Bruckhoff '00, Nicole Lunning Follman '08, Reed Burkholder '02, Anastasia Miller, Josh Damm '06. Seated, Rachel Hannam '10.

**WE ARE WARRIORS:** At Lichtsinn Motors in Forest City, we have eight Waldorf alumni working to provide the area with quality, reliable vehicles – whether it's a Chevrolet truck or a Winnebago motorhome!



**Right: L to R:** Karen Miller Lillesve '72, Jean Kloster Miller '71, Columbia Southern University President Robert Mayes, Miriam Linder Morrison '71, and Cathy Wensinger '71.

**WE ARE WARRIORS:** We are working to preserve and strengthen our long-standing friendship that began at Waldorf College by getting together whenever we can. This year we stopped in to meet the folks at Columbia Southern University while on a trip to Gulf Shores.





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