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# GREETINGS

From the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation Office

The words “it’s a new dawn, it’s a new day, it’s a new life” from Michael Bubl ’s rendition of “Feeling Good” come to mind as we hear about the many exciting things planned for Waldorf College and the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation in 2012. Yet, it is the chorus to “Great is thy Faithfulness” that reminds us to give thanks for all that has transpired and to honor our heritage.

We invite you to read the article by Dr. Bob Alsop, Vice President for Academic Affairs and new President elect, entitled “A Christian College in the Lutheran Tradition” to learn how the educational experience at Waldorf continues to be rooted in the Lutheran context. You may also want to note the articles on campus ministry, the new association of congregations that is partnering with the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation, and the update on the spring mission trip to assure you that there remains a strong Christian presence on campus.

We’ve heard from some of you that you are concerned about Waldorf’s new “for-profit” status. President Manjone’s article talks about the ongoing investments the Mayes family has committed in order to make Waldorf even better and just how that translates into “making a profit.” His article may surprise you. We wish you could meet Robert Mayes, Mimi Mayes, and Chantell (Mayes) Cooley in person so you could see for yourself what genuine, Christian people they truly are. We hope they eventually do make a profit, just as we hope all our upstanding businesses in our hometowns across the country make a profit. This would also mean, of course, that Waldorf would be flourishing.

Waldorf is offering some new and compelling online programs and reviving the 3-year BA program in Communications and Business. Read on to learn more.

In a time of economic hardship, Waldorf has been blessed to hire more than 80 new faculty and staff since plans of the acquisition became known. Catch a brief glimpse of the newest members of the Waldorf family on page 25.

Homecoming 2011 is scheduled for September 23-25. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend! You will find personal homecoming invitations scattered throughout the pages of this magazine from alumni who will be celebrating their class reunion this fall. All alumni are welcome!

Waldorf continues to produce high caliber alumni. Catch up on our 2010 Alumni Distinguished Service Award recipients and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees and read features of two additional alumni who are making a difference in their community and the world. Dick Strassburg ’79 was the Executive Project Manager for the Twins Stadium at Target Field. The project came in on time and under budget. Both are very rare accomplishments. According to ESPN The Magazine, the stadium is the most fan-friendly stadium in the country. On a different note, Erica Hanna ’02 raised enough money as a volunteer to provide water to over 500 people in a third world country for 20 years. Read more about what this passionate young alumna is accomplishing on page 12.

These are just a few of the features included in this issue of the Waldorf Magazine. Yes, there are some changes happening at the college. Change is necessary and good, as is tradition. Finding the right blend of each is key. Waldorf College and the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation are working to do just that, and we invite you to be part of our exciting journey.

Sincerely,

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Amber Robinson ’12 celebrates winning a motor scooter at the 2010 Homecoming Candidate Review.



## DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,

As the new Waldorf begins its second year of existence, there are still those who believe that a for-profit Christian College is an oxymoron, and that since Waldorf's goal is making a profit, it is not fostering the Christian faith. I have been asked to respond to this belief, which I feel is unfounded. Here is why.

First of all, although Waldorf is a for-profit school, it will be at least three years before revenue comes close to equaling the expenses, and that will only occur if online enrollment meets projections. At this time, that does not look probable as current online enrollment is much lower than expected. In 2010, expenses at Waldorf exceeded profit by more than three million dollars.

However, whether there is a profit or loss, the Mayes family does expect the core value concerning Waldorf as a Christian College to be emphasized. This core value is:

AS A COMMUNITY THAT VALUES RELIGIOUS FAITH *Waldorf seeks to explore the meaning and depth that religion and spirituality can add to life. The questions religion poses for the living of life and the unique perspective Christianity can give to the living of life are explored with academic rigor. Students are encouraged to develop a deep respect for the role religious devotion can play in giving direction, purpose and a moral foundation to life.*

There are a number of ways that Waldorf continues to meet this core value and remain a community that values religious faith that include:

- The core curriculum that all Waldorf students must complete continues to include three religion courses.
- Religious services continue to be a big part of campus life. Included are chapel services sponsored by campus ministry, evening services hosted by a student group called Exit to Hope, Holden Evening Prayer and a Catholic Mass held on campus one evening each week.
- Local pastors have been given an open invitation to come to the campus cafeteria at lunchtime and interact with students. Pastors, of course, are not charged for lunch.

- The Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation has provided a part-time coordinator of campus ministry, Kelly Youngblood. Mrs. Youngblood took the place of the pastor intern that left Waldorf in the fall due to health problems.
- The Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation has formed a new association of congregations and held their second meeting March 1.
- Waldorf students, faculty and staff continue to be involved in a number of service projects such as the annual Rake-a-thon and the Kids Against Hunger packaging event.

The Waldorf Strategic four-year plan has a goal of expanding student participation in religious and service activities by:

- 2011-12:** Providing online live broadcasts of religious services to online students, and forming a Waldorf clergy association to better serve the religious needs of Waldorf students.
- 2012:** Establishing a student/faculty/staff missionary club that will complete domestic and international service.
- 2013:** Converting a campus area to a permanent chapel.
- 2014:** Adding a full-time director of campus ministry position.

Waldorf is and will continue to be a community that values and emphasizes Christian faith. Hopefully, the above will also bring you to that understanding. If you have any questions or would like to make any comments on the above, please email me at [Joe.manjone@Waldorf.edu](mailto:Joe.manjone@Waldorf.edu). I would enjoy hearing from you.

Best wishes,

JOSEPH MANJONE, ED.D.  
PRESIDENT

### DO YOU RECEIVE OUR MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER?

To receive our monthly email newsletters that include a message from the president and updates on the college and foundation, please contact the alumni office at [alumni@waldorf.edu](mailto:alumni@waldorf.edu).



RAY BEEBE, CHAIR

*Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation*

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## DEAR FRIENDS,

With the help and support of alumni and friends, the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation has moved mountains in their first full year since the Waldorf acquisition. Here is a recap of some of the Foundation's accomplishments this past year:

- Twelve new scholarships (combination of annual and endowed) have been established, affording more students the opportunity to experience Waldorf.
- A new association of congregations has been formed to maintain the tradition of Waldorf and their ties to congregations. Support from the churches will benefit students involved in the campus ministry program at Waldorf. Interested pastors and delegates from congregations have met twice on campus since the acquisition.
- A part-time campus ministry coordinator has been hired to assist with chapel, oversee ongoing campus ministry activities and plan the mission trip. There is currently a campus ministry opportunity offered for students, faculty and staff every day, Monday through Friday.
- The Waldorf Magazine has been revived to keep alumni informed of campus, alumni and college news. The Magazine is now a collaborative effort between the Foundation and the College.
- The Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation website has gone live, allowing you to learn more about the Foundation and to offer you a convenient way to give a donation online. The Foundation's website is [www.waldorffoundation.org](http://www.waldorffoundation.org).
- Alumni class news has been added to class blogs found on the Foundation website to keep you and your classmates informed. Please continue to send your news to [alumni@waldorf.edu](mailto:alumni@waldorf.edu).
- Three additional Foundation Board members were added to offer even more expertise and guidance regarding decisions that affect the future of the Foundation.
- Application has been made with the ELCA national office to form a new independent partnership with the Foundation. We are awaiting their response.
- Foundation staff met with members of the LCMC National Board of Directors to update them on the status of Waldorf, the Foundation, and the Association of Congregations.
- The Waldorf Society Dinner has continued in an effort to recognize and thank our donors.
- Homecoming and area alumni gatherings have continued with events held in Minneapolis, Seattle, Clear Lake and Des Moines.

As you can see, it's been a very busy year. Thank you for your help in making our work possible. We look forward to this next year with great hope and expectation.

Sincerely,

RAYMOND BEEBE



**PHONATHON CALLERS ENJOY VISITING WITH ALUMNI**

The phone center buzzed with activity from late September through early March during our annual phonathon campaign. Callers have enjoyed visiting with alumni and friends of Waldorf, and Sarah Berhow (above), one of the phonathon managers, expressed how much fun she had during the phonathon program. She stated, "I really enjoy conversing with alumni. Hearing stories about the 'old Waldorf' was fascinating."

Over 1900 contacts were made in 61 nights of calling, resulting in pledges totaling over \$43,000. This surpassed our goal of \$40,000.

Nancy Olson '75, Director of Institutional Relations, thanks all alumni, friends, and parents who have taken time to visit with the student callers and share a memory or two of their Waldorf days. Special thanks to those who have responded with a gift to the phonathon. She is especially pleased with a new matching incentive. She stated, "The Hanson Foundation matching gifts challenge for all new and increased gifts (matched up to \$50,000) provided a wonderful opportunity for our donors to maximize the size of their gift. Because of this program, increased alumni phonathon pledges are up nearly 58%. We are very grateful to the Hanson Foundation's generosity and willingness to implement this program."

This year's phonathon program was managed by Autumn McMahan Reisetter, Logan Story, and Sarah Berhow. Other student callers include: Antoine Cummins, Nadav Elimelich, Gustavos Godoi, Nicole Grisham, Robert Hopkins, Marissa Hopper, Lee Hughes, Crystal Langford, Caitlin Leitzen, Bryan Lilavois, Savlo Litterio, Dean Lowden, Bronte Manier, Delroy Nichols, Levi O'Dea, Cody Pierce, Jake Plant, Tyler Ripley, Amber Robinson, Steven Simmons, Timothy Smith, Baylee Stammeyer, Jordan Story, Kinzie Towry, Chris Trejo, Matt Ward and Giana White. ■

**ANNUAL WALDORF SOCIETY/HERITAGE CLUB RECOGNITION EVENT**

On November 6, Waldorf's annual recognition event took place in the newly-remodeled Ballroom in Salvesson Hall. Guests enjoyed special music by the Waldorf Chamber Winds and heard updates about the college and foundation from President Joe Manjone and Foundation Chair, Ray Beebe. Donors with annual gifts to both Waldorf College and the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation were recognized as well as those who had reached milestone levels of lifetime giving. In addition, Owen Solomonson '59, was recognized as a new member of the Waldorf Endowment Society. A complete list of members of the Founders Circle, Cumulative Giving, Heritage Club, and Endowment Society is listed in the Honor Roll and can be found online at [www.waldorffoundation.org](http://www.waldorffoundation.org) under the Waldorf Society tab.

The 2010/2011 Waldorf Society recognition will be held during homecoming, September 24.



**BETTY GOLLNIK '49** is recognized for reaching the \$10,000 level in cumulative giving



**BOB AND KATHY OLSON** received recognition for reaching the \$10,000 level in cumulative giving



**OWEN SOLOMONSON '59** is recognized as a new member of the Waldorf Endowment Society



Donors enjoy an evening of celebration and recognition at the Waldorf Society/Heritage Club recognition event.

**ABOUT THE WALDORF LUTHERAN COLLEGE FOUNDATION PRIORITIES**

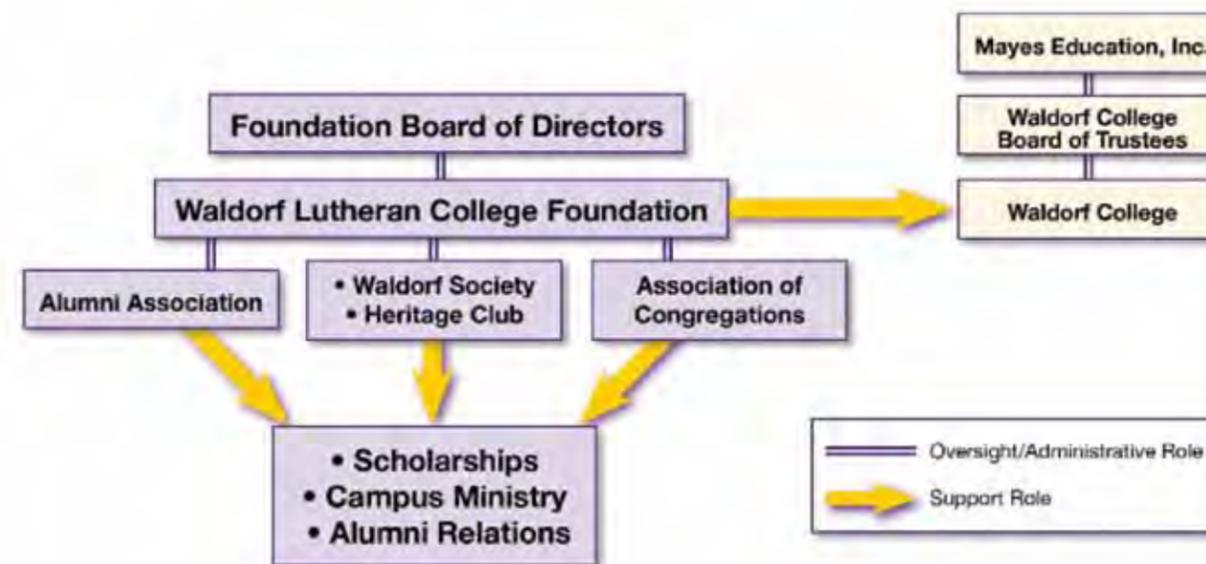
The Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation affirms the mission of Waldorf College to be an engaging community of learning and faith where relationships are formed and opportunities for learning and service abound. The Foundation is a non-profit, 501 (c) (3) organization that provides financial resources 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 to allow them to have their own "Waldorf experience."
- Campus Ministry – to help fund the salary for our campus ministry coordinator, the cost of mission trips, Bible Study curriculum, and more.
- Alumni Relations – to help fund publications such as the Waldorf Magazine, area events, and more.

The Foundation Board is responsible for dispersing all Foundation funds.

Each priority is linked to one or more groups formed under the umbrella of the Foundation as illustrated by the following diagram.



**CURRENT GIFTS**

Cash Gifts, made by check or credit card, allow donations to immediately begin working for the Foundation. To make a gift by mail, please send a check to: Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation 106 South 6th Street Forest City, IA 50436. To make a gift by credit card, please call 641-585-8148, or give online at [www.waldorffoundation.org](http://www.waldorffoundation.org).

Other Gifts of Appreciated Property often help the donor avoid capital gains tax by transferring the appreciated asset to the Foundation instead of selling it and donating the proceeds. Common examples

include stocks, mutual funds, and property such as farm land, grain, farm equipment, and personal residence.

**PLANNED GIFTS**

Many opportunities are available for donors to make a more significant contribution to the Foundation through a planned gift such as a will bequest, life insurance policy, or retirement plan. It is recommended that all existing planned gifts that currently list Waldorf College as the beneficiary be changed to name the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation as the beneficiary. Please contact your attorney or financial advisor for assistance.

For more information on any of the giving vehicles mentioned above, or additional planned giving options, please contact Nancy Olson at 641.585.8147 or Rita Gilbertson at 641.585.8140.

## WALDORF FOUNDATION NEEDS YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has replaced its GivingPlus program. The new program entitled “Thrivent Choice” was launched last spring. Thrivent will no longer match gifts, but it will allow Thrivent members to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to Lutheran nonprofit organizations, such as the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation.

Members can participate in one or two ways:

- **Voting:** All benefit and associate members will be eligible to vote to distribute a portion of Thrivent Financial’s charitable funds among a short list of national charities, (Lutheran and non-Lutheran) one to two times a year.
- **Choice Dollars:** Approximately 30% of benefit members will be able to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to thousands of Lutheran nonprofit organizations, including Lutheran congregations. Eligibility for Choice Dollars is based on benefit member’s insurance premiums, account values and volunteer leadership. Most eligible benefit members will be able to direct between \$25 and \$100, and some may be able to direct as much as \$500.

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

We also encourage Thrivent members who never took part in the GivingPlus program to take advantage of this new opportunity. You can direct dollars to the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation at no cost to you. This is a wonderful way to help the Foundation grow more financially secure.

Gifts can be directed either by calling 1-800-847-4836 or going online at [www.Thrivent.com](http://www.Thrivent.com). Click on the Thrivent Choice option under the “Thrivent Community” heading. Log on and follow the step by step directions. Be sure to direct your gift to the “Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation” not “Waldorf College.”

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT NANCY OLSON AT 641-585-8147 or email at [olsonn@waldorf.edu](mailto:olsonn@waldorf.edu).**



Presenting the endowed Pastor Palmer and Ruth Wold Scholarship were donors (L to R) Dr. Philip Wold, Ruth Wold, and Miriam Wold Pedersen '68 to student recipient, Riley Mooney '14



Presenting the new annual Pastor Mark Ronning Memorial Scholarship was donor Ted Strand '64 to student recipient, Mike Polsdofer '13.



Presenting the annual Outstanding Future Educator Fund were donors (L to R) Prof. Becky Steffensen Hill '73, Prof. Sheila Willms, Prof. Marcia Trygstad and Ms. Vickie Zobel to student recipient Keith Reuter '11 (Dec.)

## HONORS DAY 2011

Nearly 200 scholarships were awarded this year for Honors Day on April 6, where students received recognition in areas of scholastic and special achievement.

Watch for more information and a listing of scholarships in the next issue of the Waldorf Magazine this fall.



## WALDORF LUTHERAN COLLEGE FOUNDATION INITIATES NEW ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONS

More than 70 Lutheran bishops, pastors, and church delegates assembled at Waldorf College on September 21, 2010 to receive an update on exciting things happening at Waldorf and to discuss the possible formation of a new association of congregations. Historically, the college had been owned by an Association of Congregations until Mayes Education, Inc. purchased Waldorf in January of 2010. For more than 100 years, the congregations played a vital role in the prayer and financial support of the college. Association churches also encouraged their young members to consider attending Waldorf.

The new Association of Congregations will fall under the umbrella of the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation – the link between the college’s past and its future. The Foundation is a separate entity from the college and is the nonprofit vehicle for all tax-deductible donations. The Foundation funds scholarships, campus ministry programs, and alumni relations events/publications that directly benefit Waldorf students and alumni.

“Forming a new Association of Congregations not only brings us back to our roots, but also allows an exciting opportunity for the Foundation and the churches to build on their existing relationship while mutually benefitting each other at the same time,” said Ray Beebe, Chair of the Foundation. A roundtable brainstorming session was held at the September meeting to help determine what role the new association would serve. It was suggested that those interested in joining a new association complete and sign a covenant agreement form that would benefit both the congregation and the Foundation. The terms of the covenant agreement are as follows:

### *The Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation’s Commitment to Association Congregations*

1. To share its Learning Partner Status with Waldorf College and Columbia Southern University (CSU) with their congregation at no charge. This includes:
  - Providing all church members, their spouses and children with a 10% discount for all distance education/hybrid courses taken at Waldorf College; waiving the application fee; and not charging a fee for textbooks.
  - Providing a one- time \$500 scholarship toward the first year tuition cost for all church members, their spouses and

children who enroll in Waldorf’s regular on-campus program and waiving the application fee.

- Providing all church members, their spouses and children who choose to take online courses at Columbia Southern University a 10% discount on tuition rates; waiving the application fee; and not charging a fee for textbooks.
2. To offer all Association Churches ten free tickets to Waldorf College athletic events and ten free tickets to Waldorf College fine arts events. All members of Association Congregations and their immediate families will also receive a 10% discount on clothing and imprinted items at the Waldorf Bookstore.
  3. To offer joining congregations access to College and Foundation news immediately through an insider email blast which can then be shared with the entire congregation via their weekly church bulletin.

### *Association Congregation’s Commitment to the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation*

1. To pray for Waldorf College, its leadership, faculty, staff, and students.
2. To support the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation with an annual monetary gift.
3. To encourage students to consider attending Waldorf College whenever possible.
4. To speak well of the College and the Foundation and promote them whenever possible.

The Covenant is then signed and dated by a congregational representative and the Foundation Chair.

A second meeting of congregational representatives interested in the new Association of Congregations was held on March 1, 2011. More than 50 people attended, representing 25 congregations. Some of the churches represented had signed their covenant agreements and some had not. As of the date of the meeting, 16 covenant agreements had been signed – some from ELCA congregations, and some from LCMC congregations.

Some lively discussion and good suggestions came about as a result of the meeting. A volunteer committee of six was formed to draft a constitution for the Association, propose a formal name for the Association, and address suggestions regarding membership eligibility. The committee will present their suggestions at the next meeting scheduled for August 25, 2011. Officers will be elected at that meeting and other issues may also be voted on, but only by congregational representatives who have signed their covenants by the meeting date. ■



**CAMPUS MINISTRY CONTINUES**

*By Kelly Youngblood, Campus Ministry Coordinator*

**HISTORY**

Since its inception in 1903, Waldorf College has been affiliated with some form of the Lutheran church and had its first campus pastor in 1927. Many of Waldorf's former presidents were pastors. Throughout its history, as noted in "Waldorf College: Continuity and Change: 100 Years—Waldorf College (1903-2003)" by James S. Hamre, not only educating students in academics but training them in becoming Christian citizens who go out into the world was of great importance. After the acquisition of Waldorf by Mayes Education, a campus ministry committee was formed. Student, faculty, staff, and community members discussed short-term and long-term ideas for keeping campus ministry alive and well at Waldorf.

**2009-2010**

Chapel services were planned by Steve Smith, Professor of Religion, Alicia Danielson, student sacristan, Nancy Farndale, organist, and me. Area pastors agreed to be available for pastoral care as needed.

**2010-2011**

An ELCA intern, Trudy Pommerening, was hired by the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation and Immanuel Lutheran Church for the 2010-2011 academic year. Due to medical circumstances, she left the college, and I was asked to resume the campus ministry position on a part-time basis. I was familiar with Waldorf and campus ministry as I had volunteered to help with chapel services in the previous school year and worked for RSVP at Waldorf 2006-2007.

In the fall semester, Trudy had begun establishing relationships with some students and planning chapel services. When I began there was a lot to catch up on. We needed to continue planning for the future. I wanted to be able to take stock of all ministry activities on campus, not just chapel services, so I communicated with various

student groups and advisors to see just what we were offering to students. I also wanted to see what was on the hearts and minds of the campus community. One big project I took on was surveying the campus (students, faculty, staff, and administration). Both Christians and non-Christians alike responded to the survey. As a result, chapel themes were developed based on what the campus community felt was important to address.

**CHAPEL THEMES**

January – God knowing us and us knowing God, discernment, vocation, and prayer.

February – Love: loving those who are hard to love, loving those who are different, loving without being judgmental, relationships.

March – Mission and service.

April – Changes/transitions in life, discernment, vocation, and prayer. Chapel services also feature a variety of music. While we continue to have Nancy Farndale play piano and organ, we also feature a violinist, students leading more contemporary praise music, and at times a local Christian band called Evidence of Grace. Chapel is held Wednesdays from 10:30-10:50 a.m. in the Ballroom, and Mondays from 7-8 p.m. in the Recital Hall.

**OTHER CAMPUS MINISTRIES**

• Exit to Hope – This is a non-denominational worship service that is the most well attended Christian activity on campus. The group meets on Tuesday evenings in the Odvin Hagen Recital Hall and is attended by approximately 50 students. It is entirely student-led.

• Catholic Mass (ACTS—Active Catholics to Serve) – Since a significant percentage of Waldorf students are Catholic, Mass is offered on Thursday evenings at 9 p.m. in the Odvin Hagen Recital Hall by Father Miller from St. James Church in Forest City.

• Holden Evening Prayer – This popular service was reinstated this year on Fridays at 5:10 p.m. at the request of students. It is held in the Odvin Hagen Recital Hall and is open to the community.

• Movie Discussion Nights – Occasionally Immanuel Lutheran Church, the Waldorf Foundation, and FCA will sponsor a movie with Christian values followed by a stimulating discussion about the movie's meaning.

• Exit to Hope Mime – Each year, a subset of Exit to Hope produces a mime. This play without words, set to music, seeks to tell the story of Jesus and the hope he offers to a lost world.

• Occasional Bus Trips to Christian Concerts/Entertainment – On April 9, Waldorf students took a trip to Des Moines to see Christian comedian Tim Hawkins.

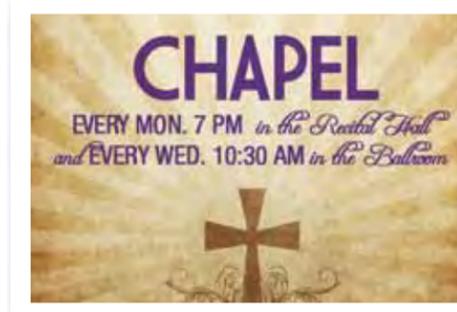
• Fellowship of Christian Athletes – This group is planning to become active once again in the spring semester, offering one or two events each month. Some ideas are movie discussion nights and Christian athlete/former athlete speakers.

• Bible Studies – In the 2009-2010 school year, two separate Bible Studies, one for men and one for women, met on Sunday evenings at 9 p.m. Due to the busyness of students and the adviser, those groups did not meet in Fall 2010 but there is some interest in the possibility of a formal, organized Bible Study returning this spring.

• Evangelism – A student group interested in outreach on campus (Warrior Outreach) has formed. To date, they have not done anything official, but hope to become more solid in time.

• Social Activity – In the 2009-2010 year, a group called PS100 met for fellowship on Friday nights. There has been a student request to implement something like that again.

Waldorf's strong history of faith as an important part of student life will continue. Lives will continue to be impacted and changed. Students will go on to be Christian disciples who are of service to the world. ■





**MISSION HOPE: SPRING BREAK 2011**

*By Kelly Youngblood, Campus Ministry Coordinator*

We left Forest City as students, staff, and faculty of Waldorf College, heading out on a Spring Break Mission Trip to Kansas City, Mo. We returned forever changed. Our eyes were opened to segregation and poverty in ways we did not know existed. Our hearts were opened to the people living and serving in the heart of the inner city. Our minds were opened to looking at life and the world in a new way.

This is our story, and yet, it is not our story, not by far. It is the story of The Hope Center and the neighborhood in which The Hope Center serves. It is the story of the many nameless, faceless people who are given up on and dismissed. It is the story of the people who live and work east of Troost Avenue.

At one time, the neighborhood was obviously beautiful. Tall, stately homes with gorgeous stonework line the streets. Driving by, it's easy to imagine once-immaculate lawns, and families sitting around the dining table in the evening, laughing and talking together.

Today, though, the neighborhood is in disrepair. Paint is peeling. Windows are boarded up. "No Trespassing" signs are prominent on houses and abandoned churches. Today, it is a neighborhood of hopelessness.

**The Hope Center**

In this transient neighborhood, where only 25% of the homes are owned and where unemployment is at 27%, Chris, Heather, Troy, and Tami began a youth development program in 1998.

What began as an outreach Bible Study with five boys soon changed. The area's children needed help with schoolwork

and educational opportunities, a place to feel safe, encouragement, expectations, and people to care about them.

The founders and kids who were first involved raised money to buy a building by raking leaves and shoveling snow. The kids themselves came up with the name of The Hope Center.

The Hope Center wants to revitalize and transform the neighborhood. It wants to encourage people to move back into the community instead of fleeing it, to own homes, changing it from a community that is breaking down to a community where people want to be, to invest in the area, to be a community that lives, works, and worships together. They want to create jobs for people in that community.

**The Hope Leadership Academy**

The Hope Center has spent the last three years preparing to open a charter school in the fall of 2011. At the Hope Leadership Academy, the importance of education will be instilled early on and the expectations will be high. Students will be expected to perform well and the school will be a high-performing school.

**Hope Family Care Center**

The Hope Center also operates a for-fee medical facility in the neighborhood. Initially staffed by volunteers, it now employs one doctor and two other employees from the neighborhood.

In the Hope Family Care Center is a mural of an artist's vision of what the neighborhood could look like. When it was unveiled, some older people who saw it said "that's what the neighborhood looked like before."

**Wait, What Did You Do There?**

The group from Waldorf cleaned out and organized closets, storage rooms, bathrooms and a garage and threw away at

least 11 lawnmowers. We did our best to fill a very large dumpster. In many eyes, the work could be considered menial and unimportant. But the projects we did were projects that The Hope Center had wanted to get done for two years, but had neither the manpower nor the time to do it.

This mission trip is really not about those of us from Waldorf and what we went to Kansas City to do. This mission trip is about the people of Kansas City. We will return to Forest City and our lives as students, faculty, and staff. We will return to our families. We will return to our small, heavily white town. We will return to the hope that we have in graduating from college, finding jobs that we love, having families around who love and support us. We will also return transformed. "To call these experiences [we had] transformational would be an understatement," says Cassie Eno, a professor in the psychology department. "The experiences of these [two Hope Center staff members] have challenged me to reflect on my calling...I believe that I am being called to do more—take more risks, challenge myself more, challenge my students more."

Meeting the group shortly after they arrived back on campus, Head Football Coach Greg Youngblood was also struck by the change he saw: "I could just tell that people's hearts were really heavy and they had gone through an experience that had really touched them. There was something deep inside and you could see they had experienced—something real and from God." Katie Frush, a sophomore student, had a similar reaction. She said "the trip was eye opening, but it was good to see how God could work in such a hopeless looking place."

Lisa Kreps, a librarian at Waldorf, reflected "When I signed up...I did not know that I would be so profoundly affected by the environment the children at the Hope Center grow up in and feel driven to do more in my everyday life to make a difference at Waldorf."

We came back, but those in this inner-city Kansas City neighborhood will remain there and face the same battles. They will still have to fight the hopelessness that permeates the lives of the people in the neighborhood. Fighting that hopelessness and replacing it with hope is the mission of The Hope Center.

Instilling hope in people is not something that can be counted or measured. It takes a certain amount of faith, of evidence in things unseen. It takes understanding that, as Chris Jehle, CEO of the The Hope Center says, "we will never sit under the tree of the seeds that we plant."

So what did we do there? We learned. We lived. We served. To learn more about The Hope Center, please visit their website at <http://www.hopecenterkc.org/> ■



**WALDORF ALUM CELEBRATES 90TH BIRTHDAY!**

A sense of excitement filled the air as family and friends of Stanford Holtan gathered in the Fellowship Hall of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Forest City to celebrate his milestone birthday. The "standing-room-only" celebration was held on Sunday, January 23, the actual date of Stanford's 90th birthday.

Stanford '42 and his wife, Ruth (Tweeten) '43 have strong Waldorf connections. Not only are they both alums, they are also parents to 7 children who attended Waldorf (Gerald '67, Audrey '68, Keith '69, Philip '70, Steven '73, John '75, and Ron '77). One son, Paul, did not attend Waldorf, but he maintained a Waldorf connection by marrying a Waldorf graduate, Linda Haugen Holtan '72. Many other relatives of both Stan and Ruth have also attended Waldorf.

Waldorf College seeks to instill the value of lifelong learning in each student, and Stanford truly exemplifies this value. In 2002, Stanford received his Bachelor's degree in Humanities. To date, he holds the distinction of being the oldest living alum to receive a Bachelor's degree at Waldorf.

The family tried to keep the birthday party as a surprise for Stan, but he became suspicious at all the phone calls and messages flowing back and forth. Eventually, the secret had to be revealed. One secret that was not revealed prior to the celebration, however, was the fact that the family had established an endowed scholarship in Stanford and Ruth's honor a few years ago. They have been adding to the fund each year, hoping to have it fully funded by Stanford's birthday. Their dream was realized, and the scholarship was announced during the program.

If anyone would like to commemorate Stanford's birthday with a gift to the scholarship, please designate and send the gift to the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation, 106 S. 6th Street, Forest City, IA 50436. ■

## JUST A FUN LITTLE PROJECT:

ERICA HANNA MAYER '02 AND CHARITY:WATER

Guest Article by Nicole Lovik-Blaser '06



Erica Hanna Mayer '02 has always been surrounded by an attitude of giving back. Her mother has fostered a service-minded attitude all of Erica's life. In fact for Christmas 2009, Erica's grandmother suggested everyone in the family donate to a chosen charity instead of giving gifts. So it was no surprise when Erica took on what she initially

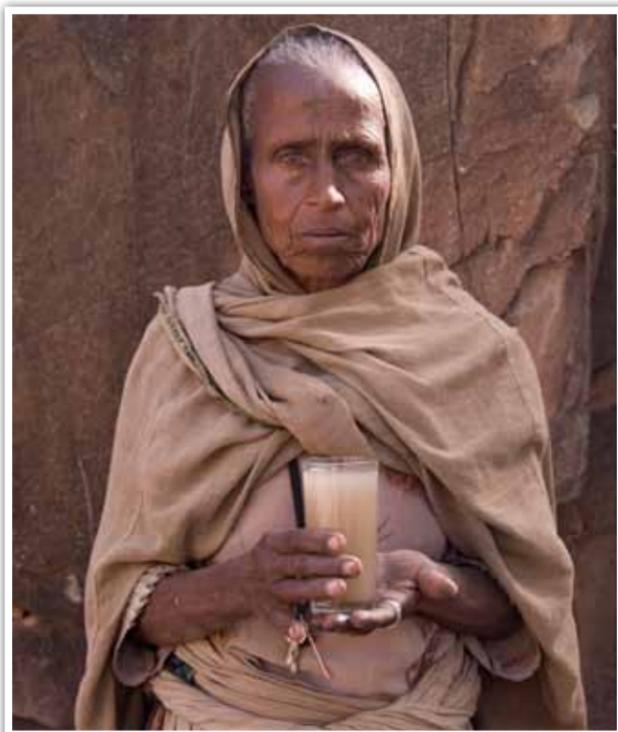
thought would be "a fun little project." What was most surprising though, was to Erica herself. It was no "fun little project" but instead a mind-blowing and life-changing experience for Erica, some 500 people in 3rd world countries and thousands of Facebook friends, Twitter followers and donors.

After a Google search and some research, Erica chose charity:water, an organization that provides clean and safe drinking water to people in developing nations. It has funded over 2,321 projects in over 16 nations and has helped over one million people. Erica's 29th birthday was approaching and she knew she didn't need anything, especially when she saw such a basic need deprived of individuals. She decided to launch "Birthday Campaign"—almost exclusively through social media outlets.

**"I'M BY NO MEANS AN AMAZING PERSON. BUT EVERYONE IS CAPABLE OF DOING AMAZING THINGS."**

At midnight, she launched her "fun little project" on Twitter. She was floored when donations started within the first hour. Other night owls from all over the country started to respond to Erica's campaign. Some of the donations came from individuals who had never met Erica in person but rather networked with her through social media sites.

As she began her endeavors, she applied her marketing background to the project. She fully understood charity:water was her passion—not a passion of everyone around her. How could Erica receive donations and still give donors something that they felt was worth value? Erica had helped out several colleagues by



taking headshots for their web pages. Several people had suggested Erica start a side-business. Feeling like she didn't have enough experience under her belt to start a business, she thought a photo shoot in exchange for a \$50 donation would be a win-win situation. Not only did Erica's donations come pouring in but she also got a multitude of experience photographing over 40 individuals and families.

She also used her Twitter and Facebook pages to educate her friends and followers about the organization with links and messages. On Mother's Day she posted "my mom is my hero, and so are these women" with a link to stories of women walking 3-4 hours a day carrying 40+ pounds of dirty water home to their families. Twitter and Facebook also allowed for her to market her photo shoots.

As the project continued, Erica realized she needed to increase her original goal of \$5,000 to \$10,000. During the campaign several bloggers took notice of Erica's efforts and featured her in blogs. Maikel Van De Mortel, co-founder of Element Six Media, did an entire case study of the campaign while Simon Mainwaring, a former "creative" for NIKE, posted Erica's case as an example of a successful Return on Investment on Twitter to his tens of thousands of followers. Cindy Janovitz featured Erica as a guest blogger. Erica did a podcast for Geek Girls Guide and has spoken at many functions, including Minneapolis' Unsummit. She was named one of Pollen's "Top Under the Radar Leaders of the Twin Cities."

When I visit Erica's Facebook or Twitter pages, I find not only information about the charities she's working with but also a massive amount of inspirational quotes and links to educational vlogs or blogs. To be honest, I've started to regularly check out what she's doing so I can watch the inspirational YouTube videos or TED talks offered on TED.com. One can tell Erica is a positive person by the many uplifting quotes she has posted.

When the campaign wrapped up, Erica had raised over \$11,000! A total of 555 people would directly benefit from safe drinking water. Her efforts will provide wells in two different villages. Erica had 202 donors—165 of them whom she had never met/interacted with except through social media.

I asked Erica how she felt about everything she accomplished. She said, "I'm by no means an amazing person, but everyone is capable of doing amazing things." She also encourages everyone to change his or her own vocabulary from "wish" to "will." She "will" do great things with her "fun little projects."

*Erica Hanna Mayer graduated from Forest City High School in 1999 and Waldorf College in 2002. Her mother is Teresa Hanna, Waldorf cheerleading coach. Erica currently lives in Minneapolis where she is a producer, director, and photographer at WCCO-TV. She loves hanging out with her husband, T.J. and has recently started a side business, Puke Rainbow Photography. "When life gives you rain...just puke a rainbow!"*

*This article by Nicole Lovik-Blaser '06 originally ran in the fall 2010 Alumni Dream Catcher, a Forest City Dollars for Education publication. Nicole Lovik-Blaser serves as Director of Forest City Dollars for Education.*

## UPDATE: ERICA HANNA MAYER AND HER WORK WITH CHARITY:WATER

Since this article on Erica Hanna Mayer was written, she was named the second most influential person in the Twin Cities on Twitter, and also won the national "Klout for Good" award – noting the influence she had in social media was used for the most good.

This year charity:water is planning on giving a trip to Ethiopia to whomever raises the most money for Will and Jada Smith's "Give up Your Birthday" campaign. Erica plans on participating, and being competitive in that arena. She hasn't been told exactly where her wells are going, but she is 90% sure they will be built in Ethiopia. The chance to meet the people of that nation would be extremely meaningful to her. She plans to launch the campaign in late July/early August. Stay tuned to her social media outlets for more information.

Also, since the last article, she spearheaded another, smaller charity:water campaign which raised \$500. The focus of this campaign was to raise awareness of the lack of food in nations like Ethiopia. Erica took her cause to the extreme and actually adhered to the same strict diet/calorie amount of those living in poverty for three months. "It wasn't fun," she said. "I was lightheaded a lot, and physically ill. I lost 45 pounds in just 90 days. Proof, that our lifestyle in America is nothing like that of most of the world," she continued.

The Pioneer Press in the Twin Cities picked up Erica's story and published it in their Sunday edition. Erica professes, "I believe that campaign accomplished what it set out to...to simply raise awareness. In the end the message I wanted it to send to everyone was this: 'Helping others isn't nice...it's necessary.'" ■



You can find Erica and follow her campaign on Facebook and at [www.twitter.com/ericamayer](http://www.twitter.com/ericamayer). For more information on charity:water, visit their website at [www.charitywater.org](http://www.charitywater.org).



## A CHRISTIAN COLLEGE IN THE LUTHERAN TRADITION

Written By *Bob Alsop, Ph.D.*

Vice President of Academic Affairs and President-Elect

It's been over a year since the change of ownership at Waldorf College. We have come a long way since then: we've added new programs and new delivery platforms for our curriculum, we've seen improvements in facilities, we've met and even surpassed enrollment goals. Yet some questions remain, and there are places where some feel a bit unsettled. One such area rests with our identity as a "Christian college in the Lutheran tradition" (a phrase found throughout the faculty handbook). I'd like to give my take on this issue by first outlining my understanding of what a college informed by its Lutheran history and tradition is and how we find expressions of that here at Waldorf College.

So what does that mean to be a college informed by its Lutheran tradition and history? The obvious response is, what else are you going to be? C'mon, this is the land of Lutefisk, Lefse, and Uff-da. If you're going to have a sectarian affiliation in this area, you'd better be Lutheran. To paraphrase Garrison Keillor "everyone in Northern Iowa is Lutheran, even the atheists. It's a Lutheran God they don't believe in." But there are schools outside the Midwest where they do not glorify a fish with the consistency of jello (lutefisk), use the phrase ja sure, ja betcha, or know to wait for the third offer before you accept a cup of coffee. So, there must be something besides American-Scandinavian culture that justifies the existence of Lutheran colleges. And for Waldorf

College now, which recruits students nationwide and even worldwide, the reason needs to be more than just regional.

And there is such a reason. Simply put, Luther, and Lutheran theology, makes the case for higher education. In particular, Luther's "two kingdoms" theology helps frame our educational experience within a Christian context. Luther had a penchant for paradoxes: Christ the King, born in a manger; to gain freedom, one becomes a servant; Christians are at the same time justified and sinners. The "two kingdoms" theology is another paradox. Christians live in two realms simultaneously: the Kingdom of God and the world. God rules in both realms, but in different ways: through grace and his gospel in one, through law and nature in the other.

This understanding has a great impact on what a Christian college in the Lutheran tradition of higher education does. With this theology we need not view secular thoughts and ideas as opposed to the sacred as some other church-related colleges do. Luther, after all, did not believe you could create a Christian society as Calvin did. We can rejoice in the goodness and creativity found in culture without Christianizing it. As Professor of Religion at Pacific Lutheran College, Phillip Norquist, writes, "secular means non-redemptive; it does not mean god forsaken."

So, we (faculty, staff, and students) may be pushed in our experiences at Waldorf to go to places and explore

ideas that challenge our perspective of the world. Instead of compartmentalizing faith and reason or insisting that one trumps the other, we can freely seek places where they intersect. This, in my view, provides a very rich academic environment.

We read in the scripture to "love the Lord your God with all your mind" and "the truth shall set you free." But what does that mean? What does it mean to love God with all your mind and how do we find truth? To me, it suggests that we should explore and take seriously all avenues of understanding(s) and truth(s). As Luther wrote, "No science [including theology] should stand in the way of another science." At Waldorf, we encounter ideas and people who are quite different from us. As a Christian college informed by the Lutheran tradition, we are challenged to embrace and explore those differences.

Now there is another side to this equation, something else a college informed by its Lutheran history and tradition offers. Just as it will be challenged, our faith will also be nurtured. At Waldorf, we recognize and affirm the spiritual side of our humanity. At Waldorf, we find opportunities to express our faith in all that we are and all that we do. We know that our spiritual side will be valued and respected.

Is this paradoxical? Perhaps. It's something that takes a while to get your mind around, and not something easily condensed for a bumper sticker. However, I like the way Richard Hughes, Professor of Religion at Pepperdine University summarizes a Lutheran liberal arts education: "Lutheran colleges and universities," he writes, "offer a first class education, where all questions are taken seriously, where critical thinking is encouraged, and where a diversity of cultures are valued; and that these virtues all grow from a deep and profound commitment to the Christian faith."

We might ask now, "are we less a Lutheran college after this change of ownership?" For some, the answer will be "yes." We no longer have an official relationship with the ELCA (however, The Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation is negotiating a formal relationship with the ELCA). If we look at demographic information, fewer of our students are Lutheran than in previous years. I'd bet fewer of our faculty are Lutheran. We don't market our "Lutheran-ness." And nothing against the President, but he is our first non-Lutheran President. Those things, to me, are rather superficial. But when I read our mission statement, I see an institution that is very much informed by its Lutheran tradition in phrases such as,

"Waldorf offers a curriculum to liberate the way students think... As a liberal arts college, Waldorf seeks to instill values of service, community, critical inquiry, and lifelong learning..."

"Waldorf seeks to explore the meaning and depth that religion and spirituality can add to life... Students are encouraged to develop a deep respect for the role religious devotion can play in giving direction, purpose, and a moral foundation to life."

"Waldorf has upheld the Lutheran tradition of excellence in higher education since the college was founded in 1903. This tradition values service to the community, academic excellence, freedom of inquiry, a liberating education, and learning through the exchange of ideas in open conversation."

If we are at all true to our mission and values as stated here, we are clearly a Lutheran College. Indeed, when I shared our mission statement with the Director of Vocation and Education at the ELCA, he stated our mission was the one of the best expressions of a Lutheran College mission he had seen. When I look at our curriculum, I see one deeply committed to very Lutheran concerns. As a liberal arts college, we endeavor to not only become experts in a field, but also understand how ideas and skills from different fields relate to one another. Instead of separating faith and reason as two separate categories, we look for opportunities where they intersect.

We might also look to the very Lutheran idea of *vocatio* in particular. The idea of *vocatio* bookends our curriculum. First-year students study and address the idea of vocation in critical inquiry, advisors discuss vocation in much broader terms than simply jobs, and capstone students reexamine their calling in the context of their four years at Waldorf. Our curriculum reflects our values.

When I see our community in service, I see students, faculty, and staff who see education as more than self-fulfillment, but an opportunity to serve the world. Whether it's the football team reading with elementary students, a senior seminar creating art with residents at Good Sam, or the Waldorf and Forest City communities working together to package food for those who have little, I see an education and culture with Lutheran values. When I see opportunities for worship in chapel, exit to hope, Catholic mass, Bible study, the care and counseling our faculty, staff, and students offer one another, I recognize that this is a place where the spirit is nurtured.

So Waldorf College may not be Lutheran in exactly the same way we were 16 months ago, but the truth is the Waldorf of 16 months ago was not Lutheran in the way it was 16 years ago. What is more important is to keep an ongoing discussion with faculty, staff, and students in our college regarding the value and nature of a Lutheran education. But as far as the question, is Waldorf College a Christian College in the Lutheran tradition of higher education: my answer is yes. ■

## ALSOP SELECTED AS FUTURE PRESIDENT OF WALDORF COLLEGE

After an eight-month search, Dr. Robert Alsop has been named incoming president of Waldorf College. Alsop currently serves as the vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college.

In an announcement ceremony on April 14, Board of Trustees Chair Reverend Buford Lipscomb declared that the board had unanimously selected Alsop. Current Waldorf College President Dr. Joseph Manjone will retire at the end of 2011, creating a transition period in the presidency and allowing Alsop to adapt to the new position.

“This is not about a job or about the person who occupies this position, but about this very special moment in time for Waldorf College and the people who care so very much for this place,” Alsop said in the opening of his speech.

Alsop has 13 years of experience at Waldorf College and has served in his current role for two years. Prior to being dean, he was an English professor as well as the head of the Honors College.

The presidency vacancy had 41 applicants, which the selection committee narrowed to three. The final three candidates were invited to campus in late March where faculty, staff, and students had the opportunity to meet the candidates and ask questions.

CEO Robert Mayes of Mayes Education, the parent company of Waldorf College, spoke on the presidential selection process.

“I am very confident that the board did a great job. They made an incredible selection and Bob Alsop, I believe, will take us forward and do more for this institution than has ever been done before,” Mayes said.

Mayes emphasized that one of the great assets Alsop will provide to the campus is his prior knowledge of Waldorf College.

“The huge benefits you get from that; someone who knows the organization, that understands it, that also isn’t going to set the

status quo, that knows hey, we better change, we better move forward. ... I’m here to say Bob Alsop is one of the best that I have ever worked with,” Mayes said.

During his address, Alsop recognized the unique position that the school has arrived at since the collaborative relationship was formed with Columbia Southern University and Mayes Education.

“When I look at where we are now, I see a college that is poised to take off,” Alsop said. “The transformation that can happen here, that we’ve all seen happen here, is astounding. Our next challenge will be to bring that Waldorf experience to the online environment. We have made great strides in this endeavor over a very brief period of time. Our goal should be to lead, not simply to mirror what others have done.”

Alsop also acknowledged the shift overall in higher education and believes the college has an opportunity “to become a model for the new era in higher education.”

As Waldorf looks to expand its horizon online, it plans to maintain the historical foundation of the residential college.

“Waldorf has been a place and is a place whose faculty and staff feel called not only to be apart of our student’s education, but to be a part of their lives,” Alsop said. “This is a place where students have an opportunity to find their true place in the world.”

“I would like to thank you all for this new opportunity and this new calling,” Alsop said. ■



## ACTIVIST’S MESSAGE ABOUT ‘FREEDOM SUMMER’ RESONATES WITH STUDENTS



Civil rights activist Patti Miller talks about her work as a college student in the 1960’s.

Patti Miller, who as a college student helped fight for civil rights in 1964 and later worked with Martin Luther King Jr., made a significant impression on students during the MLK Convocation on Jan. 17 at Waldorf College.

“The decisions that I made when I was your age were so powerful for me that it’s actually stayed with me the rest of my life,” Miller said during her speech titled “What I Didn’t Know: A White Woman’s Journey through the Civil Rights Movement.”

Miller grew up as a white girl in rural Iowa. As a college student attending Drake University in Des Moines in 1963, she knew little about the civil rights movement and the way blacks were being treated in the South. However, she soon heard about an opportunity to volunteer and help with voting rights and education efforts in Mississippi. She signed up and traveled to Meridian, Mississippi, during the summer of 1964 – what is now known as the “Freedom Summer.”

On her first day in the South, she was confronted with some unsettling images.

“This was the first time that I had seen anything like this or was even aware,” she said. “It just shattered all that I had learned as a child. It shattered every sense I had of the country I lived in.”

She saw sights such as separate drinking fountains for blacks and whites, segregated theaters and libraries, colored and white waiting rooms.

“I became an activist overnight,” she said about the feelings she experienced upon seeing the waiting room signs. Miller received shocking news on the first day she arrived in Meridian, Miss., as three civil rights volunteers had been murdered by members of the Ku Klux Klan. It was crushing news, she said, adding that she and other students pressed on for what they believed in, knowing there was a possibility they, too, could die.

Miller and other volunteers read books to children and helped register black adults to vote. Miller returned to college a changed person and fought to end discrimination policies at Drake. She later worked in Chicago alongside Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights leaders to organize marches in an effort to end slums. Students were taken with what they heard.

“After listening to Patti Miller’s story today, it left me quite speechless because she actually got to work with MLK and help him out,” said Kelsey Heintz, a sophomore who is majoring in physical education. “After listening to all the things she went through, I thought it was quite crazy the stuff she did and how she helped the children out and handed out brochures. Yet, she never knew what was going to happen ... but she took the chance.”

Senior Kenny Olson, who is majoring in humanities with a religion minor, said Miller’s message was inspiring. Olson, who is Filipino, said he especially appreciated her story as a minority himself. “How far we’ve come is a huge deal,” Olson said. But, he added, the country has a lot of work to do in accepting people for who they are and not judging them by the color of their skin.

Miller, an Algona native who now lives in Fairfield, IA is writing a book and producing a documentary about her experiences. She left students with a powerful thought: “It’s always the decisions that we make when we’re young and the passions that we have and the choices that we make (that) plant the seeds for the things that we really do the rest of our lives,” she said. “So, I encourage you to always be aware of what’s happening around you and to respond when appropriate.” ■

For information about Patti Miller, visit [keepinghistoryalive.com](http://keepinghistoryalive.com).



More than 400 volunteers filled the Waldorf College Atrium on March 2 and packaged 11,935 bags of food for the food-aid organization Kids Against Hunger with the help of Outreach International.

The event was sponsored locally by Waldorf College and Immanuel Lutheran Church. Area communities raised \$16,500 for the effort, which was coordinated by members of the Committee on Vocation and Service at Waldorf. There were so many volunteers that food-aid officials allowed workers to package more food than local organizers had the money to pay for. The balance will be paid for with money that was donated during the event and from additional fundraising events.

The bags of highly nutritious meals equate to 71,610 meals that will provide children all the vitamins and minerals they need for a day. The locally packaged meals will be shipped to Tanzania and Haiti.

## KIDS AGAINST HUNGER THROUGH A STUDENT'S EYES

Written By Christina Watkinson '12

When I first heard about Kids Against Hunger, I was a senior in high school. We had a packaging day for our sister parish in Haiti, and I have been hooked ever since on what Kids Against Hunger is all about.

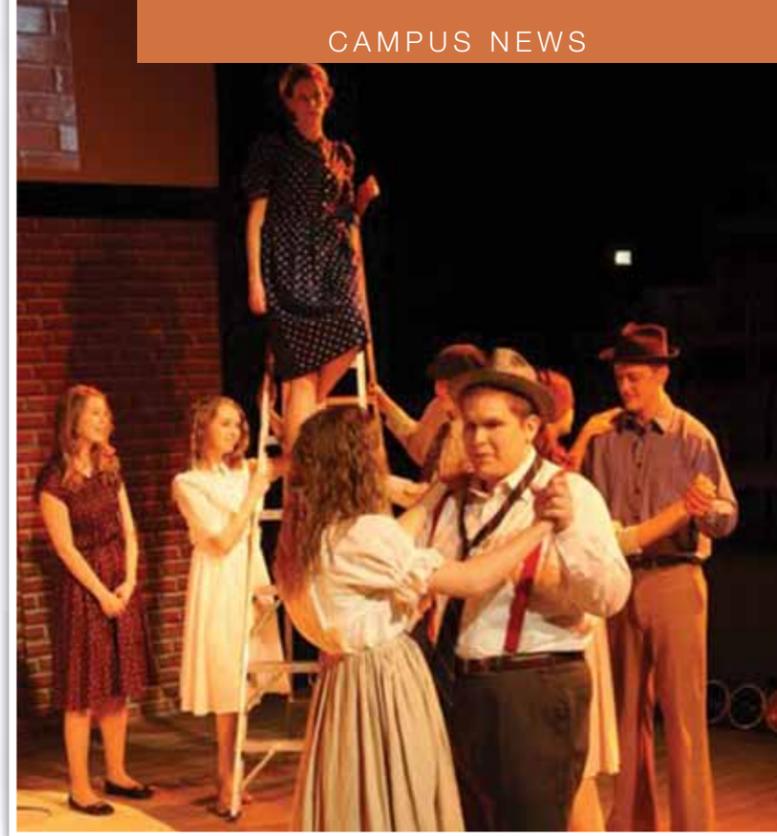
The greatest thing about Kids Against Hunger is being able to take just an hour out of your day and help someone across the world who is in need. Another great thing about the organization is that it doesn't only help people in Third World countries, but it also helps kids in America.

Having this type of event on campus is just amazing. In the morning, it just seems like any other day, and by the afternoon we are all fighting together for the cause. It is great to see all the tables lined up in the Atrium, KZOW setting up and playing music throughout the day. Then, you see the pallets show up one by one with all the rice and protein. By this point, a part of you just gets excited to help out. And new faces always wonder what exactly is going on. The Atrium starts to fill with people walking by to help set up as well as others asking questions about the event.

This year, it was awesome to see a lot of different people from all over campus helping, including students, faculty and staff. The great thing about helping out with something such as this is seeing how the different athletic teams join in the effort.

One of my favorite memories this year was when a guy at the table was getting a little overwhelmed on how many bags we had left. One of the girls at the table just said, "Who cares? This is going to a good cause." It is amazing to hear a college student say that because when we get wrapped up in schoolwork and social life, we sometimes forget that people need our help.

By the end of the day, helping out makes me feel good to know that I helped someone who will benefit from the hour I took out of my day. It is a great opportunity for us as students to be able to have a connection with something other than the typical college life. When you see before-and-after photos of children who have eaten the food, you just know in your heart that you have helped save a life in a way you never knew could be possible. ■



## DINNER THEATRE EVENT RAISES MONEY FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Love was in the air at Waldorf around Valentine's Day – at least for theatre lovers, it was. The Waldorf College Theatre Department raised money for a new scholarship at a dinner theatre event on Feb. 12 at the college. The Theatre Lovers' Feast drew 70 guests, who were treated to a buffet-style dinner. The guests also enjoyed a special preview of the spring musical "Kiss Me Kate," presented by the Waldorf Theatre and Music departments, at Smith Theatre.

"We were very appreciative for all the support by those who came out," said Bob AuFrance, associate professor of theatre and director of the play. "Everyone seemed to have a good time, and we were glad to provide a cultured event."

Prospective students who were at Waldorf for an Open House also were invited to the show.

A portion of the proceeds from the event will go toward a scholarship for a new musical theatre emphasis within the theatre major.

The dinner included live piano music and a dessert bar that included a chocolate fountain that proved a popular stop for guests, including Joan and Ron Langerud of Forest City.

"We've always been at Waldorf," said Joan, a retired library employee at Waldorf. "We enjoy coming to eat, seeing the people and watching the play. It's like home to me." ■

## COME, SEE, REJOICE! CHRISTMAS WITH WALDORF 2010



Conductor Blair Buffington leads the Viking Men's Chorus during Christmas with Waldorf.

Waldorf students brought Hanson Fieldhouse to life in early December 2010 with the sounds of beautiful music and strong voices to usher in the Advent season. Approximately 1,000 people attended the two performances of Christmas with Waldorf, the annual showcase of the music programs. The theme was "Come, See, Rejoice!"

Blair Buffington, artistic director for the event and director of choral activities, described Christmas with Waldorf as a "worshipful experience" that is "truly rewarding" to present each year.

The concerts, presented on Dec. 4-5, included performances by members of the Waldorf Choir, Waldorf Wind Symphony, St. Christopher Chorale, Sangkor Women's Ensemble and the Viking Men's Chorus. Kristi Carlson, Associate Professor of Art, created the backdrop.

LaVaun Ausen of Hartland, Minn., came to watch her granddaughter Kellie Grunzke perform. Grunzke, a junior, plays alto saxophone in the Waldorf Wind Symphony. Grunzke's mother also attended. "I enjoyed it very much," Ausen said. "They're very good. Good singers."

Both performances were preceded by meals, including a new brunch option on Dec. 5. The Dec. 4 event featured a buffet dinner with traditional Scandinavian foods. ■

Copies of the Christmas with Waldorf performance are available on CD. To order a copy, e-mail [music@waldorf.edu](mailto:music@waldorf.edu) or call (641) 585-8177. The CDs are \$10 each and \$2 extra for shipping.



### GATSBY'S GRILL GETS HEALTHY, SPACIOUS MAKEOVER

Waldorf College students took advantage of healthy foods and a lively place for entertainment on campus this school year with the reopening of Gatsby's Grill. "It's certainly been popular with students," said Brian Keely, food services director. "They seem to be appreciating it." He added that the eatery is often busy until midnight as many athletes take advantage of the late-night hours.

The renovated venue in the lower level of the Campus Center reopened in mid-October after renovations during the summer. And the new menu reflected what students were after.

"They were looking for more healthier options," said Brian Keely, food service director. Fried foods such as hamburgers and chicken were replaced with submarine sandwiches, quesadillas, salads and pizza. Now, students can also build their own meal from the various toppings available.

Junior Aubrey Draves, who plays on the Waldorf women's basketball team, said she appreciates the later hours, but she wishes there was a little more variety of foods.

"I still like it," she said. "They have good quesadillas and salads."

Keely said the menu isn't set in stone. In fact, he will conduct satisfaction surveys and make adjustments to the menu based on responses. He added that Gatsby's could

be open for lunch next school year, depending on student enrollment figures.

In addition to the food options, Gatsby's added a new stage that has been used for events such as music performances, comedy acts and bingo. The space also has three new flat-screen TVs as well as ping pong and foosball tables.

There were some more subtle changes to Gatsby's, too, such as white walls to help brighten up the space. A wall was built between the main room and kitchen to prevent noise and distractions during events. Keely estimates the college spent about \$10,000 on the renovations, with much of the funding going toward new equipment.

Interior decorating is a work in progress. One idea, Keely said, is to include decorations similar to those seen in Applebee's restaurants with items such as signed graduation photographs, license plates from students' home states, sports jerseys and band instruments hung from the walls. The space also could get a local artists' touch, as school officials have reached out to Forest City artist Andy Sinnwell, who painted the walls in the dining room.

If you would like to donate Waldorf memorabilia to Gatsby's, contact the alumni office at [alumni@waldorf.edu](mailto:alumni@waldorf.edu) or (641) 585-8140.

"We're looking to build some traditions," Keely said. ■

### THREE-YEAR DEGREE PROGRAMS SAVE TIME, MONEY

Now, prospective Waldorf students can save money and time via the accelerated three-year bachelor's degrees in communications and business, two of the school's most popular degree programs.

Future students will save money as the college offers a \$1,500 scholarship for each of the two required summer semesters if a student lives on campus and \$1,250 for each summer semester if a student lives off-campus. Further savings are available as room and board are less expensive during summer semesters. Time can be shaved off under the three-year programs because summer semesters will last 10 weeks versus the normal 16 weeks of a four-year plan. This allows students to enter the workforce sooner or further their graduate education more quickly. These initiatives, coupled with real-life experiences via internships, field trips and study abroad opportunities, help Waldorf maintain a strong and vibrant stance as one of Iowa's best colleges.

### NEW ONLINE DEGREES AVAILABLE

Blame it on the bevy of TV crime dramas. Or voyeuristic reality shows. Whatever the reason, there seems to be more people interested in what others are thinking—criminal, social or otherwise. Today, online polls show an increased interest in online bachelor's degrees in psychology and criminal justice administration. Waldorf College can meet this demand with regionally accredited online degrees in psychology and criminal justice.

The online degree program in psychology features an overview of the science of psychology. The curriculum has an integrated foundation of general and applied science, research methods and technical writing and human relations and development. While the criminal justice administration degree explores various areas such as criminal investigation, constitutional law, terrorism, justice system procedures and management.

The online psychology and criminal justice administration degrees require three-day accelerated courses that are delivered in a traditional classroom format. These classes are conducted in popular locations around the nation and may be completed any time during pursuit of the degree. ■

## PIONEER WARRIORS

Call them pioneers.

The first-year Waldorf College women's wrestling team made Iowa state history on Jan. 25 when the squad hosted an exhibition at Hanson Fieldhouse for the first time in school history. It was an opportunity for students and community members to get their first look at the team.

The exhibition matches against Winona State University were especially meaningful for wrestler Julie Johnsen, a freshman from Underwood, Iowa, who made Iowa sports history by becoming the first women's wrestler to be recruited to a college program in the state. Johnsen picked up a pin in one of her matches that night and said the experience was special.

"I was really nervous, but the crowd hyped me up," she said. "My family came to watch me, so I was extremely excited."

Johnsen said she is honored to be the first recruit. She is joined by eight teammates:

- Veronica Andrade, freshman, Plainfield, Ill.
- Pamela Castillo, freshman, El Paso, Texas
- Tamika Jones, sophomore, Columbia, S.C.
- Dana Karkar, freshman, Willits, Calif.
- Gabrielle Klein, freshman, Stevens Point, Wis.
- Alex Kovalick, freshman, Oakley, Calif.
- Ashlee Lentz, freshman, Kenosha, Wis.
- Jesse Von Behren, freshman, Lodi, Wis.

Johnsen wrestled in high school in Friend, Neb., before coming to Waldorf in the fall. "My school had a wrestling team, but I was the only girl ever to be on the team," she said. Johnsen, who is tall with blond hair, said fellow Waldorf students were surprised to learn she was a wrestler. "Most people asked me what my sport was and when I said wrestling, most kids were astonished," she said. "People here thought I was a cheerleader at first. The reaction (has been) positive from everyone."

Coach Dustin Baynes said it is an honor to be part of the start of collegiate women's wrestling in Iowa. He hopes to duplicate the success the Waldorf men's program has experienced. "Iowa as a state has a strong men's wrestling tradition," said Baynes, who came to Waldorf from Cleveland State University, where he served as a graduate assistant for the men's wrestling team. "We hope to start an equally strong tradition on the women's side." Although Baynes has coached male and female wrestlers, this is his first full-time women's wrestling coach position, and he said he couldn't be more pleased with his group of athletes.



The team began in the fall with five wrestlers and grew to nine by spring semester. Baynes hopes the program will eventually grow to as many as 40 athletes. He added that recruiting is going well. As the only college team in Iowa, Waldorf faces some challenges, such as having to compete out of state for nearly every meet. But the travel is paying off, Baynes said, with top-level competition.

Women's collegiate wrestling is gaining popularity in the U.S. There are approximately 60 colleges that offer women's wrestling nationwide, and women's freestyle wrestling became an Olympic event in 2004. Women's college wrestling differs from men's in that it is freestyle wrestling, which is one of two international styles. Men's college wrestling uses folkstyle, which is only used in high school and college in the United States.

Baynes said he is excited about what the future holds for Waldorf women's wrestling. "They are tremendous workers and as dedicated as I am to growing this program into one that will compete on a national level," Baynes said. "They are all young, and with their work ethic and continued experience on the mat, there is no doubt that in my mind they will all do very well." ■



## SHARED FACILITIES AGREEMENT

*Athletics facilities set for major upgrade*

Waldorf alumni will notice big improvements to the college athletic facilities in the next several years. The college is taking part in a three-year, \$2.8 million shared facilities plan. Waldorf is partnering with the Hanson Foundation, Forest City Community School District and the City of Forest City.

The Waldorf campus will see the following changes (expected completion dates in parentheses):

- A lighted, sand-based natural turf soccer/football field with a sprinkler system. Work will be completed in phases by 2013.
- A lighted eight-lane track built around the soccer/football field (2013).
- New and larger concession stand and restrooms (2013).

The Forest City High School campus will see the following improvements:

- A lighted, artificial turf football field (2012).
- A lighted six-lane enhanced track (2012).
- A lighted, expanded softball field with an artificial turf outfield (2011).
- A lighted, expanded baseball field with an artificial turf infield (2013).

All fields will have Waldorf College and Forest City High School logos. All work will begin this year and is scheduled to be completed by 2013. Once completed, the college and high school will share facilities along with the Forest City YMCA.

"The shared services plan will provide major upgrades to the Forest City Community School District, City of Forest City and Waldorf College athletics facilities," Waldorf athletic director Michael Scarano said. "This will allow all partners to maximize current facilities for our student-athletes and provide quality-of-life opportunities for all people in the area." ■

## INTRAMURALS GIVE STUDENTS A COMPETITIVE OUTLET

Zach Van Cleave has put a full-court press on the intramural sports options at Waldorf College – that is, he has recreation on campus covered. Van Cleave is the new director of intramurals and recreation at Waldorf, and this is the first employee dedicated to that area of the student life experience. Van Cleave has taken full advantage by organizing a variety of sports and activities so something is always going on.

Intramurals offer students the fun of competition without the pressure or time commitment of being on a school-sponsored team. "Intramural sports are scheduled around the students' classes and practices...it isn't uncommon for students to have a game or match at 9, 10 or 11 o'clock at night," said Van Cleave. "I believe the intramural sports program is an important piece of the college experience."

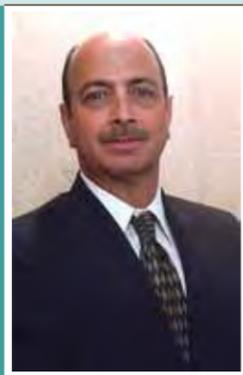
Waldorf students have an exciting variety of intramural options: bowling, racquetball, wrestling, basketball, indoor soccer, handball, tennis, disc golf, volleyball, flag football, softball, dodgeball...the list goes on and on.

Freshman Hunter Osenbaugh thinks the intramural offerings are great. He has participated in tennis and racquetball and hopes Van Cleave adds baseball to the mix. "I really like that he tries to make the students happy with these sports," Osenbaugh said. "And it's cool that there are so many sports for us to do, not just the typical basketball and dodgeball that I thought was going to happen."

Van Cleave, who grew up in Atlantic, Iowa, earned his master's degree in recreation and resource management from Northwest Missouri State University. Although he has his own favorite sports, his personal preferences don't influence what he offers to students. "One of the benefits of my job is that I get to learn about and offer sports that never interested me personally in the past," he said. "In most cases, I learn to enjoy sports like many of my favorites." Van Cleave will use what he learns this year to help determine what to offer during the 2011-12 school year. ■



*Broomballers take advantage of the Iowa weather...and a frozen Lund Pond.*



## NEW A.D. MICHAEL SCARANO COMMITTED TO IMPROVING WALDORF ATHLETICS

New Athletic Director Michael Scarano is impressed with the sports culture at Waldorf College and is dedicated to making things better. "I want to keep moving the department forward," he said, "enhancing student-athletes' overall experience, elevating graduation and retention rates, and securing the necessary resources for our student-athletes, coaching and support staff."

Scarano started in November, replacing interim Athletic Director Chad Gassman, the assistant athletic director and baseball coach at Waldorf. Gassman served in that role for about two months. Scarano comes at an exciting time for the school, as our shared-facilities plan gets underway and Waldorf expands into new sports: a women's wrestling program started in fall 2010 and the new men's hockey program will begin play in fall 2011.

Scarano's extensive background in athletics coaching and administration includes five years as associate director of athletics at the University of California, Riverside.

He and his wife Monica have made their home in Forest City. Their two sons, Myles, a high school senior, and Mathias, a fifth-grader, are adjusting to the northern Iowa climate. "My family made a very smooth transition to the Midwest," he said "We were wholeheartedly welcomed and really appreciated the hospitality. Of course, we are excited to experience spring and summer." Scarano said support for Waldorf athletics is evident and strong.

"The Waldorf alums and stakeholders are very impressive, loyal and supportive of this institution and Warrior athletics," he said. "The demonstrated ownership is tremendously appreciated and admired. Undoubtedly, the alums and Warrior Boosters are significant cornerstones of Warrior athletics." ■



Rake-A-Thon 2010

## WALDORF COLLEGE ATHLETIC TEAMS TAKE COMMUNITY SERVICE TO HEART

*Reaching Out and Giving Back*

**Men's and Women's Basketball teams** – participated in Coaches vs. Cancer on Feb. 4, 2011. The home game was designated as "Black Out" night to support the fight against cancer as fans were encouraged to wear black. The basketball teams, cheerleaders and coaches held fundraisers that netted nearly \$1,000 for the American Cancer Society. The teams also participated in the Kids Against Hunger packaging event.

**Football team** – participated in the annual Rake-a-thon, helped the City of Forest City hang Christmas lights and wrapped the main street light poles with fresh garland. Players also participated in the Breakfast Buddies program at the Forest City Elementary School.

**Men's and Women's Golf teams** – helped package food for the Kids Against Hunger event. Both teams also sold American Cancer Society Golf Passes in the fall to help raise money for the organization. They solicited friends, family, and fellow golfers to help with the worthy cause. Most of the money raised has remained in the state of Iowa.

**Baseball team** – donated blood for the blood drive and volunteered at Habitat for Humanity last October. They even helped move the Forest City Habitat House!

**Softball team** – committed to collecting funds at home games this spring for the North Iowa Crisis Center.

**Volleyball team** – assisted kids at Forest City Elementary School and the YMCA in making or choosing Christmas gifts for their families from different gift/craft stations that were set up on location. Once the gifts were ready, the team helped wrap them with tissue paper and ribbon.

**Cheerleading squad** – collected over 200 pairs of new and used shoes and sent them to people in need living in Africa.

## NEW HIRES

In addition to the 13 new faculty and staff members featured in the last issue of the Waldorf Magazine, the following full- and part-time employees have been hired since Waldorf's relationship with Mayes Education, Inc. began (listed by hire date, oldest to most recent):

**Stephanie Deboer** – Outside Education Representative (transfer from CSU)

**Laurin Lader** – Manager of Online Programs (transfer from CSU)

**Andrew Hanes** – Customer Service Representative – Online (transfer from CSU)

**Lindsey Tucker** – Customer Service Representative – Online (transfer from CSU)

**Tyler Brandt '89** – Head Wrestling Coach

**Cassandra Leisenring** – Customer Service Representative – Online (transfer from CSU)

**William Snyder** – Graduate Assistant, Football

**Marit Rheinheimer** – Online Library Support

**James Scarry, Ph.D.** – Faculty, History

**Evan Clasen '09** – Graduate Assistant, Men's Basketball

**Christina Schmidt** – Graduate Assistant, Softball

**Jeremy Wood** – Assistant Soccer Coach

**Robert Thomas '09** – Graduate Assistant, Wrestling

**Tony Wical '04** – Admissions Counselor

**Timothy Severson** – Facilities

**Michael Tjaden** – Facilities

**Karen Hehman** – Assistant Registrar, Online Programs

**Carl Childs** – Director of Admissions

**Joy Brandt** – Academic Achievement Center Support

**Jessica Cable '09** – Graduate Assistant, Soccer

**Jackie Kieffer** – Head Women's Golf Coach

**Jane Luecht-Deboe** – Facilities

**Debra Waldrop** – Customer Service Representative, Online

**Matthew Boyles** – Head Cross Country Coach

**Rebecca Stevens** – Outside Education Representative

**Richard Campney** – Bus Driver

**Lynn Osterkamp** – Bus Driver

**Richard Hill** – Outside Education Representative

**Cindy Gatlin** – Customer Service Representative, Online

**Robert Gomes** – Outside Education Representative

**Vanessa Jones '09** – Admissions Office Manager

**Matthew Polsdofer** – Admissions Counselor

**Whitney Tait '10** – Graduate Assistant, Theatre

**Sara Rivas** – Admissions Counselor

**Beth Thompson** – Curriculum Coordinator

**Karla Renshaw '10** – Admissions Counselor

**Brian Hancock** – Outside Education Representative

**Vincent Davis** – Assistant Football Coach

**Benjamin Ganus** – Graduate Assistant, Football

**Eric Janssen '10** – Graduate Assistant, Football

**Casey Kujawa** – Women's Soccer Coach

**David Mahoney** – Graduate Assistant, Football

**Kathryn Mullaly '10** – Residence Life, Area Coordinator

**Marilyn Schachel** – Head Bowling Coach

**Zachary Van Cleave** – Student Life, Director of Intramurals and Outdoor Recreation

**Ian Fuchs '09** – Communications, Media Specialist

**James Pitt '07** – Graduate Assistant, Baseball

**Erica Pitt** – Graduate Assistant, Athletic Training / Library

**Theresa Reiter** – Librarian

**Alexander Stockseth '10** – Graduate Assistant, Music

**Sabrina Parcher '10** – Academic Achievement Center (AACE) Coordinator

**Justin Thompson** – Facilities

**Amy Fox** – Graduation Assistant, Women's Basketball

**Dennis Gilbertson '81** – Head Softball Coach

**Andrew K. Johnson '10** – Graduate Assistant Facilities and Events

**Lisa Kreps, MILS** – Faculty, Librarian

**Danielle Appel** – Admissions Counselor

**Douglas Ross** – Head Hockey Coach

**Jason Eck** – Operations Administrative Assistant

**Robert Spain** – Assistant Soccer Coach

**Justin Benjegerdes** – Facilities

**Mary Dickman '10** – Admissions Counselor

**Dustin Baynes** – Head Women's Wrestling Coach

**Kathy Zender '01** – Admissions Counselor

**Matthew Paeth** – Graduate Assistant, Wrestling

**Blake Eno** – Technical Support Representative

**Michale Scarano** – Athletic Director

**Bryan Juenger** – Facilities

**Monica Scarano** – Continuing Education Coordinator

**Mark Clouse, MA** – Faculty, Languages Head Men's Golf Coach

**Gabriel Haynes** – Graduate Assistant, Soccer

**Tanner Zirbel '10** – Graduate Assistant, Music

**Barbara Barrows** – Marketing Director

**Steven Pederson** – Faculty, Music Dept./ Director of Athletic Bands

**Ryan Ristau** – Facilities, Housekeeping

**Nigel Jenkins** – Head Men's Basketball Coach

**Jarrod Rogol** – Assistant Football Coach

**Henry Stone** – Assistant Football Coach

**Sindia Kasper** – Switchboard Operator, Admissions

**John Miller** – Facilities, Maintenance, Construction

**Matt Knutson '11** – Graphic Designer

**Riya Anandwala** – Communications Specialist

**FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS**



**Dr. Robert E. AuFrance** presented a workshop on “Beginning Playwriting” for high school faculty and students at the Illinois State Theatre Festival in Champaign, Illinois. Dr. AuFrance also presented a workshop on

playwriting to graduate and undergraduate theatre faculty and students of Region V of the Kennedy Center’s American College Theatre Festival in Ames, Iowa. Dr. AuFrance has recently partnered with the Winnebago County Historical Society in preparing a theatrical re-enactment of the historical legal case of “The State of Iowa vs. Jacob Studer” to be presented July, 2011.

**Dr. Deepraj Mukherjee** is presenting a paper titled “Is Informal Institution a Determinant of Financial Development? a panel Analysis with a Set of Countries” at the Southwestern Society of Economists Conference that will be held in Houston, Texas this spring.



**Dr. LeAnn Nash** will be presenting her paper “Writing Democracy: Holism in Writing Center Work” at the Federation Rhetoric Symposium at Texas A&M University-Commerce; the paper is part of a panel entitled Democratizing Space, Service, and Student Needs: Becoming All Things to All (Wo)men. Dr. Nash also participated in the IWCA Collaborative—a fishbowl discussion without specific paper presentations/titles, designed to focus on Writing Center work within the religious-affiliated small college—at CCCC in Atlanta in April.

In November, **Dr. Blake Slonecker** presented a paper, “Sex by Northwest: Women’s Liberation and the Portland Willamette Bridge” at the Pacific Northwest History Conference in Spokane,

Washington. His review of Freedom’s Orator: Mario Savio and the Radical Legacy of the 1960s will appear in the upcoming issue of the Journal for the Study of Radicalism, and his article, “We are Marshall Bloom: Sexuality, Suicide, and the Collective Memory of the Sixties,” appeared in the December 2010 issue of The Sixties: A Journal of History, Politics and Culture.



His edited document and introduction, “A Shrewd Neutral Observer”: ‘The Diary of Lieut X’ and the Anti-Imperialist Evolution of William James” is currently under review by the New England Quarterly. He continues to revise his book manuscript, Living the Movement: The Death of the New Left and the Birth of the New Age.

**Dr. Kristin Taylor** just returned from a Fulbright Grant in Iceland. During her time there, her debut CD, “The Well Tempered Pianist: Music for solo piano by Thorkell Sigurbjörnsson,” was released by the Iceland Music Information Centre; the CD will be available on amazon.com and is already available through



gogoyoko.com. Dr. Taylor was recently interviewed about the release by Iceland National Radio Broadcasting and the Kansas City Star. Dr. Taylor’s second CD, which is self-titled, will also be released within the month by Pólarfónia Records. It has performances of music by Grieg, Scriabin, Debussy, and Barber. Finally, Dr. Taylor has been asked to give a lecture at Dark Music Days (Myrkir músikdagar), a prestigious new music festival in Iceland; the lecture, to be held at the end of January, will be about a radio program which Thorkell Sigurbjörnsson hosted for nearly 20 years.

**Professor Joe Wilkins** has new poems and essays appearing in Devil’s Lake, Linebreak, American Cowboy, Brevity, and the Southern Review, as well as the forthcoming ebook poetry anthology Two Weeks. Professor Wilkins read as the featured poet at the Devil’s Lake release celebration in Madison, Wisconsin in January, and in February he read and took part in a panel presentation at the Association of Writers and Writing Programs national conference in Washington, D.C. Professor Wilkins’s memoir, The Mountain, the Fathers, which he read from at last fall’s Faculty Inquirere, has also just been bought for publication by Counterpoint Press of Berkeley, California.



**Professor Kristi Carlson** was awarded Professor of the Year by Waldorf’s chapter of the Alpha Chi Honors Society. Carlson teaches art at Waldorf. Each year the honor society selects nominees for the award and asks the student community to vote.

**FORMER FACULTY, STAFF & REGENT NEWS**

**Robert Abkes**, Professor Emeritus, and wife, Elizabeth celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at an open house in the Waldorf Atrium in July 2010. Bob taught Music and Bible at Waldorf from 1968-1992, playing a significant role in the religious life of the college community.



**Charlotte Fredrickson** died January 3, 2011 after a short fight against cancer. Charlotte was the administrative assistant for the Waldorf College Music Department for 19 years and was called “Mom” by hundreds of music students. She was also the 2004 recipient of the Holmen Professional Excellence Award given annually by Waldorf College. She enjoyed reading, music, and playing bridge with her many friends. Survivors include her husband David, son Tim, and daughters Carol and Sue.

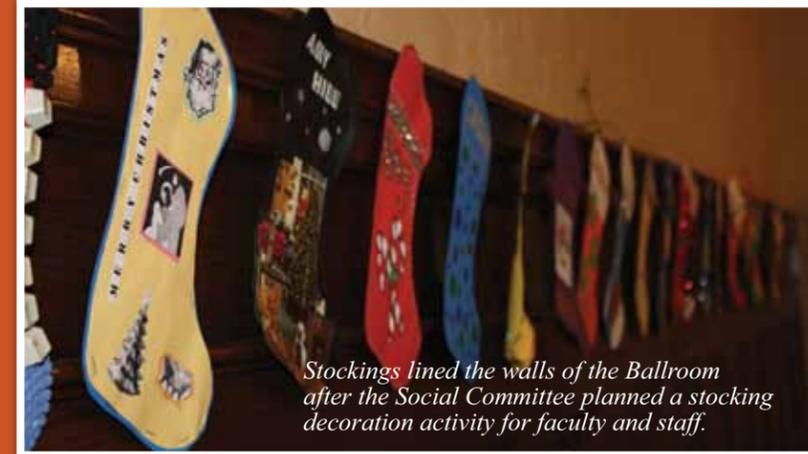
**Dr. Dale Hanke** died September 13, 2010. Dale was the Academic Dean at Waldorf College from 1974-1980. He was an educator for 46-plus years, serving as a teacher, coach, band director, school superintendent, college professor and college administrator. Dale was also president of the Retired Teachers Association of Minnesota, Lieutenant Governor of Kiwanis International and was on the Minnesota State Board of Community Education. He enjoyed sports, fishing and camping, along with traveling the country. Survivors include his wife Donna, and daughters Donnelle and Deanne.

**Howard Lee** recently retired from the board of Brookings Historical Society at age 91. But Howard isn’t one to sit still for long. He’ll probably continue to shovel the museum sidewalk, answer the phone, be the genial and knowledgeable host for special museum tours, sweep the place out, pick up the mail and be a friendly greeter and a fountain of historical knowledge to anyone looking for a long-lost name, date or record. Howard was a former music instructor at Waldorf from 1949-1951 and married Gladys Egertson Lee ’48. They met at rehearsal for a college Christmas pageant while Gladys was a student. Gladys played the part of Mary, and Howard was the angel Gabriel. ‘I’ve been flying ever since,’ he jokes.



**Vivian Stenberg** died November 12, 2010. Vivian worked as an administrative assistant in various offices at Waldorf College over the course of 30 years (50s – 80s). She was a kind and gentle person who took her work seriously. She was last living in Story City, IA. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, and playing cards. She is survived by one sister.

**Beverly Thompson** died August 16, 2010. Beverly worked in the Library at Waldorf College. She was a member in many bridge clubs, loved antiques, liked to go out dancing, and enjoyed her friends at the Forest City Country Club. Survivors include her husband Richard and son Kent. ■



*Stockings lined the walls of the Ballroom after the Social Committee planned a stocking decoration activity for faculty and staff.*

**NEW COMMITTEE IS ALL ABOUT FUN**

Members of a new Social Committee at Waldorf are helping make sure employees have ways to kick up their heels. “The social committee’s purpose is to provide some opportunities to bring employees together, boost morale and have a little fun,” said Cindy Carter, assistant to the president and a member of the committee, formed in fall 2010.

For more than a decade, the Waldorf president’s office helped plan social events for employees. Now, a group of employees work together to schedule social events. “President (Joe) Manjone had social committees at previous institutions and thought Waldorf’s faculty and staff might enjoy it,” Carter said. “We did not have a committee to plan events for the last 13 years.”

The committee organized recent Halloween and Christmas parties that were a hit with employees. And the group planned a Waldorf family fun night at the YMCA in March for employees and their families.

The Social Committee is an open committee, which means anyone can join at any time, Carter said. Here are some members who were more actively involved in fall activities:

- Dawn Ramaker, chairwoman
- Bev Retland
- Vickie Zobel
- Cassie Eno
- Carolyn Sunde
- Katie Mullaly
- Brian Keely

The committee has a small budget, and Carter said the group “has been very conscientious about what we spend and have used internal resources to help with the events.” ■



*The Admissions Department dressed up for the Halloween party.*



*Dr. Brent Dodson performs with the pep band.*

## WALDORF A PERFECT FIT FOR NEW MUSIC PROFESSOR

Waldorf College music professor Brent Dodson is right at home in his first full-time teaching job. Well, close anyway. “I grew up in the Twin Cities, so returning to Iowa brings me closer to my family and is a bit of a homecoming,” said Dodson, whose primary job as director of instrumental activities is to direct the Waldorf Wind Symphony.

Dodson, who started at Waldorf in August 2009, worked for many years as a performing musician before deciding that he wanted to give teaching a try. Dodson attended the Juilliard School, a prestigious music college in New York, where he earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in trumpet performance. “After my time at Juilliard, I lived and worked in New York City as a freelance performer and teacher,” he said. An accomplished trumpet player, Dodson performed with the Metropolitan Opera and Moscow Chamber Orchestra, recorded for TV, film and video games, and played for jazz and rock bands.

He taught brass instruments at a community music school and performed outreach teaching for the New York Philharmonic and Midori Foundation. “After eight years working in New York City, I realized that

I would ultimately like to work in higher education,” Dodson said. He pursued his dream at the University of Southern California, where he earned a doctorate in performance with emphasis in trumpet, instrumental conducting, jazz studies and music education. He graduated with honors in 2009.

He said the degree set him up perfectly for his role at Waldorf. He taught music fundamentals and music appreciation part time at Santa Monica Community College in Santa Monica, Calif., before joining Waldorf.

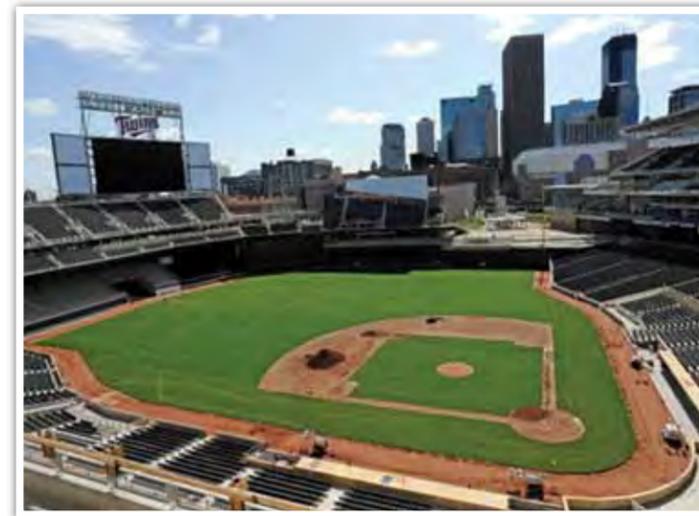
Dodson teaches applied lessons in brass instruments including the trumpet, horn, trombone, euphonium and tuba. He said he is enjoying his time at Waldorf and is impressed with students’ talent and dedication for music. “I love working at a liberal arts college,” said Dodson, who also teaches beginning and advanced conducting, brass skills for music educators and music appreciation. “I love being able to work closely with Waldorf’s student musicians, and I enjoy nurturing them as lifelong lovers of music and as future music educators.”

Dodson has helped organize a more active pep band on campus this school year that plays high-energy songs to get the crowd going. Members of the band are part of the Wind Symphony and are scheduled to play at about 25 events this year, including football, men’s and women’s basketball and baseball games.

“We have almost 20 tunes in our repertoire, and the fans and athletes have loved it,” said Dodson, who is the lone trumpet player in the ensemble. Beginning in the fall, a new director of athletic bands will take over the pep band, as well as establish a marching band on campus; a first for Waldorf.

Dodson and his wife, Kindra, have two sons, Kai, 4, and Dakota, 1. In his spare time, Brent said he enjoys “adventures” with his family, including sledding or visiting the park in Forest City.

“Or, as was the case last summer, we spent six weeks in Los Angeles where we visited with family, went to the beach, attended concerts and (participated) in dozens of other kid-friendly adventures. The key is to make time to go together as a family.” ■



## DICK STRASSBURG '79 SCHEDULES PRIORITIES... A HOME RUN FOR TARGET FIELD

To a kid who played peewee little league baseball in Brandt, South Dakota (population 103), becoming the executive project manager for Target Field, the home ballpark of the Minnesota Twins, was something beyond his wildest dreams. How did he end up landing such an incredible project? How could he accomplish the monumental challenge on time and under budget and still maintain a balanced life? Dick Strassburg '79 will tell you it is due, in part, to scheduling his priorities.

Dick always enjoyed the process of building things, so it was no surprise to his parents that he chose a career path in architecture. Early on in Dick’s life, his parents had instilled in him the idea of attending a Christian college for at least a year or two, prior to taking on the world at a larger university. This turned out to be great advice. Dick smiled and said, “If there was one year of my life when I made the most lifetime friends, it was at Waldorf. This included my very best friend, my wife (Kris [Melrose] Strassburg '79), who I met my first week on campus and married six years later. My time at Waldorf was one of the best years of my life”. Dick confessed he “laughed more at Waldorf than his other five years of college combined.”

After one year, Dick transferred to North Dakota State to pursue a degree in architecture. Following graduation in 1983, he worked for an architectural firm in Fargo. His love of skiing then led him to Colorado where he joined an architectural firm in 1985. A few years later, one of his national real estate developer clients hired him as an in-house project manager and transferred him to their Los Angeles office. In 1990 he moved back to Minneapolis to be closer to family and work for an owner’s representative company. In 1996 he co-founded The TEGRA Group, a small niche real estate and project advisory firm. TEGRA acts as an extension of an organization’s executive management team during relocation, renovation, expansion or new construction projects providing

services such as negotiating lease and purchase agreements, securing financing, and coordinating design and construction on behalf of their clients. Their staff consists of professionals with backgrounds in law, finance, accounting, architecture, engineering and construction. They are essentially an outsourced real estate/facilities department.

TEGRA started with small and mid-sized companies and eventually landed clients such as Polo Ralph Lauren in New York City. Dick commuted to his office in Midtown Manhattan every week for three years and then to Greensboro, North Carolina for another three years. It was during these demanding times when Dick realized he needed a more deliberate plan to balance his work/life priorities. Dick began practicing Stephen Covey’s principles of personal management in his book, “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People.” He learned that the essence of effective time and life management was to organize and execute around balanced priorities. This required him to schedule his priorities rather than prioritize his schedule. There is a big difference. Scheduling his priorities required him to become more disciplined to not let less important tasks consume his day.

Practicing these principles allowed Dick to soar in his industry. Not only was he able to efficiently get things done on the job, but also make time for his family and other priorities in his life.

It was Dick’s stellar reputation that drew the Minnesota Twins to contact him and ask him to serve as executive project manager for Target Field. However, TEGRA’s small shop had really taken off and was so busy at that time that Dick’s initial reaction was to decline the offer. But, after a few weeks of contemplation and reassigning his current workload, Dick agreed to take on the project that would consume the next 3 ½ years of his life. He represented the Pohlrad family on the project and worked directly with Jerry Bell, President of Twin Sports, Inc. His job was to represent the owner on all design and construction issues related to building the ballpark and to manage the process so it would be completed on time and on budget.

Dick is quick to point out that the completion of Target Field was a team effort. Humility denies him the opportunity to toot his own horn and take too much credit. “It took a team,” he says, “and we had a cohesive one.

Several hundred professionals and over 3,000 on-site trades people worked together tirelessly to make Target Field happen”. Still, three positions were key in bringing the project to completion – the lead architect, the project executive for the general contractor, and the owner -- represented by Dick.

Dick commented that working with multiple parties such as Hennepin County, Minnesota Ballpark Authority, City of Minneapolis, MN Dept. of Transportation, BNSF railroad, and

***“If there was one year of my life when I made the most lifetime friends, it was at Waldorf.”***

so on got to be challenging at times. "It was built on a very complex site," he said. "Portions of the project were built over an active railroad, under two bridges, over eight lanes of active freeway, under a new light rail platform and over a new commuter train line. This required involvement from many stakeholders on countless decisions."

But, when all was said and done, Target Field came in on time and under budget, which is unheard of in the world of stadiums and ballparks. Dick pointed out, "the biggest thing that united the project team was the common enemy – time!" Dick was there on opening day, April 12, 2010. As he looked around the stadium he was extremely satisfied with how everything came together. There were no jobs left to be done. It was 100% complete!

The cost of Target Field was \$545 million. In 2010, ESPN The Magazine ranked Target Field as the #1 sports stadium in North America, beating out 212 other franchises. Dick attributes the fan-friendliness of the stadium to doing things right every step of the way. They studied other ballparks very closely. Dick got to know the owner's representative for the New York Mets very well. He had also stayed in touch with his former boss from L.A. who later went on to represent owners and professional sports teams who were building arenas and stadiums across the country – currently the San Francisco 49ers' stadium. He served as a mentor to Dick who considers their lasting relationship "an example of how God was watching out for me all along."

The 40,000 seat stadium is located in downtown Minneapolis in the Warehouse District. The city skyline serves as a breathtaking curtain behind the outfield, allowing all the fans a spectacular view. The field was awarded LEED



Dick with his wife, Kris (Melrose) Strassburg '79 and two daughters, Mia and Shayla

Silver Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council and is considered the "greenest ballpark in America". Dick commends the Pohlad family for being very environmentally responsible. "For them, it wasn't about obtaining LEED Certification as much as it was about doing the right thing throughout the entire process, even if nobody noticed."

Other amenities include a double-wide open concourse that encircles the park and allows fans to leave their seats and roam at will, twice as many restrooms as the Metrodome, broader sightlines, more restaurants, wider rows and more leg room, a high definition video board that is nine times larger than their previous one, and much, much more. Fans have described the Field as "awesome," and as "an experience unlike any other." Dick has only the highest praise for the Pohlad family and Twins organization. "The Twins organization is a class act, they welcomed me in like family and were always very respectful." Dick also has a great deal of adoration for Jerry Bell. He said, "Jerry is one of the best decision makers that I've ever met. He pulled the very best out of people and he treated the workers on the job site just as respectfully as he treated the governor. He was the driving force behind the project."

Dick enjoyed getting to know some of the Twins legends through the process. "Harmon Killebrew is like the neighbor at the lake. He is a very kind and unassuming guy." He also got to know Tony Oliva and thinks the world of him as well. Dick said, "Tony is just a regular guy. His smile lights up the room when he walks in. He loves people and loves the game of baseball".

While the demands of the project required working insanely long hours, Dick didn't lose sight of the fact that he was more

than a project manager. He was also a husband, father, son, brother, brother-in-law, uncle and mentor. To maintain balance during this demanding season in his life, he had to schedule date nights with his wife, uninterrupted play times with his two daughters, Mia (age 8) and Shayla (age 7), and reserve time for his mom. He also scheduled time with his sister, brother-in-law and family, time for physical work-outs, and daily time for spiritual renewal. He and Kris were involved in their church and were also part of a couple's Bible Study group that met bi-weekly. Dick also assumed responsibility for contributing back to his community. He continues to serve as vice-chairman of the board for Cornerstone, a domestic violence prevention agency; board treasurer of Lambda Alpha International, a professional trade association; board member of Chosen Ones, a small adoption agency; and mentor to a fraternity house of college students at the University of Minnesota.

Through discipline and hard work, Dick managed to live a balanced life while seeing the new Target Field through to fruition on time and under budget. For those of us who repeatedly tell ourselves there are just not enough hours in a day, perhaps we need to begin scheduling our priorities, instead of prioritizing our schedules. Maybe then we will also be able to surpass our goals and accomplish things beyond our wildest dreams. ■



**CLASS OF 1980** Pictured from Left to Right, Sarah (Kirkegaard) Campbell, Mark Campell, Cindy (Christensen) Grimm, Kari Fossum, Connie (Weatherman) Harper, Kim Wettleson, Nancy (Cleveland) Peterson, James Erb

### *I invite you to Homecoming 2011:*



"Class of 1996, can you believe it, our 15 year class reunion is this year during homecoming weekend, September 23-25. I hope you are making plans to attend. You can register with the alumni office. I look forward to seeing all of you so that we can catch up on the past 15 years!"

TANYA WILLFORD '96

## SHARE YOUR WALDORF STORY!

Remember when you met your Waldorf roommate for the first time, had an "aha" moment in Dr. Tanner's religion class, survived your first panty raid, or were part of a team or group that felt more natural to you than breathing?

Now you can share your most cherished memories, embarrassing moments and life lessons you learned as a student at Waldorf on the general alumni blog. In turn, reading about other's experiences may spur some forgotten memories of your own. This is an opportunity for you to not only share your Waldorf story, but to also explain how Waldorf helped shape you to become the person you are today.

Please submit your general alumni news to alumni board member, Heather Ihle Lilienthal '94, for posting. The blog and Heather's email address can be found on the Foundation's website at [www.waldorffoundation.org](http://www.waldorffoundation.org).

If you do not have access to a computer but would like to submit your reflections for others to enjoy, you may send it via regular mail to the Waldorf alumni office, 106 South Sixth St., Forest City, IA 50436. Who knows? You just may end up reading your post in a future issue of this magazine.

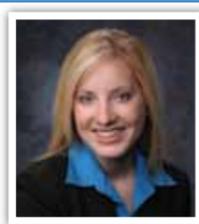
In addition, be sure to read what's new with your classmates by clicking on your class year to the right of the page. To submit your own class update for posting, send news to [alumni@waldorf.edu](mailto:alumni@waldorf.edu) or [www.waldorffoundation.org/alumni-relations/update-records/](http://www.waldorffoundation.org/alumni-relations/update-records/). In lieu of the class blogs, there are no more class agent letters.

The general alumni news and class blogs are works in progress. Please check the site for regular updates. We hope to hear from YOU! Blog on! ■



[www.waldorffoundation.org/blog](http://www.waldorffoundation.org/blog)

### *I invite you to Homecoming 2011:*



"I invite you to Homecoming 2011 this fall to take part in the great activities we have planned. Having Waldorf grads as parents and my brother a current student, Homecoming holds a special place in my heart and there's no better time to celebrate that Warrior pride than during Homecoming weekend. So, start reaching out to your friends and classmates and encourage them to attend as well! If you've lost track of some, try finding them on Facebook. I look forward to seeing you in September!"

AMY BAHR '03  
Alumni Association President

## HOMECOMING: SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2011

### Theme: The Faces of Waldorf

Homecoming 2011 is scheduled for September 23-25 and all alumni are encouraged to attend! The homecoming theme is "The Faces of Waldorf." You will see familiar faces as well as the face of change that has left its imprint on the campus in several new and improved ways.

Come **see** the campus and your classmates.

Come **hear** the sounds of Waldorf – the music, laughter, cheering crowds, familiar voices, etc.

Come **taste** the food at the reunion lunches and "Taste of Waldorf" dinner and talk to your friends.

Come **smell** the bacon at the outdoor Saturday morning Pancake Feed.

And much, much more!

Those classes celebrating a reunion this fall will be the Class of 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961 (golden anniversary class), 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001 and 2006 -- but again, all alumni are welcome! Watch for the official homecoming brochure in the mail this summer featuring "The Faces of Waldorf" logo. Be sure to take a close look at the logo as you will likely recognize a few faces from the past. The brochure will also include the schedule of events for the weekend and your official registration form.

There will be a couple of changes to the schedule this year. The former Saturday night Alumni Banquet will become the Taste of Waldorf event! It will be combined with the Waldorf Society Dinner that is usually held in November, and the Alumni Distinguished Service Award event that has previously been held on homecoming Sunday. Since many of the snowbirds are often unable to join us for the November Waldorf Society recognition event, moving it up earlier in the fall may allow more of them to attend. Since we will also be honoring only one distinguished alumnus this year, along with one recent alumni award for service recipient, we will recognize them as part of the Saturday evening event as well.

The homecoming music concert will be combined with the Sunday morning worship service beginning at 10:30 a.m. so people can get on the road by noon if need be. There are also many other events you will want to attend throughout the weekend, so please save the dates.

If you would like to feature your work of art in the homecoming art and craft show, please contact the alumni office for more information at [alumni@waldorf.edu](mailto:alumni@waldorf.edu) or (641) 585-8140.

## PURPLE 'N GOLD Forever BOLD RECAP: HOMECOMING 2010



### WALDORF HOMECOMING 2010

Alumni returned to their alma mater for a beautiful homecoming weekend, October 8–10. The fall leaves were at their peak of color, the air was warm and the atmosphere was positive and full of excitement. Highlights of the weekend included: athletic hall of fame banquet, bonfire/pep fest, homecoming parade, 50th reunion class lunch, carriage rides, art & craft fair, alumni choir sing-a-long, homecoming banquet, homecoming music concert, alumni distinguished service award luncheon and more.

We did something a little different last year and offered a chance for all alumni to gather with others from their decade. For example — everyone who graduated in the 50s met together in one space, the 60s (with the exception of the 50th anniversary class) in another space, the same for the 70s, etc. Those celebrating a milestone reunion were recognized within that group and were encouraged to sit together. That new option gave alumni an opportunity to visit with those who were in class ahead or behind them. The idea stemmed from a meeting of the alumni board where all voted in favor of giving it a try.

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



King Cody Barnes and Queen Kel Detrich smile after coronation.

### I invite you to Homecoming 2011:



"It's nearly that time again already – time for the Class of 1971 (and still having fun) to be in the homecoming parade and laugh with each other over lunch like old times. We have good memories of our friends we made at Waldorf and hope you can come back to renew these friendships and meet new friends during our 40th class reunion. Make your plans now to attend homecoming on September 24. I invite all alumni to come back and give thanks that our alma mater is still here! See you in September!"

CLAUDIA  
FREEMAN ROSS '71



Pictured from Left to Right: Chase Chisholm, Richard (Dick) Corcoran, President Dr. Joe Manjone, Rev. Dr. Loyal Golv, Roger Espe

The following alumni received various awards during homecoming 2010 weekend. The C. S. Salveson Award began five years ago and has only one other recipient: Herbert D. Ihle '59, awarded in 2005. For more information on the awards, visit [www.waldorf.edu/Residential/Alumni/Awards](http://www.waldorf.edu/Residential/Alumni/Awards).

### 2010 C.S. SALVESON AWARD

MR. ROGER D. ESPE '62

Bonita Springs, FL

*"For performance that consistently and substantially exceeds in quality that which is normally expected of an individual, and for performance that has set superior standards of excellence and efficiency in relation to the mission of the College, and for performance that has resulted in important and significant contributions to the College."*

Roger Espe is a dedicated and proven leader in his local community, nationally and internationally, and has distinguished himself as a talented and gifted leader in business. He has served as President of the George F. Rutledge Company, Founder and President of Capitol Intermediaries, Chairman of the Sedgwick Reinsurance Company, and Chair of the Brokers and Reinsurers Market Association. Roger has been an outstanding leader in church and community service in Iowa, Minnesota and Florida, as well as a leader and organizer of various business-related organizations serving as president and board member for many of them. He has faithfully served Waldorf College from both the philanthropic dimension and from the leadership dimension, having served brilliantly as chair of the Board of Regents during a challenging time of transition. Roger received the Alumni Distinguished Service Award at Waldorf in 1995.

### 2010 ALUMNI DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

THE REV. DR. LOYAL GOLV '48

Edina, MN

*"For notable leadership in the church and for significant contributions as an author and lecturer on the importance of stewardship."*

Among many other things, the Rev. Dr. Loyal Golv is a minister, accomplished author, and lecturer. He is a humble servant who has dedicated his life to the church. Loyal has been called one of the finest and well respected pastors in the ELCA and its predecessor synods. He is an outstanding preacher and writer and has served some large and prestigious parishes in Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota and South Dakota. His many gifts were recognized by synod leaders as he was chosen to direct a major division at the ELCA national headquarters in Chicago. His passion has been speaking and writing on the importance of stewardship. He has published two books and numerous articles on the subject. He continued to be a sought after lecturer on stewardship well into his retirement years. Loyal and his wife, Ruth, currently live in an independent retirement high-rise in Edina, MN which houses 400 residents. For five years now, Dr. Golv has served as chair person for the Worship Coordinator committee, making a positive influence on the religious life of his retirement community. He is known as a wise, kind man and a constant friend to many.

MR. RICHARD (DICK) CORCORAN '70

Sioux Falls, SD

*"For integrity and professional expertise in trust and investment management and for outstanding leadership to Waldorf College and the community."*

Twenty years ago, Dick Corcoran left the private practice of law with a prominent Sioux Falls firm to go to work for a family owned bank. Today, Dick is the Executive Vice President, Wealth Management, of First National Bank in Sioux Falls, leading their \$2 billion Trust Department and their Investment Management Services. Dick is recognized across the state of South Dakota as one of the leading legal experts on trusts, estates and probate, employee retirement planning and benefits, and South Dakota law. As a member of the governor's task force on trust legislation for many years, Dick has had a hand in writing much of the body of trust statute currently on the books in South Dakota. His reputation is unsurpassed in his state. The many organizations to which Dick has given freely of his volunteer leadership and professional advice are too numerous to mention— but two of them include the Waldorf College Board of Regents and the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation. In December 2009 he also received the "Distinguished Service Award" from McCrossan Boys Ranch in Sioux Falls, where he has served as President of both their governing board and their Foundation board. Dick Corcoran is an example of outstanding commitment, excellent leadership and profound vision. As a Christian servant-leader, he has given of himself to make the world a better place.

### 2010 RECENT ALUMNI AWARD FOR SERVICE NOMINEE

MR. CHASE CHISHOLM '05

Chicago, IL

*"For innovative leadership in the Peace Corps and for selfless, dedicated efforts to help those in need."*

For the past two years, Chase Chisholm has served as a United States Peace Corps Volunteer in Guyana – working in several meaningful capacities that have served the good of the country. However, he has worked most closely with the Open Doors Centre, one of the leading centers on disability in Guyana. He has developed and implemented community education programs and led information technology activities and workshops on several issues that disabled persons face in Guyana. He has conducted sessions with the Commission on Disability linked to the Ministry of Health, facilitated introduction to sign language sessions with youth groups, instructed basic computer classes to students at Open Doors Center, written I.T. curriculum and much more. Chase Chisholm is a leader who continually goes above and beyond expectations and mobilizes other volunteers. Prior to his service in the Peace Corps, Chase traveled on mission trips to Australia and Holden Village. He served on a Lutheran Youth Encounter (LYE) travel ministry team, worked at two Bible Camps, and completed an internship with The Lutheran magazine at the ELCA headquarters in Chicago. He is a visionary, a compassionate person dedicated to a life of service who truly embodies the mission of Waldorf College.



Former Waldorf President Dick Hanson returned to campus to read Roger Espe's citation and present him with the C.S. Salveson Award.

### 2010 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

MS. JODY BETTEN DOSSER '71

Osage, IA

*"Iowa high school volleyball's most winning coach – Waldorf conference championship coach - inspirational coach and community member."*

A native of New Hampton, Iowa, Jody Betten Dossler graduated from Waldorf in 1971 and Mankato State University in 1973. She became a high school physical education teacher and coach at Osage High School in Osage, Iowa, where she remained for 27 years. In 2001 she came to Waldorf College. As a high school coach, Jody compiled 17 North Iowa Conference Titles and had 10 teams advance to the Iowa State Volleyball Tournament. She was eventually named the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union's most winningest high school volleyball coach in Iowa. In her seven year career at Waldorf, the Warriors had a second place 2005 conference finish, were semi-finalists in 2006, and won the Midwest Collegiate Conference Tournament in 2007. In 2007, Jody's family had a tragic loss as their 24 year old son, Jermiah, was killed in an accident. Because Jermiah had openly expressed his desire to be a donor, Jody and her husband, Rick, contacted the Iowa Lions Eye Bank to share their son's caring life story and learn about their son's corneal recipients. Six months following Jermiah's death, Jody and the volleyball team organized "Donor Awareness Week" on Waldorf's campus. During that week, the volleyball team had two home matches where they helped promote successful state donor registration and shared "Jermiah's Story". ►



**2010 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**  
 Pictured from Left to Right: James Erb, Jody Betten  
 Dosser, Janelle Barz McCloskey

**MR. JAMES ERB '80**  
*Cedar Rapids, IA*

*"A four sport high school letter winner – an All-American – member of a bowl championship team."*

James Erb came to Waldorf College from Wellman, Iowa, where he graduated from Mid-Prairie High School as a four sport letter winner. During high school, James was named the team MVP for football and earned Second Team All-State Football Honors. While at Waldorf, James was an outstanding football player. He was named a team captain and earned Third Team All-America honors. Following Waldorf, James continued his education at the University of Iowa where he was a member of the 1981 Big Ten Championship team that made it to the Rose Bowl. He was also a member of the 1982 Peach Bowl Championship team. He was named Second Team All-Big Ten and eventually signed with the Atlanta Falcons in 1983. James' most memorable game was while he was at Iowa. "It was my first game for Iowa after a red-shirt year under Head Coach Hayden Fry who was in his third season at Iowa," said James. "We beat Nebraska in the first game of the 1981 season, and that year we broke through a 19 season losing record streak and restored a 'winning' tradition." James is now a farmer and carpenter in Wellman, Iowa. His family owned farm received Heritage Farm status at the 2008 Iowa State Fair as it was homesteaded 156 years ago.

**MS. JANELLE BARZ MCCLOSKEY '81**  
*Chandler, AZ*

*"A two sport high school standout – Waldorf female honor athlete."*

Throughout her high school career, Janelle Barz McCloskey earned various honors in basketball and softball at Ackley-Geneva High School in Ackley, Iowa. She was named First Team All-Conference in both basketball and softball, and was named First Team All-State in basketball her senior season. That year her team finished fourth in the Iowa girl's state tournament and she was selected to the All-Tournament team. Janelle went on to play softball and further her standout basketball career at Waldorf. Janelle was an intelligent, quick and aggressive performer. In the 1979 season, Janelle was a member of the Waldorf College women's basketball team that finished fourth in the NJCAA tournament. In 1980 Janelle led the team in offensive rebounds, defensive rebounds, total rebounds and steals. Waldorf made it to the NJCAA tournament and Janelle was selected Regional XI 2nd team and Waldorf's most valuable player honors and was named the "prestigious" Female Honor Athlete at Waldorf. Following Waldorf, Janelle attended Creighton University on a basketball scholarship where she played for two seasons and graduated Magna Cum Laude. She then attended the University of Arizona where she earned her Master's Degree in Exercise and Sports Sciences. Today Janelle is an exercise physiologist at Scottsdale Healthcare in Scottsdale, Arizona. ■



**CLASS OF 1990** Pictured from Left to Right, Lenore (Blackford) Theobald, Jennifer (Hustrulid) Weismann, Cindy (Riskedahl) Stelter, Annie (Furland) Olson

***I invite you to Homecoming 2011:***



"The Class of '51 has enjoyed many wonderful Waldorf reunions. Let's all return to Waldorf this fall to celebrate our 60th! Homecoming is a time to reminisce, catch up, and see all that has transpired at the college since we left."

**DR. WILLIS GERTNER '51**

**THE FACES OF WALDORF CONTEST**

Jacob Tanner... Muggie Hagen... Dave Bolstorff ... Dawn Johnson... who comes to mind when YOU hear the 2011 Waldorf Homecoming theme, "The Faces of Waldorf?" We would like to know!

The alumni office is holding a contest that is open to all alumni. To enter, submit a poem or essay (300 words or less) about the face that was the most inspiring to you when you attended Waldorf and tell us why. You may write about one person or several in one entry. However, entries are limited to one per person. Please include your name and class year on your essay or poem.

The alumni board will review all entries and vote on the top three which will be included in the fall Waldorf Magazine. All alumni will then be encouraged to vote on their favorite entry via email, phone or regular mail by September 19. The winner will be announced during homecoming weekend and will receive a beautiful hand-made wooden box featuring the Waldorf seal by Waldorf Professor Julianne Friday and a \$30 gift certificate to the Waldorf Bookstore. The winner need not be present to win. All entries received will be compiled into a booklet that will be available for review during homecoming weekend.

If you have any questions please contact the alumni office at (641) 585-8140.

All entries must be postmarked or emailed by July 22, 2011. Submit your entry via email to [alumni@waldorf.edu](mailto:alumni@waldorf.edu) or via mail to:

**Alumni Office  
 Waldorf College  
 106 S. 6th Street  
 Forest City, IA 50436**



**CLASSES FROM THE 1960s** Pictured from Left to Right, **Front:** Marilyn (Hanson) Schroeck '65, Sharon (Schansberg) Helgeson '65, Danna (Burmester) Swenson '62 **Back:** Gene Challengren '65, Mary Beth (Kamish) Wooldridge '65, Ed Davis '65, James Johnson '61 Karen Gleson Fiebiger '60



**STUDENTS NETWORK WITH ALUMNI IN THE TWIN CITIES**

Twenty students participated in a day long trip to the Twin Cities on Tuesday, November 2. The event was a joint effort between the Career Center and Alumni Office. During the day students heard from various alumni on topics such as networking, professionalism and ethics in the workplace, life after college, building a professional portfolio in college and beyond, and life in the Twin Cities.

After lunch, staff and alumni reviewed student resumes and cover letters on an individual basis and offered valuable feedback. Following a brief stop at the Mall of America, students met with additional area alumni at the Minneapolis Airport Marriott for an evening of networking. Students each had their own business cards and were challenged with the task of introducing themselves to as many alumni as possible at the reception.

The trip was well received by the students. Waldorf senior Cynthia Murillo commented, "the Twin Cities trip was not only fun, but extremely helpful to me regarding my future." Thank you to all the alumni who participated in the event. ■

***I invite you to Homecoming 2011:***



"Don't miss returning to Waldorf to celebrate our 50th anniversary. After all these years you will discover you love reconnecting, even with those that you did not know very well. We do have a unique bond. I have enjoyed every homecoming for the past eight years."

**JANET HETLAND HERNES '61**



(Front left around the table, clockwise): David Knode '72, Jon Rorem '61, Jeff Barth '78, Heather Swenson Ridgway '00, Brent Reichow '98, Ron Klipping '60, Rita Ullestad Gilbertson '79, Nancy Bergland Olson '75, Liz Pedersen Tweeten '63, and John Tweeten '62.

**SEATTLE AREA ALUMNI EVENT**

Alumni in the Seattle area joined Nancy Olson and Rita Gilbertson from Waldorf College for a casual dinner at the Flying Fish Restaurant on Feb. 15. The group enjoyed getting to know each other, reminiscing and discussing all the exciting new things happening on Waldorf's campus.

As you might expect, during the course of the meal together, many connections were made and everyone was reminded once again that it truly is a small world. ■

**DES MOINES AREA ALUMNI EVENT**

Nearly 30 alumni of all ages enjoyed getting together for an area alumni reception at West End Architectural Salvage in Des Moines on April 19. The venue was a big hit as it offered a large meeting space with four floors of repurposed finds and antiques. A scavenger hunt was held throughout the store sending interested alumni in search of objects that related somehow to Waldorf College or its past. However, to some, the best part of the evening was simply enjoying some delicious appetizers and getting to know fellow alumni from different classes. It was suggested this become an annual event. ■



Below: Clockwise beginning at front end): Lori Kenyon Eekhoff '08, Chad Eekhoff, Abigail Schumacher '08, Tony Wical '04, Andrea Goedderz '07, Nicole Lovik-Blaser '06, Mallory Lovik '10, and Rachel Anderson '08.

Above: Left to Right: Claudia Freeman Ross '71, Karel Johnson '74; Tammi Shelton Anderson '71. Sonja Fox Chesnik '71

**CLEAR LAKE YOUNG ALUMNI EVENT**

Alumni from the Class of 2000 - 2010 met at the Other Place Restaurant (OP) in Clear Lake for pizza and conversation on April 9. They enjoyed catching up with some old friends and meeting some new ones. ■



**CLASSES FROM THE 1940s** Pictured from Left to Right are: Lorraine Jacobson '45, Anna Marie Mitchell '44 Ardis (Mostrom) Ellwood '47, Loyal Golv '48, Elaine (Johnson) Campney '47



**CLASSES FROM THE 1950s** From Left to Right, **Front row:** Ruth (Hatteberg) Johnson '55, Carol (Peterson) Edwards '55, Marlene (Bjetland) Dawson '55, Phil Dawson '58, Jo (Isvik) Williams '55, Carmen (Brandt) Jorgensen '55, Deloris (Christian) Singlestad '50 **Back row:** Bob Johnson '54, lola (Berkland) Kalvig '55, Eunice (Hueneman) Larson '55, Janice (Teigland) Smith '55, John Johnson '55, Shirley (Stark) Jorde '58, Travis Jorde '58, Bob Singlestad '50

**I invite you to Homecoming 2011:**



"I encourage all members from the Class of 1976 to attend our class reunion during homecoming weekend. At this stage of our life we have much to catch up on and many "remember whens" to share about our experience at Waldorf together. Since I serve on the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation Board of Directors, I have had the opportunity to return to our alma mater several times in the past few years for meetings. If you haven't been back to campus in a while, I think you will be impressed with the updates, changes and upcoming projects. Be sure to remind our classmates and I hope to see you this fall!"

TRAVIS FINSTAD '76

**ELECTION OF ALUMNI BOARD OFFICERS**

The election of officers took place at the alumni board meeting held on March 19. The following officers were elected to serve a second term: President: Amy Bahr '03; Vice President: Duane Jolivette '81; Secretary: Amy Ruter Stouffer '99 (BA). The alumni board took a break from their meeting to have lunch with prospective students who were on campus for the largest Admissions Open House to date.

The 22 member alumni board serves as the voice of Waldorf College alumni and meets three times a year on campus. Each member of the alumni board serves a four year term. The Board advises the Waldorf Director of Alumni Relations. Visit the Waldorf alumni section of the website for a list of all alumni board members. ■

**I invite you to Homecoming 2011:**



"Hello Waldorf Class of 1981! In the 30 years (!) since we graduated a great deal has changed for all of us – my hair has grayed, my eyes have weakened and my wife and kids say I don't hear as well! In those 30 years we have lost some good friends, we have made new friends, and for many of us we now have children of our own in college or beyond — but we also have the memories of two special and important years spent at Waldorf. Those two years went by fast, as have the 30 succeeding them. I don't expect time will slow down anytime soon! So, please join the reunion at Homecoming 2011 so we can honor the memories together, re-acquaint and re-unite, before another 30 years has too quickly passed!"

DR. DUANE (DUEY) JOLIVETTE '81



**50th Reunion Class of 1960** From Left to Right, **First:** Karen Oleson, Ruth (Underdahl) Furland, B.J. (Osnes) Overlie, Eileen (Liljedahl) Snider, Myra (Hanson) Peterson **Second:** Janet (Hovick) Tantow, Rachel (Maakestad) Coltvet, Barb (Lemme) Engels, Susan (Bergeson) Rotvoid, Liz (Larson) Skov, Eugene Strand, Clarine (Thompson) Strand **Third:** Joan (Olson) Kloster, Janice (Bornholdt) Nelson, Gail (Johnson) Skroch, Lois (Haakonson) Isvik, Olean (Skogen) Yahnke, Charlene (Matheson) Zimmerman **Fourth:** Craig Hill, Ron Klipping, Jerry Hopperstad, Helen (Rugstad) Senne, Sherman Coltvet, Carl Sunde, Kent Naae



**CLASSES FROM THE 1970s** Pictured from Left to Right are: **Front:** Gina (Sundry) Laaveg, '75, Eloise (Hanson) Shipman, '75, Kris (Myhrwold) Meyer, '75, Margit (Moen) Churness, '75 **Back:** Steve Olson, '75, Nancy (Bergland) Olson, '75, Joel Ladveg, '75, John Golv, '75, Janet (Grube) Gaylord, '75, Paul Churness, '75, Beth Brekken Masterson '73 Joy (Rosdail) Klepacki '73, Don Meyer '72



**CLASS OF 1995** Pictured from Left to Right are: Barb (Helgeson) Kainz, Brenda Chamberlain, Jody (Schuhmacher) Nelson, Mike Schmidt

**NEW ATHLETIC WEBSITE**

The Waldorf College Athletic Department proudly announces the NEW Waldorf Warriors website!



Special features include a Warrior spotlight athlete, fan poll, running ticker of sport scores, upcoming event schedules, staff directory and great sport images including a gallery of photos, videos and social media, coming soon.

Check out the new website at [www.waldorfwarriors.com](http://www.waldorfwarriors.com). ■

## ALUMNI NEWS

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

## 1940s

**Rhoda Madson Ludeke '41** is living in Virginia with one of her sons. Her husband, Lyle, passed away in January 2005. They raised eight sons.

## 1950s

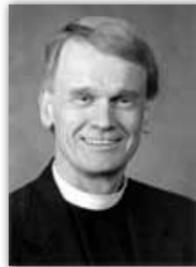
**Willis Gertner '51** completed eight years of leadership on the national board of ALOA (Adult Lutherans Organized for Action), a joint venture of ELCA & LC-MS featuring Encore Lutheran Ministries that attempts to equip and empower persons in the second half of life as disciples of Jesus Christ to celebrate and serve church and society. He and wife, Betty, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July 2010.

**Robert '59 and Sharon Hanson Gordon '60** enjoyed traveling to Europe including two trips to Norway, a trip to Greece and also a month stay in Italy and France. During the winter months they have traveled extensively in the Caribbean and southern states, and have wintered in Hawaii. They have four grown children.

## 1960s

**Richard Nelson '60** is retired from teaching school for 30 years in Decorah, Cedar Rapids, Mason City and Charles City, IA. After retiring from public school teaching, he was hired by Buena Vista University as a supervisor of student teachers and where he worked for three years. He and his wife, Marlys, have been married for 46 years and were blessed with two children, one granddaughter and four grandsons.

**Elizabeth Larson Skov '60** taught in Iowa and Minnesota for 10 years and worked for 22 years at Fountain Lake Treatment Center as a unit secretary. She and husband, Leverne, live in Minnesota and have two children: **Lance '91**, and **Leann Skov Rivers '93** and husband, **Kevin Rivers '93**.



**Stanley Olson '66** was elected president of Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, IA beginning his duties January 1, 2011. Since 2005,

Stan had served as executive director of the Vocation and Education unit of the churchwide office of the ELCA.

**Julienne Friday '68** received Best of Show in the woods and metal division in the Iowa Crafts 39 competition on display November 2009 through February 2010 at McNider Museum in Mason City, IA. She was also chosen as one of the top six exhibits in the wood category in July 2010 at Clear Lake Art in the Park in Clear Lake, IA.

## 1970s

**Brad Day '71** is the Bishop's assistant at Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral in San Francisco, CA.

**Rick '71 and Jody Betten**

**Dosser '71** were instrumental in the passing of a red light running law called "Jermiah's Law" for the state of Iowa. Their son, **Jermiah Dosser '06**, was killed on March 22, 2007 when a driver ran a red light. Jermiah was an organ donor and Jody and Rick have become Donor Awareness advocates. The Iowa Donor Network and the American Association of Tissue Banks selected Rick, Jody and Jermiah to be a part of the Donate Life "Seize the Day" Rose Parade Float in January 1, 2011 in Pasadena, CA. Jermiah's picture was one of 60 donor floragraphs on the float and Jody was one of the 23 float riders.

On another note, Rick was inducted into the Iowa High School Athletic Directors Hall of Fame in 2010, and Jody was inducted into the Waldorf College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010.



**Joel Peters '75** graduated from Mankato State and Philadelphia Theological Seminary-extension at Boston University. Joel is employed at Worcester Security as a counselor. He and wife, Christina, have two daughters and a grandson.

**Kathy Fisher Leuwerke '77** has been promoted to the position of internal controls compliance manager at Winnebago Industries, Inc. She and husband, Danny, live in Thompson, IA.

## 1980s

**Theresa McIntosh Odom '85** was the featured artist of the month for August 2010 at the Neighborhood Artist Review at Emmet County State Bank in Estherville, IA and has shown her work at various galleries throughout the area. She is employed at the Estherville Daily News as composition manager.

**Peder Eide '88** is a singer/songwriter/speaker leading Christ-centered praise and worship for youth conferences, festivals, camps, churches and any other venues students and their families have gathered. [www.pedereide.com](http://www.pedereide.com)

## 1990s

**Ryan '92 and Andrea Warren Kragerud '93** have one daughter. Ryan is a planner & GIS specialist at St. Vrain Valley School District and Andrea is an assistant director of CU conference services at University of Colorado at Boulder. Address: 615 Lincoln Street, Longmont, CO 80501. Email: [andrea.kragerud@colorado.edu](mailto:andrea.kragerud@colorado.edu)

**Jered Nickles '92** is a network field engineer at Frandsen Corporation. His wife, Katie, is a dental hygienist and they have one son. Address: 11896 Kerry Street NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433 Email: [jered.nickles@yahoo.com](mailto:jered.nickles@yahoo.com)

**Andrew '94 and Jody Schuhmacher Nelson '95** have two children. Andrew is an insurance broker and Jody is an industrial tech tutor at Rochester Public Schools. Address: 707 3rd Ave SE, Stewartville, MN 55976. Email: [scrapmylife@yahoo.com](mailto:scrapmylife@yahoo.com)

**Gaspar Msangi '99** attended St. Olaf, worked at Medronic for a short time, and then went to medical school at Mayo. He is now a third year surgical resident.

## 2000s

**Ryan '02 and Amber Brinton Roske '99** have two sons. Ryan was promoted to western area sales manager by Winnebago Industries, Inc.

**Joe '03 and Alissa Silverness Jorgenson '03** have two daughters. Joe is a special education teacher in Cannon Falls, MN. He directed his first high school musical, Oklahoma, in November 2010. Joe is also a member of the Northfield Arts Guild Theater Committee and has been involved with several of their productions.

**Laura Anliker Nyhus '05** is employed at Wells Fargo.

**Andy Johnson '07** and wife, Jennifer, have two children. Andy is an annuities specialist at Aviva USA and Jennifer is an RN.

**Amanda Weiss '09** is serving as an AmeriCorps VISTA at the Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity ReStore. It is her second year as an AmeriCorps.

**Rachel Hannam '10** is an automotive sales consultant at Lichtsinn Motors in Forest City, IA.

**Charles "CJ" Johnson '10** has joined Cutting Edge Fitness in Clear Lake, IA. He received certification through

the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

**Sarah Leichsenring '10** is a high school social studies teacher at the Central Lee Community School District in Donnellson, IA. She is also the varsity head volleyball coach.

**Jeremy Trach '10** is a personal trainer at 360 Fitness in Mason City, IA. He is a NSCA-certified strength and conditioning specialist and is a member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association and National Wellness Institute.

## 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.*

**Margaret Helgen Moilien '35** died November 18, 2008. Throughout her married life she played an active role as pastor's wife within the life of the church as teacher and mentor to children, youth and adults. She spoke frequently to congregations and organizations and served on the Board of Regents at Pacific Lutheran University. She became involved with the Northwest

Pilot Project and was associate director of Neighborhood House, a United Way Agency. During this time, Lutheran Family Services Northwest established an award in her name given annually to an individual for outstanding community action and volunteer activities. Survivors include her four children.

**Ardella Groth Warrington '38** died August 19, 2010 in Osage, IA. After teaching several years, Ardella attended Electronic Communication School in Omaha working briefly for Air Service Command, Wright Field, in Dayton, OH. She married Clifford Warrington in 1945 and they bought St. Ansgar Plumbing and Heating. She belonged to and participated in many organizations and clubs. Survivors include a brother-in-law, a sister-in-law, and many nieces and nephews.

**Irving Kuehnast '40** died November 12, 2010 in his home with his family by his side. After Waldorf he attended Iowa State University. He proudly served his country for 20 years as a B-17 pilot and meteorologist, retiring as colonel. He enjoyed playing senior softball, tennis, golf and cards. Irving received Waldorf's Alumni Distinguished Service Award in 1987. Survivors include his wife, four children and eight grandchildren.



Students pose for a photo after the dedication of the Rose Ferjak Art Gallery in the library.



A group from Waldorf visits the Iowa State Capital Building and meets with Governor Branstad.

**Ruth Ruka Hauge '41** died August 13, 2010 in Mason City, IA. Ruth married Wilmer Hauge in 1944 and they lived and work on the family farm west of Goodell. She also worked for many years at the Steele Memorial Clinic. Ruth's interests were the Historical Society of Belmond, her involvement with the Kensington Club, traveling, and her compassion for animals. Survivors include her daughters, Delores and Richard Noeldner, Donna and Murray Isch, **Diane Hauge Brenegan '67** and **Steven Brenegan '66**.

**Daisy Cormaney Hill '41** died August 15, 2010 in Ames, IA. After retirement, Daisy and Hubert enjoyed spending winters in Florida and traveling to other parts of the world. She loved gardening, sewing, reading, music, and watching baseball games. Survivors include son Paul and wife **Mary Danielson Hill '65**, daughter **Faye Hill Thompson '69** and husband Noel, and daughter **Ann Hill Duin '75** and husband Douglas.



**Mavis Swanson Hilleson '41** died July 25, 2010 in Rockford, IL. She met her husband of 64 years, **Edmund Hilleson '40** while at Waldorf. Survivors

include three sons, Steve and Brenda Hilleson, James Hilleson '71 and Heidi,

and John and Michelle Hilleson; three daughters, **Kristen Hilleson Rossi '69** and Dave, **Anne Hilleson Anderson '72**, and **Jeanette Hilleson Parker '78** and Cliff; and sister-in-law **Helen Hilleson Olson '33**.

**Mildred Johnston '41** died July 9, 2010 in Waterloo, IA. Mildred was a teacher for 42 years, retiring in 1983. She belonged to and participated in many organizations and enjoyed traveling, sporting events, gardening, fishing and keeping active. Survivors include two sisters, **Alpha Johnston Sandage '48** and Duane, and Sylvia and James Kleen; and three sisters-in-law, Florence Johnston, **Shirley Hale Johnston '46**, and Antoinette Johnston.

**Ardith Anderson Furness '42** died December 1, 2010 in Mason City, IA. Ardith and Edwin farmed near Lake Mills and Garner and she also worked at Winnebago Industries from 1968 until her retirement in 1990. She taught Sunday school, belonged to the Fellowship Club, Ladies Aid, was a charter member of the Evening Guild and a volunteer for Meals on Wheels. Survivors include her four sons.

**Gloria Hoversten '42** died August 23, 2010 in Eagle Rock, CA. Gloria was employed at John Tracy Clinic in California, hired in 1953 as their first

audiologist, and was also a rehabilitative specialist and researcher. Survivors include a niece, sister-in-law, step-brother, and many nieces and nephews.

**Marcella Egenes '43** died November 21, 2010 in Hot Springs Village, AR. Marcella was a teacher at several schools.

**Phyllis Oppedal '43** died August 7, 2010. Phyllis served for over 30 years as a civilian payroll official for the Iowa National Guard before retiring in 1974. Survivors include three sisters.

**John "Jack" Colby '47** died June 18, 2010 in Mason City, IA. John was commissioned as a chaplain in the Navy and served in the Korean War. Upon an honorable discharge, he began working with his father in the family business, Colby Pioneer Peat Co. He later joined his brother, Malcolm, as co-owners of Colby Peat. John was an avid reader, loved a good game of cards, the Hawkeyes, the Vikings, the Twins, computer games, daily coffee with the men, and a taco at the Fertile Café. Survivors include wife of 53 years, Marilyn, and five children.

**Evelyn Beenken DeVries '47** died May 18, 2008. Survivors include her husband, Dick.

**John Malmquist '47** died December 9, 2009. He was living in Boxholm, IA. Survivors include his wife, Nancy.

**Dale Olson '47** died July 22, 2009. Survivors include his wife, **Mildred Olson '47**, daughter Debbie, and three grandchildren.

**Marlin Ingebretson '48** died July 14, 2010 in Rockwell, IA. Marlin served congregations in Eureka, KS; Jewell, IA; Thor, IA; and Thornton, IA. He also served on the faculty of Waldorf College as a Religion Professor from 1963-1968. Marlin was giving, kind to all, a peacemaker and a faithful servant to the Lord. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn, four children, and brother, **Dean Ingebretson '58**.

**Berneil "Bernie" Plahn Sykes '49** died October 27, 2010 in Ames, IA. Bernie taught for a few years, farmed with her husband Joe, and helped start the first preschool in Blairsburg. She was active in the women's circle, quilting club and many clubs throughout the community. She also enjoyed playing the piano. Survivors include husband, Joe, and four children.

**Frances Vorrie Young '49** died September 7, 2001.

**Norva Hanson Brueland '50** died August 20, 2010 in Moorhead, MN. Norva was the office manager in the Physical Plant Department at Concordia College for 28 years before retiring in July 2006. In 1999 she was honored with the Platt Distinguished Service Award for Support Staff for her services to the College. She was also an avid fan of the Minnesota Twins. Survivors include 4 children, one brother, and sister **Goldie Hanson Davis '44**.

**Betty Selberg Moe '51** died April 17, 2010 in Cedar Rapids, IA. Betty taught elementary education, operated an in-home day care business, worked at a care center, and was a secretary. Betty and husband, John, purchased the Wabasso Standard newspaper in Wabasso, MN which they published until 1997 when they retired. Survivors include three children and a sister.



**Thomas Natterstad '52** died November 6, 2010 in Valencia, CA. Tom was ordained as a Lutheran pastor in 1958, serving his first church in Crooks, SD.

He was called by the American Lutheran Church to establish a mission congregation in Fresno, CA, which is now known as Hope Lutheran Church. He then served as senior pastor of First Lutheran Church for 21 years, retiring in 1996. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Ardis, three children, and a sister.

**James Swanson '52** died October 29, 2009. James was an administrator for the Social Security Administration.

**Myrna Kilstofte Kokemiller '56** died May 26, 2010 in Boone, IA. Myrna taught kindergarten for six years and was a remedial reading teacher for 30 years at the Stratford Community School before retiring. She enjoyed cooking, baking, loved to read and was a caretaker of family and friends. Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Virgil, and two daughters, Carmen and **Connie Kokemiller '83**.

**Delores Holmquist Kudej '57** died August 21, 2010 in Mason City, IA. Delores had been employed at Tobin

Packaging in Fort Dodge, during WWII she worked for the U.S. Army in Denver, CO, and then returned to Fort Dodge to work at City Hall. She and husband, Merle, made their home on the farm near Kanawha until 1982, when they retired and moved to Kanawha. She was interested in education and helping young people further their education. Delores also enjoyed shopping, traveling, and gambling. Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

**Andrew Olson '59** died December 20, 2010 in Sidney, OH. Andrew was a teacher in Shelby County schools and later worked in the maintenance department at Wilson Memorial Hospital. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean War from 1955-1957. He enjoyed fishing. Survivors include his wife, Patricia, and two children; sister, **Mavis Olson Lovik '52**, and brother, **James Olson '54**.

**Orville "O.K." Anderson '62** died August 1, 2010. While attending Waldorf, O.K. was a soloist in the Concert Choir and also a member of the Waldorf Men's Quartet. The choir sang at the Hollywood Bowl his second year and the Men's Quartet performed at the World's Fair in Seattle, WA, and Holden Village in Chelan, WA. O.K. was



The girls of the newly dedicated Olson Theme House pose with Nancy (Berghland) Olson '75 and Steve Olson '75 (top center).



The Saint Christopher's Chorale performs at the Charlotte Fredrickson Memorial Concert.

ordained in 1970 and his first parish was St. John's Lutheran Church in Craig, IA. His second was at Elim Lutheran Church in Marshalltown, IA, followed by Trinity Lutheran Church in Hawthorne, CA, and his last parish was at Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton, SD. Survivors include his wife, **Kathy Peterson Anderson '63**, daughter Sarah, and son **Nathan Anderson '98**.

**Hazel Handeland Evans '62** died November 15, 2008 in Prior Lake, MN. Hazel taught in Iowa and later at Faribault Junior High School for 30 years. She was very active in volunteering in her community and church. Survivors include a daughter, her mother, and four siblings including **Cynthia Handeland Hannem '72**.

**Faith "Marcy" Haigh Romboldi '64** died August 1, 2010. Marcy was a school teacher for the Kingston and Plymouth schools systems. She was a long time member of the P.E.O., D.A.R. the Red Hats Society and the Sweet Adeline's. Survivors include her husband of 43 years, Russell, three children, her mother, and three siblings.

**Lynn Isaacson '65** died April 2, 2009 in Colfax, IL. Lynn was a bookstore manager at Luther College, Pacific Lutheran University, and Illinois State University. After leaving the bookstore, he started Innova Marketing which he operated for several years before joining State Farm Insurance as a systems analyst. He enjoyed hiking, bicycling, computers and singing. Survivors include his wife, Nancy, two children, his mother, and a sister.

**John Benderoff '70** died November 16, 2009 in Des Moines, IA.



**Gayle Hempstead Waylander '79** died September 29, 2010 in Montevideo, MN. Through her various jobs, Gayle shared her gifts of laughter, hospitality

and service. She lived her life taking care of all the people she knew. Survivors include her husband, Gregg, two children, and her parents.

**Alan Meyer '87** died August 14, 2010 in Ackley, IA. Alan was the C.F.O. of Greenbelt Bank & Trust and then later became manager at Highland Golf Club. He was involved in the National Wildlife Turkey Federation, Pheasants Forever, and ducks Unlimited. His hobbies included golfing, fishing, hunting, woodworking, coaching boys booster basketball and spending quality time with his children. Survivors include his wife, Kris, five children, and a brother.

**Matt Williams '92** died July 25, 2010 in Rochester, MN. Matt and wife, Val, opened Flowers by Val Floral and Greenhouses, working together until Matt started working for Pepsi America. He then worked for Leading Edge Ford until diagnosed with ALS in January of 2006. He played baseball for the North Stars and was an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan. He enjoyed golfing, hunting, camping, and coaching his children's ball teams. Survivors include his wife, Val, three children, his parents, and four siblings

## MARRIAGES

**Deb Randall Blaser '85** married Lon Gretillat on November 20, 2010. Deb is employed by Kingland Systems Corporation in Clear Lake, IA and Lon is employed by T8 Webware in Cedar Falls, IA.

**Bridget Moe '05** married Matt Edson on February 28, 2010. Bridget is employed by Floyd County Emergency Management in Charles City, IA and Matt is a self-employed farmer. They reside in Ionia, IA.

**Kristen Grennan '08** married Joshua Miller July 17, 2010. They reside in Utah.

**Trista Riebkes '08** married **Adam Helm '06** on August 28, 2010 in Forest City, IA. They live in Woden, IA.



**Eva Mills '10** married **André Franco '10** on May 8, 2010 in Mason City, IA. Eva is a special education teacher and André is working in the field of strength and conditioning. They live in Underwood, IA.

## BIRTHS

**Suanne Stensland Colegrove '87** and husband, Jeff, a daughter, Emily Sue, February, 2010. She joins brothers Jeremy and Ryan. Suanne is a stay-at-home mom and homeschools her children. Jeff is a computer consultant. They live in Burnsville, MN.

**Nicole Lovik Blaser '06** and husband Jason Blaser, a daughter, Brinley Cora, November 22, 2010. Nicole is the director of the Forest City Education Foundation--working with alumni and current students to expand scholarship and enrichment opportunities.

**Adam Hughes '06** and wife, Jenelle, a son, Rockwell Jon, May 28, 2010.

## ALUMNI BOARD

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- Sonia Solomonson '61, *Streamwood, IL*
- Ryan Libby '97, *Crystal, MN*
- Debra (Stock) Olson '79, *Story City, IA*
- Ken Dragseth '65, *Edina, MN*
- Audra Hovick '07, *Minneapolis, MN*
- Solvay (Stole) Twedt '54, *Story City, IA*

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- Jeff Barth '78 (re-elected), *Mulkiteo, WA*
- Trevor Garbers '97, *Englewood, CO*
- Judy Brown '84, *Rosemount, MN*
- Jeff Pierce '85, *Chaska, MN*
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- Mike Gremmer '89, *Johnston, IA*
- Amy (Ruter) Stouffer '98, *Council Bluffs, IA*

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- Jodi Evans '82 (re-elected), *Des Moines, IA*
- Ben Klipfel '00 (re-elected), *Grand Forks, ND*
- Heather (Ihle) Lilienthall '94 (re-elected), *Ankeny, IA*
- Kent Stock '82 (re-elected), *Marion, IA*
- Susan (Fitzgerald) Watson '89, *St. Paul, MN*

### TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 2014

- Duane Jolivette '81 (re-elected), *Newton, IA*
- Amy Bahr '03 (re-elected), *West Des Moines, IA*
- Mark Campbell '80 (re-elected), *Osage, IA*
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## 2011 DATES TO REMEMBER

August 25 – Association of Congregations Meeting  
September 23-25 – Homecoming  
September 24 – Waldorf Society Recognition Dinner  
December 3 & 4 – Christmas with Waldorf