

Upcoming Events, News, and More!

What is a Heritage Farm? *Conversations over Coffee*

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship in partnership with the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, define a Heritage Farm as ownership and operation of a farm by members of the same family for **150 years or more**. This is a significant accomplishment! Farms must be at least 40 acres to qualify and there are over 2,000 in the State of Iowa. During coffee in Des Moines, **Murray McKee 1975** shared that he is fourth generation on the 80-acre McKee Farm for 154 years in Warren County, south of Des Moines. The property was purchased by his great grandfather in 1872. Murray and his wife, Elizabeth, farm the property while Murray also had a full time career in Des Moines. That's Dedication.



Waldorf Custom Cycling Jerseys released for 2026!



New design for 2026

Ride through parks, on trails, in community events, or on RAGBRAI, in style, comfortable, and to represent Waldorf!

Online store [LINK](#) by Primal will close on **May 11th**

If you have any questions, please contact Rod Schultz at:

alumni@waldorf.edu
or cell/text at 608-312-0521

Participating on **RAGBRAI** as a cyclist or support crew? Please let Rod know so he can look for you on the route!

Confluence Brewing Company: Des Moines Meet-up!

Join fellow members of the Waldorf University community for a relaxed and welcoming evening at **Confluence Brewing Company 1235 Thomas Beck Rd, in Des Moines!** From 5–7 p.m. on **Thursday, April 23**, reconnect with friends,

expand your network, and enjoy great conversation in a casual setting. (Photo: our event in 2024 at the Confluence)



Come ready to unwind and connect! Brief remarks and a Q&A session will begin at 6:00 p.m., offering a chance to hear campus updates and share your thoughts. Bring a guest! Your first drink is on us.

Please let us know if you plan to attend by emailing alumni@waldorf.edu

We look forward to seeing you in Des Moines for an evening of community, conversation, and connection! More Waldorf events located [HERE](#)

Warrior Talks: Waldorf's online seminars

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

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

Intro to A.I.

The Human-Friendly Guide to Understanding Our Future Overlords



About the Presenter:

Ron Spradling, Director of Outreach for Waldorf

Ron retired as Master Sergeant from a 20-year career in the Air Force and worked on fighter aircraft such as the F-16 Falcon, A-10 Warthog, and F-15 Strike Eagle. After time with NASA and several deployments, he built a business career that led him to appointment as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce. He joined Waldorf to lead the outreach program and continues to bring his entrepreneurial spirit to promoting Waldorf with educational partners around the country. His AI expertise is helping shape Waldorf's academic program and respond to AI.

If you'd like to attend, please email us at alumni@waldorf.edu **Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 26th to secure your spot and obtain the link!**

Inaugural seminar: [Dr. Kris Meyer 1975](#), in our first online seminar, exploring Jonathan Haidt's influential book, *The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness*. - **Recorded March 26th**.

☕ Greater Des Moines Area Coffee Series ☕

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

June 4, 2026

📍 Twisted Bean – 4504 Merle Hay Rd, Des Moines, IA 50310

August 6, 2026

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

October 1, 2026

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

December 3, 2026

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

Questions?

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Waldorf Coffee & Softball in Orange City, Iowa

Warriors, you're invited! ☕🏆 Molly Vander Linden 2008 will be hosting.



Join Waldorf alumni and friends for a fun Saturday in Orange City, Iowa, on **Saturday, April 25**.

We'll kick things off with coffee and conversation at 11:00 a.m. at Kweken Co (113 3rd St NW, Orange City, IA). A private meeting room is reserved just for us, and Free Waldorf swag will be available!

After coffee, head over to cheer on the Warriors as **Waldorf Softball** takes on Northwestern College at 1:00 p.m. at 615 8th St SE, Orange City, IA.

💛 Questions? Contact us at alumni@waldorf.edu

Waldorf Commencement 2026



We hope you can join us for Waldorf's 2026 Commencement Ceremonies on Saturday, May 2, on campus in Forest City. The event honors undergraduate and graduate achievements and marks an important milestone for the Class of 2026.

Highlights: Our speakers will be **Fire Chief Joe Dixon, Sr. 2016**, with a special welcome and charge to the new graduates (now alumni!) by our alumni Ambassador President and fellow online graduate, **[Jeff Dirling 2016 2021](#)**.

Commencement:

- **Saturday, May 2: Two commencement ceremonies:**
 - Morning - 10 a.m. (B.A.S., B.S., M.A., M.B.A., M.Ed.)
 - Afternoon - 2 p.m. (A.A., B.A.)
- Each ceremony will also be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person
- **We need volunteers to usher and welcome guests to Waldorf.** Please email alumni@waldorf.edu - *Thank you!*

Waldorf University looks forward to celebrating our graduates! For more details, [visit the commencement page](#).

Waldorf Warriors Golf Tournament, June 27th

Join us for our 21st Annual Waldorf Warriors Golf Tournament

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

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


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



Plan ahead for summer - St. Paul Saints & Iowa Cubs Alumni Events!

St. Paul Saints Alumni Night

Join fellow Waldorf University alumni and friends for an action-packed evening as the St. Paul Saints take on the Omaha Storm Chasers at CHS Field. Cheer on your team, reconnect with fellow Warriors, and enjoy the electric ballpark atmosphere—then stay for a post-game fireworks show to cap off the night!

Event Details

 Friday, **May 22, 2026**


 6:00 p.m.  Game starts at 6:37 p.m.

 CHS Field, 360 N Broadway St., St. Paul, MN 55101

Our group will gather at 6:00 p.m. in a reserved block of seats in Section 113, located behind a dugout.

Ticket Prices:

- \$10 – Adults & Teens
- \$8 – Children ages 3–12
- FREE – Children ages 2 and under
- Ticket sales open through May 18, 2026, or until sold out.


 Reserve tickets [HERE](#)



Questions? alumni@waldorf.edu | 641-585-8148

Iowa Cubs Alumni & Family Night

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

Event Details

 Friday, July 31, 2026

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


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

Suite Experience

- Private connected suites (#328–329), open 6:08 p.m.
- Indoor seating with outdoor viewing access
- Meal and unlimited snacks included

Ticket Prices

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

 Reserve tickets [HERE](#)

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Iowa State Fair - Alumni Day, August 19th

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

Waldorf Homecoming is set for October 9 - 10, 2026

Waldorf University is excited to welcome alumni back to campus on **October 9-10, 2026** for a fun-filled Homecoming weekend full of connection, tradition, and Warrior pride.

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

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

Reconnect with classmates, enjoy campus events, and celebrate everything that makes Waldorf special. [Visit the Homecoming webpage](#) for the tentative full schedule of events. **Registration is now open [HERE!](#)**

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



A Tree And A Plaque For Neil Boyd

In Loving Memory of Coach Neil Boyd, a private family ceremony will be held in early May to plant a memorial tree on campus, including a plaque for all to read from that day forward. He was a great Coach and Teacher with 36 Years of Commitment to Waldorf.

Be Like Ryan - consider a recurring gift!



Ryan Workman 2006

Be Like Ryan! It is easy to do.

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

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

Can you Be Like Ryan?

Make a Gift

Have you been on a **Game Show**? Do you know an alum who has been?

👉 Email your response to alumni@waldorf.edu

Last Month's highlight of Favorite Professor question:

"Dr. Ainer Christian. I appreciated his method of teaching Spanish almost exclusively speaking because if you travel to another country, he said, you can get by without reading or writing a language, but you have to know how to speak it. Two quotes stick in my mind. "Abran sus libros," telling us to open our books. And "Don't yawn! That's rude!" His freshman class was first thing in the morning so he must have seen some awfully funny expressions as we tried hard to stifle our yawns."

- **Mary Hamilton 1976**, author, Maryhamiltonbooks.com

What is this Yellow Garment Bag and why is it reading the latest edition of the Waldorf Magazine?

You've heard of Flat Stanley? Here's a twist on Waldorf's Flat Warrick. The 1981 Team of Honor baseball team raised money to support Waldorf Baseball. This garment bag from Coach Jim Hayden 1969 was auctioned off, and in a sense, made a gift as well. It travels the world (literally) in photos displayed in the upcoming magazine. All donors to Waldorf receive a copy in the mail. Not a donor? Interested in reading the Magazine and supporting your alma mater? Give [here](#). *Ryan did.*



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