Alumni news & updates



August 2023

Homecoming 2023 Registration - NOW OPEN!



Join us the weekend of October 5-8 for Waldorf University Homecoming 2023! We are excited to celebrate 120 years of Waldorf with our alumni, students, faculty/staff, community and friends! In honor of our recent change of ownership, this year's Homecoming theme is "Back to Our Roots" in reference to our transition back to a faithbased institution with a private, tax-exempt status.

Our featured annual events include: The Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions, Alumni Distinguished Service Award Ceremony, class reunions, luncheons, the annual Homecoming Music Department Concert, and of course - the football game vs. Valley City State. Other fun activities include a 5K walk/run hosted by the Waldorf Track and Cross Country teams, Coffee in Salveson Hall, a Waldorf History Club Event, Warrior Trivia Night at Paddler's Tap, and much more! Be sure to join us for tailgating and carnival activities at Bolstorff Field as we get hyped for the football game!

> Registration Form

Homecoming Schedule



Waldorf is testing out a new student-alumni mentorship program during the 2023-24 academic school year!

The Student & Alumni Mentorship Program is structured to build relationships between current Waldorf students and alumni, who can offer career advice, a professional network and guidance on how students can maximize their Waldorf University experience.

The Alumni Office, Career Center & Pillars Program review all mentor applications received to appropriately match students and alumni. Matches are based on a variety of criteria such as career interests, academic experiences, shared interests and educational backgrounds.

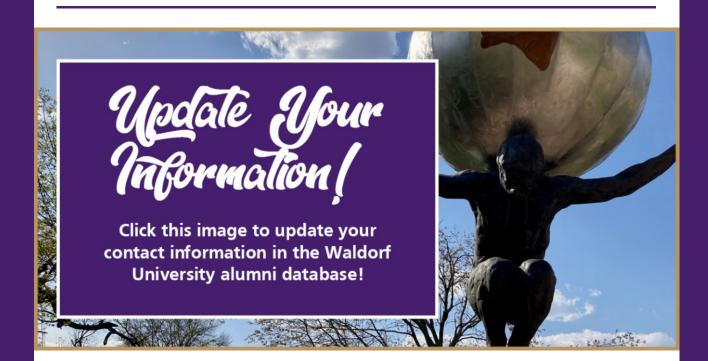
Interested in mentoring? Please email Alumni Director Theodore Schoneman to let him know!

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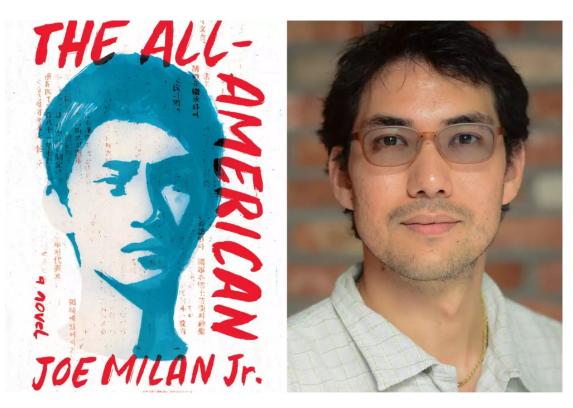


Join Waldorf at the Iowa State Fair!

Be sure to stop by the Waldorf University booth #536-537 in the Varied Industries Building at the Iowa State Fair for Alumni Day on **Wednesday, August 16th!** Alumni who visit our booth receive a special alumni gift and can chat with Waldorf President Bob Alsop, Vice President for Engagement & Advancement and Executive Director of the Waldorf Foundation, Severin Roberts, and Director of Alumni Relations, Theodore Schoneman. We look forward to seeing you at the fair!



Waldorf in the News



Milan Goes On Tour

Joe Milan Jr., the author of <u>*The All-American*</u> and creative writing professor at Waldorf, will be giving readings from his book and will be in conversation with other area authors at the following events:

- August 2, 2023: Eau Claire, Wisconsin. <u>Dotters Books</u>. 6:30 pm. Reading and Conversation with <u>Nickolas Butler</u>.
- August 18, 2023: Clear Lake, Iowa. <u>Clear Lake Public Library</u>. 5:30 pm. Reading and Q&A.

- August 31, 2023: Ames, Iowa. <u>Dogeared Books</u>. 7 pm. "<u>Cocktails & Conversation</u>."
- September 14, 2023: Clarksville, Tennessee. Austin Peay University. TBA. <u>Visiting</u> <u>Writer Series</u>.
- September 23, 2023: Decorah, Iowa. <u>Luther College Writers Festival.</u> 1:30 PM. Panel with <u>Carol Spaulding-Kruse</u>, and <u>Elise Gregory</u>

Waldorf Classes Coming to Alaska



Waldorf will begin teaching in-person classes in Alaska.

The state's Commission on Postsecondary Education has granted Waldorf "Institutional Authorization," allowing us to teach students in a classroom on Eielson Air Force Base, in addition to Waldorf University's over 120 fully online Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's and Master's degree programs.

This authorization is a testament to our dedication in meeting rigorous academic standards, fostering student success and maintaining a supportive learning environment. This will give us the opportunity to show students from Eielson Air Force Base and the surrounding community our commitment to providing them with the same high-quality education and personalized support Waldorf is renowned for.

Changes to Waldorf Football Coaching Staff Announced



The Waldorf football team announced changes to its coaching staff for the 2023 season. Interim Head Coach Tyler Chapa announced the hiring(s) of offensive passing game coordinator and wide receivers coach Lamont Brown and quarterbacks/punters/kick returners coach Danny Donadio. Chapa also announced the promotion of Ethan Aune to offensive coordinator.

"The hiring process was unique for us because of how late in the summer it was. We didn't have a ton of time, but we knew we wanted to bring in guys that will love our players, be great leaders, and fit in with this community," coach Chapa stated. "I am confident we have found those guys."

Brown comes to Waldorf from Shelton, Connecticut as a technical recruiter for Butler America Aerospace LLC. Brown was also served as an admissions counselor for Chowan University. He played football and received his bachelor's degree from Morgan State University. Brown also received his master's degree from Louisiana State University in Leadership and Human Resource Development in 2022.

Full Story





A Window of Opportunity!

A donor has offered to **match** all gifts made to the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation *Window of Opportunity Campaign.* The donor pledged up to \$500,000 for 1:1 matching gifts in support of this incredibly transformative time for Waldorf. All gifts are tax deductible. You can make your gift <u>online</u> and select "Window of Opportunity".

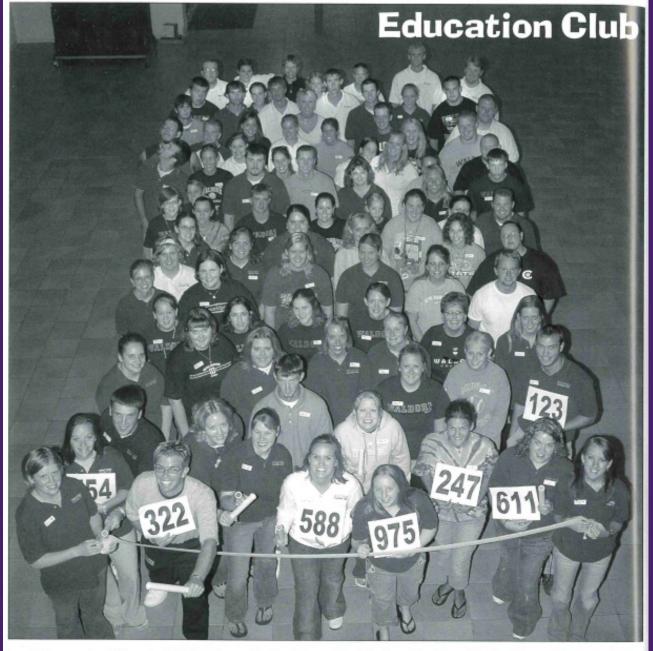
We are so grateful to the growing number of donors who believe in our mission and recognize the incredible opportunity we have been given.

Thank you for helping us create a successful and bright future for Waldorf University. Thank you, and God Bless!





What's Your Waldorf Story?



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Do you have a great "Waldorf Story"? We like to feature alumni and need your help! From the short stories to long narratives, share your story at the link below or by email to alumni@waldorf.edu

The 2005-6 Education Club certainly has stories to share!!

We can't wait to read your stories.

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