

Upcoming Events News and More

The Family Waldorf

"Waldorf has shaped my family's story in remarkable ways. My online master's degree in organizational leadership gave me the skills and confidence to pursue an MBA at the Wake



Forest University School of Business and thrive as an Insurance Property ADR Training Coordinator for a Fortune 100 company. The leadership foundation Waldorf provided continues to influence my growth in the property insurance industry. My wife, **Shanon**, also found her path through Waldorf. Her online bachelor's degree in organizational leadership equipped her with the tools to successfully manage one of Upstate South Carolina's most respected fresh fish and seafood markets.

Our daughter, **Keely**, began her journey with an online associate's degree in early childhood education, preparing her to transfer to the University of South Carolina where she will begin working toward becoming a certified teacher.

Waldorf is now a legacy for our family. ***We are Warriors for life.*** - Bryan Lawson 2020

L to R: Keely Lawson 2026, Bryan Lawson 2020, Shanon Lawson 2020

Iowa State Fair with Waldorf Alumni!

The Waldorf University booth had strong crowds this year at the Iowa State Fair, with the Fair breaking a new record of over 1.2M people over the two weeks. We met up with alumni, family, friends, and prospective students for online and residential campus programs. Wrestlers, golfers, musicians, artists, and so many more interests represented. Thomas, thanks for sharing a future Warrior!

Arlene Hayungs Smith 1955 and daughter, **Debbie Smith Witten 1976**, then **Thomas O'Rourke 2017**, son, and **President Bob Alsop**



Hockey - The Waldorf ACHA D1 Hockey Team's official home is the Mason City Arena. Join us on the Home Ice! Tickets are FREE



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Get your [Season and Annual Tickets](#) for Warrior Athletics! Find all game schedules and a link to buy season tickets at waldorfwarriors.com

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Save the Date: October 14th



Meet-Up with [Pillars Program Students](#) in Des Moines.
Event details in process. After hours reception.

Warrior Talks: Waldorf's online seminars

Warrior Talks **You**Tube channel is at this [LINK](#) and will soon include the Talk by Jan Rosdail 1972 from 8/27:

Norwegian **Organized** Emigration to the U.S. -
Surprising history of what happened 200 years ago moving forward with the residents of Norway, Jan's distant relatives, and the Sloop Society.



Warrior Talks: Next Up!

Please check our social channels and the [Waldorf Events Page](#) for upcoming information on watching this special edition about the adventure of the **Jenny**, a hand built plane flown on an unbelievable journey by **Tim Tarris 1970**. This is a survivor story you don't want to miss!

Save the Date: Thursday, 9/24 at 7:00 PM Central.



☕ 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.

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

February 4, 2027

★ It's My Jam Cafe - 7015 NE 14th St, Ankeny, IA 50023
(owned by **Krista Kenkel Maeder 1994** - see I-Cubs photo below)

Questions?

✉ alumni@waldorf.edu 📱 Text or call Rod Schultz: 608-312-0521



Meet for Lunch at Waldorf?

Yes! Lifetime friends and classmates from the **Class of 1972** recently met in the Dining Hall for a Friday lunch. They shared great memories, and talked with some of our current students who were very friendly to this group of happy alumni.

L to R: Janet Ambrosen Haugen, Diane Leegard Clark, Jane Ellwood Askeland, Wendy Olson Schulte, Jan Rosdail Aegerter.

July Meet-Up at the I-Cubs Game!

Triple-A minor league affiliate of the Chicago Cubs

The drizzly mid-game did not hinder the fun inside our two suites on July 31st at Principal Park in Des Moines. Thirty-five alumni and friends attended and finished with a brilliant fireworks show. **Betty Balder Bollard 1982** models her 2nd Orm (You know... Ormseth Hall) "Where the Stars Hang Out" classic t-shirt, followed by a five-pack of friends next up. L to R: **Don Braathun 1971**, **Kathy Kammin-Braathun 1975**, **Mark Langerud 1977**, **Cindy Blomberg 1977**, and friend, **Doug Dolittle**. To finish things out, **Professors Mark and Joy Newcom** embrace **Krista Kenkel Maeder 1994**, and then a great time shared by Mark with a visiting Arizona favorite, **Oscar Lenning 1961**.



Celebrating Her 75th Reunion!

Dolores "Dee" Jacobson Weisbrod 1951 of Ringsted Iowa will attend Homecoming in October alongside her daughter, **Melodee Reineke 1986** and husband, **Ernest Reineke** (adjunct faculty in the Waldorf Education Dept.). Dolores taught for over 15-years, having started the first Kindergarten class in Ringsted. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Happy 50th Anniversary!

The **Odvin Hagen Music Center** is a two-story facility featuring a recital hall, band rehearsal spaces, and the Oscar Lyders 1912 Theory room. Dedicated in **October 1976**, the building is named after Odvin Hagen, a long-time choir

director at the school. Activities to honor the anniversary at **Homecoming** and Fall Semester are in progress.

Waldorf Homecoming Reunion - October 9 - 11, 2026

Waldorf University is excited to welcome alumni back to campus on **October 9-11, 2026** for a fun-filled Homecoming weekend full of connection, tradition, and Warrior pride. You can also celebrate our alumni award recipients, Hall of Fame inductees, and the Team of Honor.

Featured reunions: 1966, 1976, 1986, and a "55th cohort" for 1970, 1971, & 1972. Any class can attend. Why not?

Update from Prof. Dawn Johnson 1980:

Members of the **1979, 1980 and 1981 football team, along with classmates**, have held an informal tailgate the past two years before the Homecoming football game. They would like to get the word out to fellow teammates and classmates to attend this year's tailgate at Homecoming 2026. Please feel free to contact (names below) for information, and let them know if you will be able to attend.

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Marty Schoenthaler 1980

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Dawn Borgschatz Johnson 1980

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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 which is going to slightly change during the next month.

Registration is now open [HERE!](#)

Do you want to help recruit classmates to attend? Contact us at alumni@waldorf.edu

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

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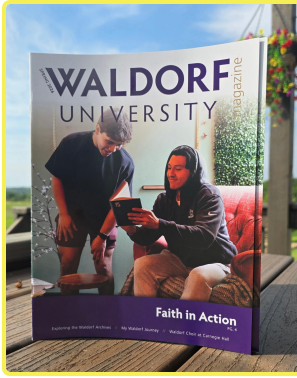
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