

Upcoming Events News and More



Kenneth Finer 1959 and Suzanne Larsen Finer 1960 65th Wedding Anniversary!

Ken and Sue, of Perry, Iowa, will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary in Forest City this August. When did they meet? Waldorf had a dance once a year when the women would invite the men. Sue was encouraged by all of her friends to invite Ken to the dance, and they have been inseparable ever since.

Congratulations on your 65 years together! Warriors for Life.

We are proud of our own Alex Horak 2014 for his heroic act and bravery!

On July 14th in northern Iowa, **Alex Horak 2014** called 911 and jumped to action during a life-or-death emergency. Showing bravery and quick thinking, he [helped save the lives of two people](#) by pulling them from a burning car that had been struck by a train. His selflessness and courage in a terrifying moment are an inspiration to us all.

On July 27th, Alex was awarded the "**Life Saving Award**" by Kossuth County. The story from local news channel KCCI shares the details and interview:

<https://www.kcci.com/article/lakota-man-honored-for-rescuing-teens-from-fiery-crash/73278623>



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

COLLEGE COMING TO MASON CITY HOCKEY



SEPT 5 7 P.M. VS DORDT 	OCT 23 7 P.M. VS UNIVERSITY OF MARY 
SEPT 11 7 P.M. VS MCKENDREE 	OCT 24 2 P.M. VS UNIVERSITY OF MARY 
SEPT 12 2 P.M. VS MCKENDREE 	NOV 13 7 P.M. VS MIDLAND 
SEPT 18 7 P.M. VS CENTRAL OKLAHOMA 	NOV 14 2 P.M. VS MIDLAND 
SEPT 19 2 P.M. VS CENTRAL OKLAHOMA 	DEC 5 7 P.M. VS IOWA STATE 
OCT 9 7 P.M. VS JAMESTOWN 	JAN 21 TBA VS IOWA STATE 
OCT 10 2 P.M. VS JAMESTOWN 	FEB 13 4 P.M. VS IOWA STATE 

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Need Waldorf gear? Get it [HERE](#)

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](#)

Next Up

Thursday, August 27th, 6:00PM Central:

Norwegian Emigration to the U.S. -

Surprising history of what happened 200
years ago moving forward with the
residents of Norway.



About the Presenter:

Jan Rosdail Aegeter 1972, is a retired special education teacher for over 40-years
at Greene County High School in central Iowa, Vice President of the Sloop
Society of America, and former Waldorf Regent and a Distinguished Service Award
recipient. This starts the list of Jan's engagement and activities through the years.

What will we learn and discuss?

"My seminar will focus on the **first organized emigration from Norway to the U.S.**
and the incredible 3 month journey that brought 52 individuals to NYC in 1825. Then
briefly telling how that led to a wave of major Norwegian immigration to America
over the following century. **As a direct descendant of an original family**, I will talk
about the Sloop Society. I will also tell of the Bicentennial Commemoration last
October 2025 and the replica boat that made a repeat journey across the Atlantic
Ocean following the same route as in 1825."

If you'd like to attend, please email us at alumni@waldorf.edu **by Tuesday,
August 25th to secure your spot and obtain the link!**



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.

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?

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



RAGBRAI 2026, the 53rd year of rolling across Iowa. Warriors on the Move!

"We loved staying on campus last year!" was often the remark I heard as I pedaled across Iowa last week. On this amazing cross-state bike tour that is the hallmark of tours across the U.S., I met up with alumni, parents, prospective students, local residents of the Forest City area, and friends of Waldorf University. Congratulations on your big ride! - **Rod Schultz**
L to R: Pastor Craig Ferguson 1990, Ryan Kragerud 1992, Don LeRoux 1998



Heritage Club Update 🌻

We are honored and grateful to have received just over \$23,000 to support student scholarships from the estate of **Donna Berklund Ismir 1956**, in honor of her parents.

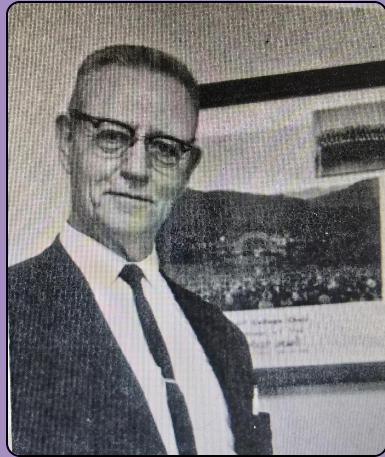
Thank you to **Marcia Mohr 1969** for adding Waldorf as **beneficiary to a Thrivent Life Insurance policy**. You can do this for any life insurance policy to support various areas of Waldorf. Please let us know when you do add Waldorf and we will validate that your wishes get documented.

Are you curious about the process?

Please consider a legacy gift, a simple estate bequest, life insurance beneficiary, or other trusts, to Waldorf University - foundation@waldorf.edu - **Heritage Club!**

The Iowa State Fair! Alumni Day, August 19th

Stop by the **Waldorf booth** any day of the Fair, but especially on Wednesday, August 19th and you can visit with **President Bob Alsop**. Where? [Varied Industries Building](#)
(yes, with air-conditioning!)



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.



Holtan/Tweeten Family Reunion at Waldorf! So Much History!

Over the Independence Day holiday weekend, many of the **Holtan/Tweeten** family took over Waldorf's campus for a special reunion. More info of this event, history of Waldorf, and the impact on the families, will be outlined in future news articles on the Waldorf website and the Winter Magazine.

For now, **Audrey Holtan Olmstead 1968**, wrote a letter to President Alsop and shared this from her father's words and her summary about Waldorf:

"**Stanford Holtan (1942)** wrote, "Waldorf faculty and staff influenced our lives... and our kids, too. We are so the richer for knowing and spending time with them." Waldorf "style"...Waldorf spirit is a tradition that shows someone cares about us at this place. Waldorf's strength was the loyalty of students and alumni. Waldorf friendships were so important. You meet the kind of people you want to keep as friends for life. You are inspired by them, challenged by them, praised by them."

Waldorf Homecoming Reunion - 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. 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 cluster" 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.

John Brubaker 1980

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Marty Schoenthaler 1980

Marschoe15@live.com

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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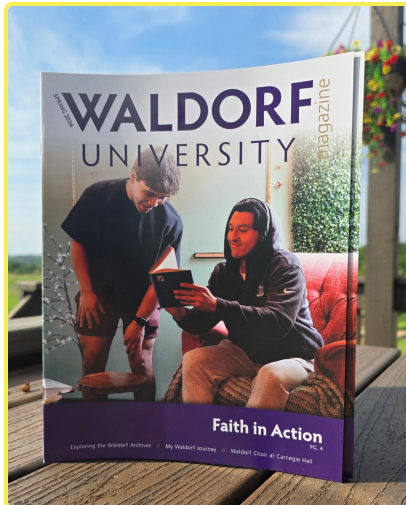
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Have you seen the **Facebook** group for [ALUMNI](#) and also for the [UNIVERSITY](#)?

Question: Where was the most random place in the world that you met a Waldorf alum?

Please Submit Your Class Notes! 

Fall Magazine opportunity to share. Please submit to alumni@waldorf.edu **Thank you!**

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