

Upcoming Events, News, and More!

Waldorf University is proud to announce the Alumni Award recipients for 2026!

Distinguished Service Award:

Denny Jerome 1970

Steve Lovik 1975

Kathy Hennessy Jerome 1976

Pat Cooper Lovik 1976

Lifetime Achievement Award:

Kevin Monson 1971

Jerriann Ritter Leary 1997

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD RECIPIENTS!

The recipient or their designee will attend [Homecoming Reunion Weekend](#). During the Saturday, October 10th, luncheon we will present the award and share the citation that will be kept on record at Waldorf. Questions? alumni@waldorf.edu

Iowa Cubs Alumni Event, July 31st!

Iowa Cubs Alumni & Family Night

Enjoy a summer evening at the ballpark as the Iowa Cubs face Indianapolis, all from 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

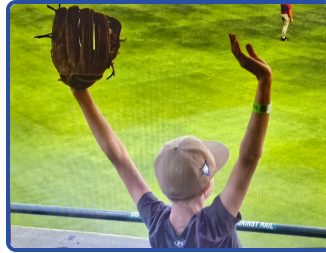
- Private connected suites (#328–329), open 6:08 p.m.
- Indoor seating with outdoor viewing access
- **Meal and unlimited snacks included**

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](#)

Questions? alumni@waldorf.edu | Rod Schultz cell: 608-312-0521



Warrior Talks: Waldorf's online seminars

Warrior Talks **YouTube** 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 and 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

Are You Riding on **RAGBRAI** this summer?

Look for Rod, share a story, get a wooden coin (last year's token at Forest City overnight), and take a photo!

Let us know if you are riding any part of RAGBRAI this summer, July 19-25. Perhaps you are hosting riders, offering rides, volunteering in a town along the route?

Email at: alumni@waldorf.edu or contact Rod directly at 608-312-0521

(Photo: Rod and Mark Ahlers 2018 of CO)



"How Many Students Are Really On Campus?"

Since you asked, we had about 617 on campus Fall 2025, and Waldorf is expecting to have around 600 for Fall 2026, going for their degree/s of choice.

"Waldorf University's mission is to educate the entire person, equipping students for lives of fulfillment in communities where they live and serve. President, Dr. Alsop



The 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!)

Lorraine "Chris" Christensen 1965 A Legacy to Help Students In Need for Generations to Come!

Excerpt from an unnamed & older Waldorf news article, many years ago:

"During the time when **Lorraine Christensen 1965** attended Waldorf (working several jobs), students could not take their final exam to graduate until their business office account was cleared. When Lorraine met with Everett Shaw, Waldorf's business manager, she knew she could not pay her college bills. [Mr. Shaw helped bridge those expenses] Lorraine was then allowed to take her



final exam, graduate from Waldorf, and go on to finish her education with a teaching degree.

After receiving her degree in 1968, she started to pay Waldorf back \$10 at a time. It took years to fully pay the "loan" off, but Lorraine was determined to fulfill her promise to Waldorf. She was forever thankful for the kindness and understanding that she was shown back in 1965. She stated, "I would not be sitting where I am today with a college degree and owning my own home if it wasn't for Everett Shaw."

Lorraine [passed away](#) in December 2025, *leaving behind just over \$250,000 as a legacy gift to Waldorf to establish an endowed emergency fund for students in need.* Thanks to Lorraine's thoughtful generosity, countless students beyond our lifetimes will be able to take their exams and graduate, to live a life of purpose in the greater world.

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

"You Belong Here" ✓

...is what your **Waldorf Alumni & Ambassador Council** president, **Jeff Dirling 2016 2021**, says to alumni & friends who are interested in giving back to their alma mater by actively being a **member of the Council**. This is a growing group of people who care about Waldorf by building engagement and outreach.

Learn more by visiting this [PAGE](#) and filling out an application. Residential campus and online alumni, including friends of Waldorf, urged to apply.

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?

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!](#)**

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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Ryan Workman 2006

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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

I Have A Question...

How did ***Coach & Professor Neil Boyd*** help you at Waldorf? What story or lesson has stayed with you through life?

👉 Share at alumni@waldorf.edu We would love to hear the story!

Did you receive a copy of the Waldorf Magazine?

Have you received the magazine in the past?

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](#).

The electronic magazine version is available at this [LINK](#). You can learn about this traveling yellow garment bag, and why it is reading the Magazine.



Please Submit Your Class Notes!

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

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