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GREETINGS!

From the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation Office

This summer I (Nancy) experienced the worst storm of my life while camping with my husband and others at our lake property near Danbury, Wisconsin. The straight line winds were between 80-100 mph, and trees fell left and right. The high winds sent our dock flying through the air and pushed the pontoon down the shoreline. A tree toppled over on the screened porch and destroyed it. Our camp stove and other items were blown off a table and sailed through the air. It felt like we were starring in a remake of the Wizard of Oz movie! Thankfully, we all survived and no one was hurt.

In sharing this experience with co-workers, we were reminded of the turbulent days at Waldorf a couple of years ago. The college went through some stormy and scary times, but thanks to God's goodness, prayers were answered and Waldorf survived. Whenever you experience a storm, it takes time to restore and rebuild to your former level. That's exactly what Waldorf is doing during this time of transition. We're making good progress, and inside these pages, you can catch a glimpse of the great things that are happening with both Waldorf College and the Foundation.

Thanks to many of you, the Foundation had a prosperous 2011-2012 fiscal year. We surpassed last year's giving total by over \$33,000. We are extremely grateful for your generous support. Your partnership continues to be vitally important as we focus on the Foundation's three priorities of student scholarships, campus ministry and alumni relations. This issue contains the full listing of the Honor Roll of Donors, and we encourage you to read through the names of our faithful and dedicated supporters.

We're pleased to report that the Foundation will provide over \$90,000 in scholarship aid to Waldorf students in the next academic year. Special thanks to all who established new scholarships or contributed to existing scholarships. More information regarding new scholarships can be found in our Honors Day article.

Our campus ministry leadership team is growing! We've added another staff person and entered into a new and exciting partnership with Immanuel Lutheran Church. Read on for full details.

In the following pages, read about several successful Waldorf alumni and the impact they are having on their vocation. Another article you won't want to miss is the feature story of online student Justin Anderson. Justin is a cancer survivor who performed the astounding feat of climbing Mt. Everest.

Homecoming 2011 is right around the corner. If you haven't registered yet, there's still time. More information can be found on page 17. Please join us for one of the best homecomings ever!

We count it a privilege to serve as the Foundation staff. You're invited to stop by and visit any time. We'll have a hot cup of coffee and personal tour of the campus waiting for you!

Sincerely,



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Student Orientation Leaders look forward to the arriving first year students.



Honors Day 2011

Waldorf College celebrated another successful Honors Day this year on April 6. Nearly 200 scholarships were awarded. Read on to learn about our new scholarships and more about Honors Day.

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Dear Friends:

a note from President Manjone

Since I will be retiring in December, this is my final piece for the magazine. It has been suggested that this column be devoted to the progress and accomplishments that have taken place at Waldorf over the past two years. While listing these, I was astonished at the large number and realize that writing about all of them would go far beyond allotted space. Thus, I will focus on those that I feel have had the biggest impact.

Welcome from Robert Mayes

Greetings Alumni and Friends,

On behalf of the Mayes Family and the Waldorf College Board of Trustees, I am absolutely thrilled that Dr. Bob Alsop will serve as the sixteenth president of Waldorf College. He has the passion, knowledge and ability to lead Waldorf into the future not only by honoring its tradition but also by charting new ground. We must remain true to our heritage but change with the times and keep moving forward in order to become a model for the new era in higher education.

Leadership coming from within has been a common denominator in many successful corporations and colleges. I believe Bob's experience at Waldorf is no exception and that it will play a vital role in his success as president.

I look forward to working with Dr. Alsop to help Waldorf College grow and impact the lives of more students for many years to come.

Sincerely,



ROBERT MAYES
PRESIDENT
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1 Much-needed faculty positions were filled. Because of previous budget problems, full-time faculty who left were not rehired. Hence, courses were being taught by adjunct faculty or not being taught at all. In the past two years, new faculty have been added in psychology, biology, chemistry, business, criminal justice, and math departments. These new faculty have been an outstanding addition to Waldorf as in the college's tradition, they are engaged with and committed to helping their students, and have become a very important part of the Waldorf-Forest City Community. I am especially delighted with the addition of a Spanish professor that has enriched Waldorf as a liberal arts college.

2 Renovated facilities have added a more exciting and positive atmosphere to life at Waldorf. The four most significant renovations were: a) The Atrium where the art gallery was converted into the Warrior Crossing Cafe, now the hub for students to socialize; b) The restoration of the Fireside Room into the original Waldorf Hotel Ballroom, a very unique meeting and function venue that has already attracted numerous campus, community and private events; c) The renovation of a vacant run-down building into the Denny Jerome Athletic Center that has provided much needed office space for coaches, locker rooms and indoor practice areas for teams (visit the DJ Center the next time you are on campus – you will be impressed); d) The make-over of Gatsby's into a very popular night spot that provides healthy and tasty food options and entertainment. In addition, the shared facilities project that involves putting an artificial turf on the current football field is underway and should be completed in time for the start of soccer and football season this year.

3 The faculty and staff salary increases were made in this period as well. Due to budget constraints prior to the change of ownership, the salary increases had not been given for several years. Since the change of control, the Board of Trustees has approved two salary increases of 4 percent and 3 percent. In addition, faculty and staff were given Christmas bonuses and increased benefits. Additional professional development monies have been made available, and Waldorf now matches fees for YMCA membership.

4 Waldorf's involvement with Forest City community activities has greatly aided the college. Prior to the change of control, according to local community leaders, Waldorf did not seem like a part of the community. However, since then, Waldorf, the community and business leaders get together on a monthly basis in a Shared Services meeting to find out how resources can be pooled to avoid duplication. As a result of these meetings, labor, facilities, services, equipment, furniture, etc. have been beneficially shared. The shared facilities project mentioned above is the biggest undertaking of this Shared Services group. This three-year project, which includes funding from the Hanson Foundation, Waldorf, Forest City Schools, Forest City and the YMCA, will result in Forest City having outstanding outdoor athletic facilities that will be utilized by Waldorf, Forest City Schools, the Forest City recreation department and the YMCA.



JOSEPH MANJONE

5 A positive change in the attitude of Waldorf alumni and friends toward Waldorf was a significant accomplishment as well. At the 2009 homecoming, which was prior to the ownership change, a meeting was held to address concerns about the change of control. A large number of people showed up at the meeting and many were negative about the future of Waldorf. There have been numerous gatherings with alumni since, and the goals and accomplishments of the new Waldorf have been presented. Alumni and friends continue to be informed of Waldorf happenings on a monthly basis through the e-newsletter. The 2010 homecoming parade and other homecoming activities were improved. In a Q & A meeting during homecoming last year, two people showed up with just a few questions, and no concerns.

As stated above, I could go on and on as so much has happened at Waldorf these past two years.

Before closing, I do want to say that meeting with, talking to and working with Waldorf alumni and friends has been a very enjoyable part of my job, and one that I will really miss upon retirement. But I am not gone yet, and do look forward to seeing and talking with you at Waldorf's homecoming. Hopefully, you will be able to attend.

Best wishes,

JOSEPH MANJONE, ED.D.



GRADUATION RECAP



Graduation Speaker
Jody Dosser

The threat of rain didn't dampen the spirits of graduates and their families at Waldorf's commencement ceremonies on April 30, 2011. Baccalaureate ceremonies started in the Atrium at 10:30 a.m., led by Reverend Steven Smith with readings by Mary Dickman '10 and music by Sangkor and Nancy Farndale. Additional music – a special performance of "Adonai ro-i" from Chichester Psalms by Bernstein – featured assistant professor of music Dr. Kristín Jónína Taylor and graduating seniors Samantha Kohner, Alicia Danielson and Jason Homard.

Lunch gatherings were held all over campus, making it easy for students to introduce family and friends to their favorite professors and staff, and talk about their plans for the future. And then everyone was off to the Hanson Fieldhouse for Commencement at 2 p.m.



President's Award
Winner Alicia Danielson

More than 100 graduates crossed the stage, including five of the first six graduates of Waldorf's online programs. Keynote speaker Jody Dosser '71, a recent inductee into the Waldorf Athletic Hall of Fame and passionate advocate for organ donation, delivered a moving speech on building a life of character and nobility. History major Alicia Danielson also inspired her fellow graduates as she accepted the 2011 President's Award. More than 700 family members and friends in the crowd cheered as academic dean and president-elect Bob Alsop read the graduates' names and registrar Twylah Kragel, president Joe Manjone and board chair Buford Lipscomb delivered diplomas and congratulations.

Afterward it was a gauntlet of tearful hugs and good wishes as students said goodbye to faculty, coaches and friends. We extend our congratulations to the class of 2011 – now members of the Waldorf Alumni Association – and wish them all the best of success. ■



WALDORF WELCOMES 300 STUDENTS AND FAMILIES ON CAMPUS FOR ORIENTATIONS

“Who will be my roommate?” “Are the professors friendly?” “What is the average class size?” These were some of the many anxious questions the staff of Waldorf College answered at the summer and fall orientations. Waldorf’s orientation programs drew a total of 300 students from throughout the country. While the summer orientations focused on assessment and writing exams, with educational and informative sessions about Waldorf, the fall orientation allowed students to relax and meet everyone on campus.

“We did an icebreaker, which was fun,” said Lindy Pins of Lake Mills who attended the summer orientation on July 24. Pins will join Waldorf this fall and major in biology.

The summer orientation is geared toward the families of incoming students. The program aims to address parents’ concerns, take care of the check-in process and allow students to interact with faculty members and fellow students. “When students arrive in the fall they are so busy settling and checking in, they don’t get a lot of time to sit down and talk to people or attend educational sessions,” said Jason Ramaker, dean of students.

While students were getting acquainted with the campus and checking in with almost all departments such as business, financial aid, IT, insurance and housing, they also had time reserved for strictly fun activities.

“We want to balance the orientation with social events and education events,” said

Amy Woods, director of student activities and orientation. Activities included bowling, games such as frozen t-shirt, sponge relay, tug of war, ice cream social, pool party and casino night. Students also hiked and made kayak trips on Crystal Lake.

Incoming freshmen and transfer students had several opportunities to talk with current students about life on campus and things to do in Forest City. During the summer orientation they interacted with the professors about the nature of the classes at Waldorf over lunch.

“Students really like meeting other students and professors so they don’t arrive not knowing anyone,” said Woods.

The program included sessions on health insurance, financial aid and discussion about classes with Waldorf faculty. The Warrior Fair Table had valuable information about different academic and staff departments. Ramaker explained one of the aims of the orientation is also to convince parents that their kids will be safe here. “Parents are emotionally dealing with empty nest syndrome, as the kid is leaving the nest and learning to fly,” he said.

This orientation was Greenfield, IA, resident Janelle Meisenheimer’s fourth trip to the Waldorf campus in the last few months. Her daughter, Staci Meisenheimer, wanted to join Waldorf her freshman year but went to a community college instead. “I had a friend who came up here. I liked the smallness here,” said Staci, who will start her junior year at Waldorf and major in elementary education. ■

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Do you know someone looking for a college home? We’d love to have them tour campus and see what Waldorf is all about. Campus tours allow prospective students to meet students, chat with professors, and learn about our programs.

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To arrange a campus visit, email us at admissions@waldorf.edu or call us at 1.800.292.1903.

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 May 18, 2012
 June 16, 2012
 July 13, 2012



President-elect Dr. Robert Alsop addresses new students and their families at the July orientation.



WALDORF'S WIND SYMPHONY TASTES THE CULTURE OF L.A. WITH DR. DODSON

Samantha Kohner had never traveled to Los Angeles before. Her recent trip to the other side of the country became possible because of Waldorf's wind symphony band tour.

Kohner was one of the 32 students who traveled to the entertainment capital of the world this spring with Dr. Brent Dodson, director of instrumental activities and assistant professor of music.

"It was just awesome. I got to see places that otherwise I would have never seen," said Kohner. A business major, Kohner primarily played base drums and suspended cymbals on the tour.

"The students were excited. They connected with the music and got in the spirit of the culture," said Dr. Dodson.

This year, the band's theme was 'One World' and they honored global cultural diversity by featuring different musical traditions from around the world.

"I chose all the music to meet the theme, because LA is often referred as a culturally diverse city," said Dodson. "I wanted to celebrate that with music and expose it to the students."

The band performed Japanese, Moroccan, Norwegian, Austrian, Puerto Rican, American, Korean and South American music throughout the trip. They played several concerts, which included performances at churches, private schools and out in open venues. Dr. Dodson also looked forward to some music outreach where they educated



underprivileged children about music.

Originally, the tour, which takes place every other year, was sketched out for an international location. However, the plan underwent changes because of high terrorist alerts in certain countries. College officials then decided to organize a fancier national tour. Dr. Dodson was torn between New York City and L.A., and finally zeroed in on the latter because of his personal connections in the city.

Unlike previous band tours, the group was able to live in a single hotel throughout the trip and do daylong activities in the city. They toured the Getty Center, a popular art

museum in Brentwood, L.A., visited two famous churches, the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels and the Crystal Cathedral, and Disney Concert Building.

Along with church performances, the group transitioned into a pep band and played the national anthem.

The group also performed in a park amphitheater. "We got to play outside to people who were very appreciative," said Kohner. "A man stood up after every song and applauded, and gave verbal praise at the end of the concert."

Another band member, Kellie Grunzke,

“ They connected with the music and got in the spirit of the culture.”

Dr. Brent Dodson



Photo by Drew Jackson

MEMBERS OF THE WALDORF WIND SYMPHONY

Jon Aguilar- *Britt, IA*
 Britt Banks- *Ames, IA*
 Emily Clausen- *Forest City, IA*
 Tamara Cook- *Brooklyn Park, MN*
 Alicia Danielson- *Story City, IA*
 William Eilts- *Ireton, IA*
 Janelle Flatebo- *Garner, IA*
 Mari Francis- *Waseca, MN*
 Katie Frush- *Jesup, IA*
 Julie Griffin- *Des Moines, IA*
 Nicole Grisham- *Chicago, IL*
 Kellie Grunske- *New Ulm, MN*
 Jason Homard- *Des Moines, IA*
 Marissa Hopper- *Keystone, IA*
 Micheala Huebsch- *Osage, IA*
 Drew Jackson- *Brandon, SD*
 Emily Jackson- *Thornton, IA*
 Jennifer Kensicki- *Fair Haven, MI*
 Samantha Kohner- *Winona, MN*
 Allen Mannes- *Lake Mills, IA*
 Kayla Meehan- *Dolliver, IA*
 Kelsey Munson- *Albert Lea, MN*
 Sara Olson- *Britt, IA*
 Steven Pals- *Belmond, IA*
 Dean Safe- *Cannon Falls, MN*
 Lauren Severson- *Northwood, IA*
 Baylee Stammeyer- *Oelwein, IA*
 Candice Steenhard- *Clarion, IA*
 Alexander Stockseth- *Belmond, IA*
 Lauren Thompson- *West Concord, IA*
 Jaye Upah- *Brooklyn, IA*
 Tanner Zirbel- *Armstrong, IA*

said the audiences were really nice and welcoming.

“My father was a pastor and I have always been comfortable playing in churches, so getting to see some churches from other cultures was very interesting to me,” she said.

Dr. Dodson said he had never seen a friendlier audience. The band’s performance at the Presbyterian Church drew praise from everyone present at the event.

“The community was very vocal about how great everything was. They were warm,” recounted Dr. Dodson. ■



At one church performance, children in the audience had the opportunity to conduct the wind symphony and the chance to see the instruments up close.

“ I was looking to connect with God in nature, in the beauty of his creation.”

Justin Anderson



For Justin Anderson, the grass is greener every day. The 27-year-old brain cancer survivor recently lived a dream vacation on snow-clad Mount Everest in Nepal where he realized his body is tougher than he thought.

WALDORF STUDENT, A BRAIN CANCER SURVIVOR, CLIMBS MOUNT EVEREST

“It was physically the toughest thing I have ever done in my life,” said Anderson who was invited on the trip with 13 other cancer survivors from Iowa by Des Moines oncologist Dr. Richard Deming.

Anderson, who is pursuing an online bachelor’s degree in organizational leadership at Waldorf College, was speaking at an American Cancer Society event in Iowa City when Dr. Deming approached him for the all-expense paid trip to the Himalayas.

While Anderson thought it was too good to be true, Dr. Deming said they needed a brain cancer survivor as well as a guitar player on their trip.

And just like that, Anderson set off on a journey to show everyone that the world does not end with a cancer diagnosis.

After learning about his brain cancer in June of last year and recovering months later, his life took a 360-degree turn. Earlier, Anderson was a carefree soul and his life revolved around his rock and roll shows. The trip to Asia helped him find his path.

“I was looking to connect with God in nature, in the beauty of his creation,” said the Ventura, IA resident.

The 19-day trip started with spending two nights in Abu Dhabi, the capital of United Arab Emirates, before departing for the mountain.

“It’s very clean. Everything is so new, futuristic and very wealthy,” said Anderson who was in awe of the island and its multi-cuisine food.

But the luxurious stay was only limited to the Gulf. Once they were in the valley of the Himalayas, it was narrow streets, crowded corners and a painstaking task ahead – climbing Mount Everest.

The group had to tackle altitude sickness, headaches and diarrhea as they set out to complete the Everest Base camp, which is at 17,600 feet elevation. But the group survived and made it through the vertical hike with a pack of Diamox and plenty of water, in addition to motivation and encouragement by each other.

“Our Sherpas boiled water for us to put in our own water bottles. Some of us also had iodine tablets, and Steri-pens to clean the water with,” said Anderson.

They also lived in rustic conditions during the 10-day period. They took shelter in lodges where the rooms consisted of twin bedrooms, occasional running water, bathrooms out in the open and no insulation with every night getting colder.

“We stayed in a tent only one night on the trek, and that was during our one night at Everest Base Camp. It was the coldest night of my life,” he said. They filled water bottles with boiling water and placed them at the feet of their sleeping bags to help keep warm, though it didn’t help much.

It was not only the living conditions that needed some getting used to: the group also experienced a new diet. The food primarily consisted of rice, potatoes and yak meat. Nepalese use the yak to carry the climbing equipment and supplies.

As Anderson described it, this trip was also an eye-opener for him. About 7,500 miles

away from home, when he looked around Kathmandu, Nepal’s capital, he thought his country was blessed. “People with cancer in the U.S. think it’s a given that they will be treated, including me,” he said, “but that’s not the case everywhere.”

“We are so mad at our healthcare system here. We think we have it so rough, there are people with cancer in Nepal who are just dealing with it,” said Anderson.

“It opened my eyes. The world is so much bigger than where I live.”

He had never met the other 13 survivors before this trip, but the relationship between them is a deep one now.

“I have a bond with them that I’ll never share with anybody else. I can’t describe

it,” he said. “We are very close, we have seen each other at our best and our worst.”

He now plans to leverage his education at Waldorf into helping the world through a non-profit organization. His life-long plans also include strengthening his relationship with God. ■



Justin Anderson meets two Hindu priests in Nepal during his trip to Mount Everest



CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

With students away, our facilities department has been working hard on upgrades to the Campus Center, the Denny Jerome Athletic Center, Tanner Hall, and the new athletic fields.

Here's just a preview of what is going on. Check it out in person when you visit for homecoming!

- 1 Removing the wood panelling in Campus Center
- 2 Painting Tanner Hall
- 3 Redecorating Gatsby's
- 4 Beginning construction on the new soccer field
- 5 Giving the walls in the Campus Center a facelift
- 6 Previewing the artist rendering of Gatsby's



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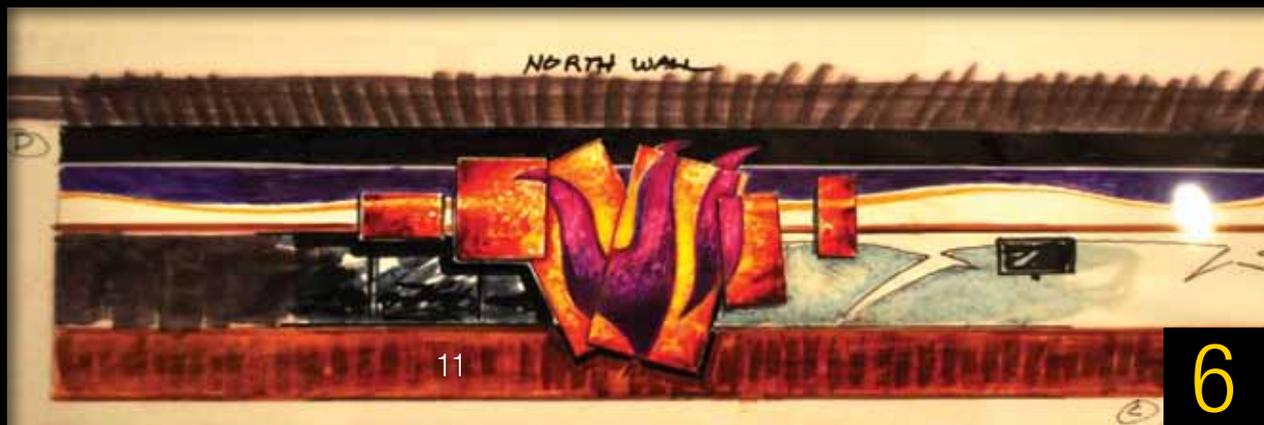
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SOFTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

The Waldorf College softball team saw a huge offense during the 2011 spring season as they racked up the hits, runs and home runs. The Warriors had 332 runs in 431 hits on the season with a record breaking 75 home runs. Even with all of the offense, the Warriors' season was cut short as they were knocked off in conference tournament play by Iowa Wesleyan University, who went on to win the Midwest Collegiate Conference Tournament.

Leading the Warrior offense this season was Conference Player of the Year and First Team All-Conference player Jordan Story. Story, a senior from Ellsworth, Iowa, hit .410 on the season with 39 runs in 55 hits. She hit 12 doubles and led the team in RBI's with 50. She also broke the individual home run record hitting 16 on the season. She had a slugging percentage of .858. She led the MCC in home runs and slugging percentage and also was second in the MCC in batting average, RBI's, and total bases (115) and third in on-base percentage (.480). She also finished 10th in the NAIA in home runs, and her per-game averages in home runs, RBI's and total bases all ranked in the top 20 nationally.

Others leading the offense include:

Jen McLarney, a senior from Fairfield, Iowa, who earned First Team All-Conference Honors for outfield. Jen, who played center, hit .373 on the season with 37 runs, 50 hits, three doubles, one triple and nine home runs.

Katie Bredlow, a junior from Altoona, Iowa, played first base for the Warriors.

Katie, who earned First Team All-Conference Honors, was the second leading hitter for the Warriors as she batted .405 on the season. Katie had 27 runs, 49 hits, six doubles and six home runs.

Waldorf newcomer Kirstin Davis, a freshman from Runnells, Iowa, earned First Team All-Conference Designated Player Honors. Kirstin hit .393 on the season with 33 runs, 48 hits, eight doubles and six home runs.

Holly Gilbertson and Macey Hickes earned All-Conference Honorable Mention Honors. Gilbertson, a sophomore pitcher from Forest City, Iowa, went 9-5 on the season with a 3.13 ERA. In 100.2 innings pitched, Holly gave up 78 runs, 45 earned, on 112 hits; she also had 50 walks and 61 strikeouts.

Catcher Macey Hickes, a junior from Winnipeg, Manitoba, was the second leading home run hitter for Waldorf as she was just five behind Story with 11. With a .345 batting average, Macey had 33 runs, 49 hits, seven doubles and 11 home runs.

The Warriors finished the season with a 24-18 overall record and a conference mark of 14-8.

"This team showed plenty of character after starting the season 4-9," said Coach Denny Gilbertson '81 who has over 630 Waldorf Wins. "We stayed the course, worked hard every day, and won 20 of 29 games. We were in the thick of the MCC title race until the last week of the season." ■



MCC Player of the Year Jordan Story

“I actually couldn't believe I was named Player of the Year! I was very happy to finish out my final season with the award.”

Jordan Story



BASEBALL RECAP

In one of their most successful seasons since Waldorf College joined the Midwest Collegiate Conference in 2004, the Waldorf baseball team ended their season on a high note winning their first conference tournament game before falling to the Conference Champions in game two. The Warriors ended the season with a 22-18 overall record and a conference record of 13-9, their highest conference mark.

Notable wins in the 2011 season include a series win over Saint Ambrose University, the first conference opponent Waldorf faced in their season. The Warriors won the three games 5-4, 11-1 (six innings) and 9-7 in a comeback win. The Warriors won the series over Grand View University winning the first 5-2, losing the second 4-0 and winning the final game 6-4, to take the 2-1 series.

The Warriors then pulled off a 3-0 series victory over William Penn University, and a win over Viterbo University to take the lead in conference play and eventually secure a top four seed in the Conference Tournament. The Warriors defeated Ashford University 2-0 in their first round tournament game and eventually fell to Conference Champions Iowa Wesleyan University.

Leading the Warrior offense this season was Kean Paxton, Tevin Padgett and Spenser Poppinga.

Paxton batted .338 on the season with eight runs in 22 hits. He had three doubles, one triple and six RBI's.

Padgett, who earned All-Conference Honorable Mention, batted .333 on the season. In 138 at bats, Padgett had 33 runs and led the Warriors with 46 hits. He had four doubles, led the team with two triples and aided the Warriors with four home runs and 21 RBI's. He also had 19 stolen bases on the season, leading the Warriors.

Poppinga batted .333 on the season with 24 runs in 31 hits. He co-led the Warriors in doubles with ten and had the most home runs with six on the season. He also led the team in RBI's (32) and had the top slugging percentage with .578.

Matt Klaus led the Warriors from the mound as he went 8-1 on the season, pitching a shut out in the conference tournament victory against Ashford University. Klaus had a 1.95 ERA and earned First Team All-Conference Honors. In 69.1 innings pitched Klaus gave up just 23 runs, 15 earned, on 58 hits. He also led the Warriors in strikeouts with 55 on the season.

"As a program we are starting to get to the level where we want to be," said Head Coach Chad Gassman. "We're going in the right direction." ■



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WALDORF COLLEGE WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR OF CHORAL ACTIVITIES

The Waldorf College Choir will get a boost this fall as Dr. Adam Luebke, the new director of choral activities, joins the music department.

“I am looking forward to working with the students. When I came for my interview I really enjoyed connecting with them,” said Luebke who will also serve as an assistant professor of music. “I think it is a wonderful tradition to be part of.”

Originally from Pennsylvania, Luebke is interested in continuing the rich a cappella tradition at Waldorf. (Waldorf College has the second oldest collegiate a cappella choir in the nation.) He would also like to add music of major composers, other cultures and some contemporary music.

Before coming to Waldorf, Luebke taught music and directed choirs at Northland College in Wisconsin. He recently completed his doctorate in music education and choral conducting from Florida State University. Dr. Luebke earned his master’s degree from Westminster Choir College in New Jersey and a bachelor’s from St. Olaf College in Minnesota.

He also spent a few years in Lexington, Kentucky, where he taught high school choral music and worked as a church musician.

One of the reasons Luebke was attracted to Waldorf is because its choir is modeled after the St. Olaf College Choir. “Waldorf is similar to St. Olaf’s Lutheran foundation. It is a small college with a strong music department,” he said.

Luebke will enrich Waldorf’s music department with 20 years of experience in choral activities. He first started singing with the American Boychoir with which he toured the Czech Republic, Poland and across North America. He also traveled throughout North America and Europe with the St. Olaf Choir, singing at cathedrals, concert halls and churches of all kinds.

Despite a history with big cities, Luebke and his wife Sarah, both are looking forward to life in Forest City.

“I love being able to walk to work,” he said. “It’s a bit of a shift to be in a small community, but we are enjoying getting to know our neighbors and we have been pleased by how welcoming and warm everyone is.” ■



Dr. Adam Luebke

NEW HIRES SINCE OUR LAST EDITION

Christopher Ward – Music Office
Coordinator

Chad Davis – Travel Educational
Representative / Online Programs

Clint Davis – Fire Administration Travel
Rep./ Online Programs

Adam Luebke – Director of Choral
Activities

Andrea Bakker – Bookstore Assistant

McCain Rosonke '99 – Assistant Men’s
Basketball Coach

Mark Long – Corp / Military Travel Rep./
Online Programs

Mary Dickman '10 – Int’l Student
Coordinator & Admissions Counselor /
Area Coordinator

Kathleen McArthur – Assistant Women’s
Soccer Coach

Bruce Roberson – Corp/Military Travel
Rep. / Online Programs

Brett Geelen – Intramural & Recreation
Coordinator / Area Coordinator of
Student Life

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Student Life Specialist / Area
Coordinator / Campus Ministry

Paul Thiem – Visiting Psychology
Assistant Professor

Brett Shelanski – Hockey Coach

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Strength and Conditioning

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Alicia Danielson '11 – GA / Music

Jamie Smeigh '10 – GA / Softball

Kent Hansen – Wellness Assistant
Professor

John Shook – Criminal Justice Assistant
Professor

Ryan Martin '08 – Assistant Men’s Soccer
Coach

Samantha Kohner '11 – Cashier

WALDORF HONORS ITS OWN

On April 28, 2011, Waldorf faculty and staff and their families gathered for the Employee Recognition Dinner. Held in Waldorf's Atrium, the event featured musical entertainment by students Anna Eggebraaten '11, Laura Lindsay '12 and Allen Mannes '11.

Twenty-four employees were honored for years of service. Biology professor Dr. Paul Bartelt topped the list with three decades of teaching Waldorf students.

President Joe Manjone presented assistant professor of history and political science Blake Slonecker with the 2011 Holmen Award for Professional Excellence. Dr. Joe noted that Dr. Slonecker was named the Alpha Chi Professor of the Year in his first year on campus, and "his impressive scholastic endeavors have a deeply positive impact on his classroom." Visibly moved, Dr. Slonecker said, "Waldorf is a place where much is expected of new faculty very quickly, but it's also a place where recognition happens very quickly."

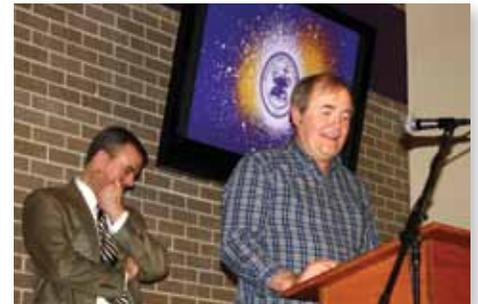
The 2011 Holmen Award for Community Service went to director of residence life Momo Wolapaye '97. With his customary

dedication, Wolapaye was busy helping a student and missed the ceremony, causing dean of students Jason Ramaker to deliver a congratulatory speech to an empty stool. "Momo literally 'lives' Waldorf," Ramaker said. "He is always positive and shows his belief in our community, values and religious faith through his actions, words and dignity."

Waldorf trustee Dr. Michael Hillyard presented the 2011 Board of Trustees Outstanding Faculty Award to Dr. Bob AuFrance, assistant professor of theatre and director of fine arts. "In an era when theater programs across the country are struggling, theatre at Waldorf College has become an integral part in the tapestry of daily academic life," said Dr. Hillyard. "Dr. AuFrance has coupled 18-hour work days with a clear devotion to the mission of the college and his craft to challenge the prevailing winds of academia." Obviously touched by the award, Dr. AuFrance thanked his fellow faculty members for their support, and noted that several of his students will be joining the American Shakespeare Company. ■

YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION

- 5 Christine Atwell, Mason Babcock, Al Eggebraaten, Cindy Fitzgerald, Chad Gassman, Lydia Gray, Laurin Lader, Anna Moklestad, Jason Ramaker, Glen Wegge, Momo Wolapaye, Greg Youngblood
- 10 Jodi Barkema, Mark Johnson, Kris Juenger, Duane Moe, Sheila Willms, Vickie Zobel
- 15 Mary Mathiasen, Steve Smith
- 20 Jim Amelsberg, Becky Hill, Diane Korte
- 30 Paul Bartelt



Dr. Paul Bartelt (right) is honored for his three decades of educating Waldorf students.



Dr. Blake Slonecker (left) is presented with the Alpha Chi Professor of the Year award by President Joe Manjone.



Dr. Robert AuFrance is honored by Dr. Michael Hillyard with the 2011 Board of Trustees Outstanding Faculty Award.



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FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS



Dr. Scott Searcy was named the new interim vice president for academic affairs (VPAA) and dean of the college on August 1. Dr. Searcy will replace Dr. Bob Alsop, who will begin his official duties as

Waldorf president-elect on the same day. Searcy previously served as the dean of assessment and accreditation at Waldorf.

Dr. Searcy has more than 20 years of experience in academics at state schools, and community colleges and more than a decade of service to Waldorf College. As the VPAA he will focus on academic planning, shaping the college through recruiting, developing and retaining a diverse and progressive faculty and academic staff. He will also work with the dean of students to manage student issues, and work on matters of budget development and priority setting with the vice president for business affairs and the president.



David Behling has been selected as the Associate Dean of Accreditation. David has been at Waldorf since 1998, starting as an Adjunct Instructor and rising to his current post as Assistant Professor of

Humanities. David has significant expertise in writing and organization that will be crucial in our final push to complete the Self-Study documentation for the HLC visit in March of 2012.



Dr. Jeff Biessman has been selected as the Associate Dean of Assessment. Jeff has been at Waldorf since 2007, serving as an Assistant Professor of Education. Jeff has significant expertise in

educational leadership and assessment and has served as a member of the self-study team for the 2010 HLC Focus Visit.

Dr. Paul Bartelt's paper, 'A Fully Adjustable Transmitter Belt for Both Ranids

and Bufonids,' co-authored by Amanda Burow ('08), Adam Herrick ('11) and Amy Geffre (former Waldorf student) has been accepted for publication in *Herpetological Review*. The paper describes a new technique these students designed and used while assisting Dr. Bartelt with his amphibian research the past several years.

Professor **Caleb Stroman** will be returning from working summer stock theatre in Kansas City. He spent three months at Shawnee Mission Theatre in the Park as the resident lighting designer. Four musicals were produced in eight weeks: *Sound of Music*, *Les Miserables-School Edition*, *Elton John and Tim Rice's Aida*, and *Seussical the Musical*. Shawnee Mission Theatre in the Park is the nation's largest outdoor community theatre.

Dr. Deepraj Mukherjee was recently published in two internationally renowned business/economics journals. His co-authored paper 'Is culture a determinant of financial development?' has been published in *Applied Economics Letters*, a renowned economics journal. Another co-authored manuscript, 'Leading virtual

FORMER FACULTY, STAFF, & REGENT NEWS

Leonard Andersen, who served as head of the business department of Waldorf College from 1935-1939, celebrated his 100th birthday on May 30, 2011. As a legislator, Leonard was largely responsible for the Iowa Tuition Grant bill which has helped many Iowa college students attend school.



Dr. Laird Edman, former professor of English and director of the Honors College at Waldorf, has been appointed to the Northwestern

College Endowed Professorship. The professorship provides annual funds to support the recipient's scholarly work. Dr. Edman is currently a professor of psychology and co-director of the honors program at Northwestern College in Orange City, IA.

Dr. Bill Hamm, former president of Waldorf College, is now president of the Lutheran Educational Conference of North America (LECNA), which is a 101-year-old association of forty Lutheran colleges

teams: How do social, cognitive, and behavioral capabilities matter?' has been accepted and will be published in *Management Decision*.

Dr. Michael Farndale attended the Summer Meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers at Creighton University in Omaha on August 2nd.

Professor **Kristi Leonard** has completed all of her coursework at the University of Northern Iowa for her A.B.D. doctorate.

Professor **Joe Wilkins** has new work forthcoming in *Orion*, *Redactions*, *New Madrid*, *Conte*, and *iO Poetry*. *High Desert Journal*, *Largehearted Boy*, and *iO Poetry* are all currently featuring interviews with or making-of essays by Professor Wilkins. And his book of poems, *Killing the Murnion Dogs*, is now available at Black Lawrence Press and other bookstores.

Professor **David Behling** spent a week scoring the AP English Language exams in Louisville in June. He continues to write a twice-a-month column called "Notes from Home" for the *Albert Lea Tribune*. ■

in the U.S. and Canada affiliated with the ELCA and Missouri Synod church bodies and their Canadian counterparts. The staff is dispersed, so he is able to work out of his home in Waverly, IA. LECNA sponsors Lutheran college fairs around the nation, sponsors research, and undertakes collaborative marketing efforts on behalf of the institutions as well as a limited amount of government relations work.

Z. Michael Van Auken, former director of the Waldorf Band and New World Singers from 1970-1986, has published a children's picture book entitled "Tom's Thumbs" which highlights the importance of Tom's thumbs, but makes a point to say that they are not for sucking. It is illustrated by Katy Hemberger. Van Auken was inspired to write the book by his grand-daughter who sucked her thumb. To purchase the book or view it online, visit www.blurb.com and search for Tom's Thumbs. Van Auken will also be signing and selling his books at the homecoming art and craft fair from 1-3 p.m. on September 24 in the Salvesson Lobby. ■

The Faces of Waldorf



September 23-25

Waldorf College Homecoming 2011



Come home to a place where you lived, learned and laughed during some of the most memorable years of your life! Come home to your Waldorf family and see some familiar “faces” that still make you smile. Come home to reminisce with old friends as well as current and former faculty and staff members. Come home to Waldorf’s homecoming, September 23-25.

Changes to this year’s homecoming are below:

- All reunion lunches will be held in the Atrium (with separate rooms available for chatting privately afterward, if desired).
- The Taste of Waldorf event will serve as an opportunity to recognize members of the Waldorf Society / Heritage Club, Distinguished Alumnus **Harold Lee '74** and Recent Alumni Award for Service Recipient, **Erica Hanna Mayer '02**, as well as to catch up with classmates and old friends over dinner. All alumni are encouraged to attend!
- The homecoming worship service will be combined with the homecoming music concert in the Atrium at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, September 25.
- Those inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, September 23 are as follows:

Stephanie Anderson Schmit '91 – Women’s Basketball, Volleyball

Aaron Granquist '94 – Football

Patty Bendickson – Athletic Secretary; Special Contributor (posthumous)

Harvey Johnson – Retired Men’s Golf Coach

We can’t wait to see you this September... at home!

For more information on homecoming or to register for events, go to <http://www.waldorf.edu/homecoming> ■



“THE FACES OF WALDORF” CONTEST

Thanks to those of you who submitted an entry for the “Faces of Waldorf” contest that was promoted in the spring issue of the Waldorf Magazine and homecoming brochure. As previously noted, the contest was designed to allow alumni an opportunity to write about someone whose face first comes to mind when they hear the words “Face of Waldorf.”

The deadline for the essays or poems was July 22. The alumni board reviewed the entries and narrowed the pool to their top three choices based on content and overall feel.

Please review the following three entries and submit your vote via email to alumni@waldorf.edu or by phone to (641) 585-8140. Please include your name and class year on your email or phone message. The voting is open to alumni only, and one vote is allowed per person. Voting will end on September 22.

The entry with the most votes will be announced during the homecoming luncheon on September 24, along with the name of the author. It is intentional that the names of the authors are not included with the essays so people will focus on the content and feel of the entries rather than on who wrote them. All entries will be available for review at the registration table after the homecoming luncheon, with all of the authors noted.

Throughout Waldorf’s history, thousands of faces have left their imprint not only on our alma mater, but on one another as well. Certainly there are many more essays and stories yet to be written. Stay tuned.

ENTRY 1

The Faces
Of an audience expecting performance
Perfect, caught my gaze.
Fright left as friends came by
My side.

The Face
Of that instructor pressing learning skills
In required avenues of preparation for
My future endeavors always seemed
to spot
My face.

The Face
Before the chapel podium
Expecting a response of spiritual
commitment
Did emphasize the significance of
Christian friends by
Our sides.

The Face
Of romance-true,
Happened with an unexpected look.
Subsequent walks and talks sealed with a
kiss. Oh
Sweet Face.

The Faces
Of yesterday could be those of
Waldorf today. Here where people meet
people
Faith and purpose find life by
Our sides.

ENTRY 2

I attended Waldorf College from the fall of 1952 through the spring of 1954. There are many different faces that helped me when I attended Waldorf, but one instructor took a few minutes of her time to assist me in choosing my last subject in the fall of 1953, while I was in the library. The commercial instructor, Ingeborg Coltvet '27, came into the library and asked what I was doing? I quoted to her I was looking for another subject to take. She told me to take Accounting. I told her ‘no’, because I was not smart enough in math. She took the time and went to the office and checked my entrance examines and came back and told me I had one of the highest scores in the math area. I took her advice and enrolled in the beginning Accounting course and this changed my entire Christian and Vocational life.

I did well in the accounting courses. She assisted me in getting my first job after graduation and the rest is history. I graduated from Waldorf, International Accounting Society, Iowa State University and past the IRS Enrolled Agent Examination at the age of 70. I was employed 32 years with various companies before I opened my own Tax Business. I have been doing taxes for about 25 years.

I am thankful for Waldorf College, Ingeborg Colvert, my family and a host of others who helped me during my vocation. I shall never forget Ingeborg Colvert and that she took a few minutes of her time to change my life. I hope that other students and instructors take the time to help someone. It can change their life as well as the person they are helping.

ENTRY 3

Wayne Johns is the face of Waldorf,
for me.

There’s not a kinder man than he.

His personality – one of a kind.
Humble, yet confident, and what a mind.

As a mathematician he served
students well.
A favorite professor, many would tell.

His vast knowledge did not intimidate.
His gentle way, as he taught, was first rate.

As a softball coach he had success
With great players and teams and wins,
no less.

Though short in stature he stands proud
and tall.

As a war veteran he served for us all.

His service continues in his home town.
Where he strives not to let anyone down.

The local food bank is blessed by
his hand.
He supports the school and church best
he can.

Like a Salveson pillar, he’s solid
and strong.
He’d bend over backwards for you all
day long.

He cared for each student, supportive as
can be.

Wayne Johns is the face of Waldorf
for me.

ALUMNI PROFILE: MARY EVANSON BLECKWEHL '75

Mary Evanson Bleckwehl's first children's book, *Henry! You're late AGAIN!* recently won a gold medal at the 2011 Independent Publisher Book Awards gala held in New York.

The book is about Henry, a first grader, whose family can never get him ready in time for school. The story defines, in a humorous way, the reality of Henry's "living nightmare"—facing a big bad wolf, every morning he's late for school. The wolf in this tale is Miss Timberlane, the secretary at his school, who causes him a lot of anxiety. The story, accompanied with bold and quirky illustrations by Brian Barber, leads to a heartwarming ending with a bit of a surprise in between.

Mary's book stemmed from her love of reading. "My first grade teacher, Miss Cook, taught me how to read and what a gift it was," said Bleckwehl. "I have loved reading books of all kinds my entire life. I remember begging for fifty cents from my mother so I could order a book from the Arrow Book Club when my teacher passed out the order forms. I still have some of them! And I remember my sister taking me to the public library and getting me my first library card."

Henry's character originated from her teaching experience and listening to stories from the children she taught.

The New York award is not the only recognition Bleckwehl received since the book was published. She has also won the 2011 National Indie Excellence Award for Best Children's Book Cover Design, was a 2011 finalist

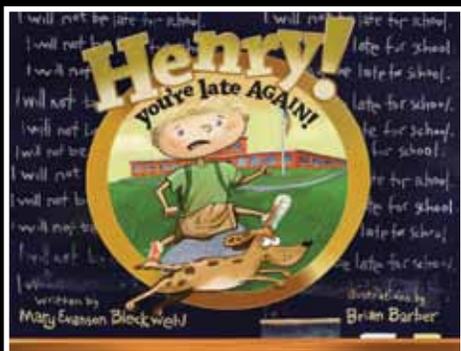


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for the Midwest Book Awards, a Mom's Choice Awards Gold Recipient - awarded for humor in Children's Picture Books, and a Foreword Magazine Book of the Year Award Finalist.

Bleckwehl has a master's degree in educational management from Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, a bachelor's in elementary education from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, and an associate's from Waldorf College. She has taught in elementary schools in Iowa and Minnesota and has held administrative positions in higher education in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Iowa and Minnesota.

Together with her husband, Mary has raised a daughter and two sons and lives in Northfield, Minnesota. She still spends plenty of time in schools as a substitute teacher and a volunteer. She attempts to be on time...but may be related to Henry a bit in that department! ■



Henry! You're late AGAIN! can be found in many bookstores including Barnes and Noble. Visit Mary's website at www.marybleckwehl.com for more information or to order her book online. Mary will also have books available at her book signing during the Waldorf homecoming art and craft fair on September 24.

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Waldorf College has many learning partners that provide an excellent 10% tuition discount to our online programs and a \$500 one-time discount to our residential programs. Check out the abbreviated list below to see a selection of our partners. A more complete list can be found online at <http://www.waldorf.edu/Online/Partners/Learning-Partners/Waldorf-Learning-Partners>.

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Jackson Fire Dept, TN
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Elkhart County Sheriff's Office, IN
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NEW YORK-BASED MCCANN SYSTEMS NAMES '96 WALDORF GRADUATE NEW DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS



On a busy Wednesday morning, Cory Crawford '96 sits in his plush New York office and looks back at the time he attended Waldorf College, a period that changed his life 360 degrees.

Crawford, who always wanted to be a broadcast sports reporter, realized his love for audiovisual production when he flew to London as part of a Waldorf program and interned with British Airways.

"It was a great experience for a farm boy from Iowa," said Crawford, noting the college taught him a lot about what happens behind the scenes. After he returned home from producing safety videos for the airlines, he knew he had a career waiting in the business of audiovisuals.

Today, Crawford works for McCann Systems, an audio/video design-build company based in New York City.

Crawford landed a job with McCann six years ago as an account executive and worked on high profile clients such as the Yankees.

"I always worked in education, it was nice. But at the same time, the real opportunities were in the commercial world, so I thought let's go after the Yankees," said Crawford

who bagged a \$2 million project with the New York baseball team to design the audiovisual system for their stadium.

McCann recently promoted Crawford to the director of operations. "The promotion was unexpected – it wasn't something I had asked for. It was kind of an opportunity given to me," he said.

The company delivers audiovisual communication solutions for companies worldwide. Some of the clients include, CNN Communication Center, Elizabeth Arden, NHL, Nintendo World and JP Morgan Chase Manhattan Bank.

"One of the greatest things about my job is that the customers seem to become good friends," said Crawford.

The 35-year-old, who graduated from Waldorf with an associate's degree in 1995 and a bachelor's degree in mass communications in 1996, had started preparing for the real world way before he finished school.

During his three-year program at Waldorf, he rigorously prepared for his career by grabbing every opportunity that came his way. With his advisor Mark Newcom's guidance and direction, he interned

with video production company Mid-Vid in Minneapolis and KIMT in Mason City. Returning from his trip to London, he got another internship with Loviel Technology, the company that designed and installed equipment in Waldorf's multimedia lab. Crawford's first job after graduating was with Loviel.

A native of New Hampton, Iowa, Crawford shocked his friends and family 14 years ago by packing his bags and leaving on an airplane for New York City. He has continued to live in the city ever since.

At his first New York job, Safari Technology, his position entailed designing and selling video distribution systems in the education industry. Within a year, he was promoted to the position of sales manager for the northeast region and by the time he quit the company in 2004, he was in charge of the whole east coast region.

"It was fun for a while. Then I set out to have a family, got married in 2003 and in 2004 I started my own company," said Crawford. At his company, Digital Lynks, he was a small integrator, with five employees, carrying out small projects for public schools in the New York and New Jersey area.

The communication classes and multimedia lab are not the only memories Crawford has of his time at Waldorf. He fondly remembers hanging out at Gatsby's and good times with friends from his hometown in the residence halls.

"When I look at my career, I am right where I wanted to be," said Crawford. "Someday I think of going back to Iowa to teach at Waldorf. I have a lot of valid experience to help students learn."

He advises Waldorf's communication students to spread their wings in different directions and not restrict themselves to a single discipline.

He also emphasizes the importance of real-time experience. "Nobody wants to hire people who don't have experience," he said. "Get as much real world experience as you can – even work while you're at school." ■



Cory Crawford (right) with Ken Newbury, regional manager of McCann's St. Louis office and Jonathan Shor, a former colleague in downtown New York City.

WALDORF ALUMNA HONORED WITH ENVISION AWARD FOR WORK ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Marion Helland, '46, often meets students with a blurred vision of the civil rights movement and its impact on American society. For her, it is still alive.

“People have a distorted view of this country and what has happened,” said Helland, a civil rights activist, who was recently honored with the Envision Award in Golden Valley, Minn., for her work on the Golden Valley Human Rights Commission.

To Helland, it means a lot.

“I worked in this community for a number of years and have done a number of things I hope would help in human rights,” she said on being honored by the mayor, members of the council and the community.

Helland’s dream to create history as an activist dates back to her teenage years. She set out to attain her goal by completing a two-year certificate in elementary education from Waldorf College.

“The foundation that I received at Waldorf was really what gave me strength,” said Helland. “I saw Christianity, as it was taught at Waldorf, was basic to the human rights issue.”

To strengthen her roots in teaching, she went on to pursue a bachelor’s degree from the University of Minnesota and taught her first class in Bode, Iowa in 1946. After two years, she moved to Davenport and taught fifth graders.

“The foundation that I received at Waldorf was really what gave me strength.”

Marion Helland

“I had African-American students. That was unusual for someone coming from a small farming community,” recounted Helland.

After three years, she joined the Robbinsdale School District in Minnesota, where she served for 39 years, retiring in 1992.

Even though Helland enjoyed her teaching experience all through her career, her most exciting journey began in 1965 when she considered applying to the Freedom School for the summer. Freedom schools were alternative free schools for African Americans, mostly in the south, that were active during the civil rights movement. Having been accepted as a teacher, she spent three summers down south and in Washington D.C.

First stop on her agenda was Gadsden, Ala., where she found the students to be extremely talented. She encouraged them to learn out in the open, outside the four walls of the classroom. The students pleasantly surprised her by actively participating in discussion and injecting enthusiasm in the classes by creating puppets and scripting stories. She took students out to radio stations, playgrounds and libraries, to widen their horizons.

“They had no books on black history,” she said. “They had Alice in Wonderland.”

Helland soon started helping out in voter registration. Her job was to persuade African Americans, many of whom faced the danger of losing their jobs and even their lives, to register to vote.

“The KKK would stand outside the courthouse and scare them,” she said.

The following summer she was brought to Jackson, Miss., where she was faced with similar challenges of setting up a library and integrating playgrounds.

Helland witnessed an attempted cross burning in the backyard of the house where she lived with her colleague. One summer night, on their way back from the Freedom House, where all the teachers gathered, Helland noticed a car following them. She decided to stop and stay inside the car to see what would unfold.

“My partner shot (a gun) in the air. There were two people who dropped a great big



wooden cross, soaked in kerosene,” said Helland. The two men ran away after hearing the gunshot.

She penned her experiences from the south in the letters she sent up north to each of her students. Upon her return, she showed them slides of her work.

“I developed a packet of handouts that they could compare to their history class,” said Helland who noted her personal experience enhanced the student learning as an increasing number of textbooks have incomplete information.

“Many books originating in Texas delete references to the civil rights movement, glossing over it. References to Martin Luther King Jr. are briefer,” she said.

Ignorance of grave civil rights issues existed back then as well, she said. After returning from her teaching in the summer, Helland was shocked to hear people talking about fishing when she was still dealing with the unsettling incidents.

“I was not ready to move into that yet. It was disturbing that people were not as concerned as I was.”

Today, along with being a member of the Golden Valley Human Rights Commission for more than 25 years, Helland has also chaired the group’s essay contest since 1998. As a judge, she comes across many pieces that are personalized and thoughtfully written.

She advises young human rights advocates at Waldorf to read and be aware of events happening around them.

“They (students) need to get out of their comfort zone and see what it is that other people are going through,” she said. ■

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Waldorf College will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit March 5-7, 2012, by a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Waldorf College has been accredited by the Commission since 1948. Its accreditation is at the Bachelor's degree level, and includes Waldorf's online programs.

The Higher Learning Commission is one of six accrediting agencies in the United States that provide institutional accreditation on a regional basis. They provide institutional accreditation on a regional basis, evaluating an entire institution and accrediting it as a whole. Other agencies provide accreditation for specific programs. Accreditation is voluntary. The Commission accredits approximately 1100 institutions of higher education in a 19-state region, and is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Waldorf College has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the Commission's requirements and criteria for accreditation. The evaluation team that visits us in March will gather evidence that the institutional self-study has been thorough and accurate. The team will recommend to the Commission a continuing status for the college; following a review process, the Commission itself will take final action.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the college:

Public Comment on Waldorf College
The Higher Learning Commission
250 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500
Chicago, IL 60602

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Written, signed comments must be received by Feb. 5, 2012. The commission cannot guarantee that comments received after the due date will be considered. Comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person providing the comments. Comments will not be treated as confidential.

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ATTENTION ALL BASEBALL ALUMNI!

The Waldorf College Annual Alumni Baseball Game is scheduled for Saturday, October 1, at 11:00 am with the home run derby/batting practice preceding the game at 10:00 am. Other events over the weekend include:

Friday, September 30

12:00 p.m. tee time – Golf at Bear Creek Country Club

7:00 p.m. – Gathering at Shooterz Bar & Grill (North on Hwy. 69)

Saturday, October 1

10:00 a.m. – HR derby / batting practice for alumni at Waldorf baseball field

11:00 a.m. – DH vs. Waldorf College Baseball Team

Immediately following the game – Cookout at Dan Williams house.

The registration fee for the alumni baseball game is \$20 (with additional non-tax deductible donations welcome and appreciated) and may be paid the day of the game. Or, checks may be made payable to Waldorf College Baseball and mailed to: 106 South 6th Street, Forest City, IA 50436. All other events will be at the participant's expense.

Please contact Ryan Flickinger at flickingr@waldorf.edu or 641-425-5910 to RSVP for the alumni baseball game or any of the events listed.

The Waldorf College Alumni Baseball Game is also on Facebook! View the page here: goo.gl/dvQIX



ALUMNI NEWS

Spotlight: **Bill Middeke**

Bill Middeke '00 (BA) is the current NPPA (National Press Photographers Association) Regional Photographer of the Year for the Central Top Pool. He was also a finalist for the NPPA National Photographer of the Year (two different competitions).

In addition, Middeke is a four-time member of the NPPA Station of the Year, twice at WHO-TV in Des Moines, IA and twice at KARE 11-TV in Minneapolis where he currently works. He has won the distinguished national Edward R. Murrow Award for videography, and his name is on over 60 other state, regional, or national awards. Some of his award-winning work has been featured on national nightly news and The Today Show.

Middeke, however, is not focused on himself or his success, but rather on finding ways he can use his knowledge and skills to help others and pay it forward. For seven years Middeke has returned to Waldorf to help Associate Professor Mark Newcom with his broadcast news class. During the spring semester, he makes the two and a half hour trip (one way) from Minneapolis to Forest City once a week to help in class, give story critiques and occasionally do story shooting demos. His hope is that the students learn something they can apply in whatever they do professionally, and that they find something they love to do as much as he does. "Perhaps someday," he said, "they may also be willing to help future students."

Bill and his wife, Kari, live in Mound, MN.



Note: The alumni office receives class news from a variety of sources including web page updates, emails, and automatic google alerts. We apologize in advance if some news is no longer current or accurate. If you have information about yourself or other alumni, please contact the alumni office at 641-585-8140 or e-mail us at alumni@waldorf.edu.

1940s

Francis "Buzz" Burnham '41 celebrated his 90th birthday in style as 170 friends and relatives attended an afternoon coffee in his honor at the United Methodist Church in Forest City on June 26, 2011. Buzz continues to keep busy volunteering at several organizations in Forest City, including his alma mater.

1950s

Roy '51 and Marge Groe Myhr '50 were married on December 17, 1950, and celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at their home in Ocala, FL.

Janora Gustafson Hodges '59 is a counselor/clinical hypnotist for Sensible Diet Watching, currently working 3 days a week and volunteering 2 days a week. Her husband, Russell, is retired. Address: 10338 W. Caron Dr., Sun City, AZ 85351 Email: janorahodgeshypnotist@msn.com

1960s



David Fenske '61 and wife, Judy, are both real estate broker associates. They also have a website at www.blackhillshometours.com Address: 4019 Starlite Dr., Rapid City, SD 57702. Email: theplace@rap.midco.net

Douglas Nielsen '61 is a retired nurse anesthetist. He and wife, Alice, retired to Mesa, AZ in October 2010. They have 2 daughters and 1 son.

John Nolting '66 is retired. His wife, Helen, is in advertising. They have 2 daughters and 2 grandsons. Address: 104 W. Cummings St., Brownstown, IN 47220. Email: john.nolting@comcast.net

Cheryl Engesser Kortuem '69 was recognized by the Minnesota Elementary School Principals' Association (MESPA) with the 2011 MESPA Division Leadership Achievement Award. The award honors principals whose exemplary leadership and sustained efforts have made noteworthy contributions to the operation of effective school learning programs – improving education, their communities, and their profession. She was recognized by colleagues statewide on February 10, 2011 at the MESPA Awards Banquet. Cheryl is principal of Crooked Lake Elementary, Anoka-Hennepin School District. She and husband, **Claire Hovland '69**, reside in Andover, MN and have 4 sons and 5 grandchildren.

1970s

Faye Stientjes Lourenso '70 is an educator at Suffolk County Community College.

George Lee '71 is an accountant and his wife, Lynda, is a day care provider. Address: 614 W. 9th Ave., Lennox, SD 57039 Email: cmomgo54@yahoo.com

Ruth Vorhes Piper '72 retired after 31 years of teaching in four states: Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Missouri. Address: 300B N. Dogwood St., Savannah, MO 64485 Email: gogreenbay@gmail.com

Debi Plum Helgren '76 and husband, Harlan, moved to Fairfax, MN in January 2011. Debi is a domestic engineer and Harlan is a bank president. Address: 803 SE Elm Dr., PO Box 511, Fairfax, MN 55332 Email: hdhelgren@gmail.com

Don Shunkwiler '76 is currently Commanding Officer of Expeditionary Warfare Training Center, PACIFIC based in Coronado, CA and will retire from the U.S. Navy next spring after swearing in March 1981. Don, his wife of 33 years, Lisa, and their 16-year-old son live in San Diego, CA. Don will pursue a second career next spring. It has been an exciting 30-plus years of which he has been able to command 3 warships and now a training center. They are active in their church and enjoy the San Diego lifestyle.

ALUMNI NEWS (continued)

1980s

Kristi Kahl Edwards '81 is a former elementary teacher. Address: 3405 Stonebrook Pl., Shreveport, LA 71105 Email: kmkahledwards@gmail.com

Lizabeth (Libby) Osnes Erie '81 is a licensed veterinary technician and zookeeper at the Woodland Park Zoo. Her husband, Scott, is a self-employed contractor. Address: 1433 174th Pl SW, Lynnwood, WA 98037 Email: libbyoe@live.com

Clark Duhrkopf '83 is a minister of music and worship at St. Stephen's Church in Edina, MN. He has directed and performed in several musical theatre productions as well as sung with the Minnesota Opera. For eleven years, he danced in the Ballet Arts MN's production of "The City Children's Nutcracker," a show including inner-city children. Clark has taught K-12 vocal and instrumental music in the inner city schools of Minneapolis, and is the founder and director of the Carpe Diem Vocal Ensemble since September of 2001. One of the things they are extremely honored to do is sing the national anthem for the celebration ceremony of the Special Olympics Minnesota and have done so since 2003.

1990s

Teresa Peterson Nicholson '92 is the executive director of Winn-Worth Betco (Winnebago and Worth County Betterment Council). She and husband, Dennis, have 2 children.

Travis Schwenneker '93 is employed at a warehouse and wife, Jennifer, is a professional development coordinator.

Leonard Budyonny '94 is vice president of commodities at Goldman, Sachs & Co. / J. Aron & Company in New York.

Jon Froehlich '96 continues to work in Las Vegas as a special education teacher, using his communications degree to assist student learning through media and technology. He and wife, Jolie, have 1 son.

Juliana Ferguson-Yasnowski '97 formed a charity called "All About Children's Needs" in 2008, to help poverty-stricken children in Africa. A 40-foot-long container

full of clothes, shoes, toys, book bags and toiletries was sent to Ghana, Africa in June. Juliana and husband, Dan, traveled



to Ghana, where Juliana is from, in July to visit villages and orphanages to see what children there needed. Her charity will also pay the \$100 yearly tuition for five children this year so they can attend school. Her long term goal is to build a school. Juliana is employed by MGC Services, West Middlesex, PA and St. Anthony's Point, Hermitage, PA. She has a BA through Thiel College, Greenville, PA and a Masters in counselor education through Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA, and has been working in the mental health field for 10 years.

Jenni Waldron Nixt '99 is a stay-at-home mom. Her husband, Eric, is a logistics manager. They have 3 children.

2000s

Brian Cibula '00 won a bronze Telly Award for editing the opening piece for the national Williams Sonoma sales meeting last summer.

Lacey Hash Schiesl '00 is project manager at Wells Fargo.



Sara Shepherd '01 is employed in insurance marketing at Brokers International, Ltd. Address: 3084 Hwy 44, Panora, IA 50216 Email: letter2sara@gmail.com

Samantha Milota '02 is a nurse at Rose Haven Nursing Home. Address: 304 13th St. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

Kristina Lubahn Stolp '02 is an emergency medical dispatcher at Mayo Clinic. She and husband, Chris, have 2 children. They own a hobby farm and are volunteer EMT's and firefighters.

Joshua Anderson '07 graduated from Luther Seminary on May 29, 2011. He was ordained as a pastor at Trinity

Lutheran Church in Albert Lea, MN on July 10 and is now associate pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne, MN.

Ryan Blickenderfer '08 received the Golden Apple Award in Feb. 2011. He teaches math in Central Spring, IA.

Angie Von Rueden '08 is the marketing coordinator at KIMT-TV in Mason City, IA.

Vanessa Jones '09 is the admissions office manager at Waldorf College.

Jonathan Theuer '09 is employed at KIMT-TV in Mason City, IA as a photojournalist. Email: jtheuer@kimt.com

Shaye Johanns '10 has been appointed a financial representative by Northwestern Mutual. She will be associated with The Funk Group in Waterloo, providing guidance and innovative solutions for a variety of financial needs and goals.

Caitlin Leitzen '10 is a reporter for the Forest City Summit and Britt News-Tribune.

Matt Knutson '11 is a graphic designer at Waldorf College.

Mamisoa Ranaivoson '11 is an area coordinator at Waldorf College and works with Campus Ministry.

Samantha Kohner '11 is a cashier at Waldorf College.

DEATHS

Some of the information below is received by family members or friends of the deceased. Information is also obtained from newspapers and the Social Security Death Index Search. If you would like to report a death of an alumnus, notify the advancement office at (641) 585-8148.

Jannethe Solyst '26 died June 18, 2011 in Forest City, IA. Jannethe taught in high schools in Minnesota and Iowa as a drama coach and music director. She coached plays, directed the high school girl's chorus and trained speech students. Survivors include sister, **Wilma Solyst Belsheim '37** and brother, **Ephraim Solyst '33**.

Berneta Gaarde Gambell '33 died July 7, 2011 in Forest City, IA. She met her

husband, **Dolan Gambell '33** at Waldorf College and they celebrated 62 years of marriage. Dolan died in 2000. Berneta was a member of many clubs and was very involved in her church. She was also an honorary member of the Forest City Firemen as Dolan served many years on the department. She enjoyed crafting, crocheting, watching bowling and basketball on TV, reading, and was a Minnesota Twins fan. Survivors include daughters Judith (Wayne) Buckley, and **Kathryn '67** and **Paul Sorensen '72**; and sons John and **Janet Beck Gambell '65**, and **Charles '69** (Sally) **Gambell**.

Marcus Hinderlie '36 died April 6, 2008.



Izzetta "Iky" Knutson Iverson '37 died April 30, 2011 in Lake Mills, IA. While raising her family, Izzetta enjoyed working part-time at the Graphic

Publishing Company. She later cooked at the Lake Mills Care Center, the Senior Center and the Rice Lake Golf Course. As a member of Salem Lutheran Church, she was active in circle and WELCA. Izzetta was a member of Lake Mills American Legion Auxiliary, enjoyed playing bridge, traveling, cooking, and baking. Survivors include a daughter and son.

Helen Kilmer Jorgensen '37 died January 3, 2010. She was last known to be living in Farnhamville, IA.

Martha Sandvig Carson '38 died March 14, 2011 in Texas. After briefly working at Waldorf College as a bookkeeper following graduation, Martha and her husband, David, farmed the family farm northwest of Forest City where they raised their two children, **Paul '66** and Kathy. She returned to work in the Development Office at Waldorf from 1969 until her retirement in 1981. After retiring, Martha worked as the treasurer for the Winnebago County Republican Party for several years and was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Survivors include her daughter, Kathy; brother, **Arthur Sandvig '48**; and brother-in-law, **Carroll Carson '57**.

Cleo Gabel Stubbe '39 died December 23, 2010 in West Des Moines, IA. She

started her 30-year teaching career in a one-room rural school near Ledyard, interrupting her career with two years in the Navy WAVES during WWII. Some years later, living with husband William and family in Ankeny, she earned her BA from Drake University. Survivors include 2 daughters, and 2 sisters, **Jean Gabel LeWarne '43** and **Marjorie Gabel Madsen '44**.

Gladys Simonson Olson '39 died April 16, 2010. She worked as a nanny before returning to school where she earned a teaching degree, teaching fourth grade in Manilla and Dows. Survivors include her husband Cliff, and daughter, Jolene.

Ruby Simonson Hacker '40 died May 25, 2011. Living in Franklin, MI, she was involved with the Franklin Community Players, a member of The Village Women's Club and Redeemer Lutheran Church. Ruby loved to spend her summers at their home in Pointe aux Barques, MI where she enjoyed reading, jigsaw puzzles, tending to her flower gardens and playing golf with the ladies. After her husband, Donald's, retirement they split their time between Michigan and Naples, Florida. In Naples she was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and volunteered for many years at the Naples Botanical Garden. Survivors include her daughter and son.

Berniece Vernon Hall '40 died July 3, 2010 in Des Moines, IA.

Arnold Lande '40 died October 22, 2010.



Naomi Peterson Sabby '40 died May 12, 2011 in Estherville, IA.

Naomi was employed with Emmet County State Bank and Emmet County Treasurer's Office. She was a member of Estherville Lutheran

Church, enjoyed playing games, baking, socializing with friends and most important was spending time with her family. Survivors include her 3 children, and brother, **Stanley Peterson '55**.

Alice Endreland Robinson '41 died July 18, 2011.

Esther Nelson McDermid '42 died November 22, 2010.

Evelyn Thorson Sime '42 died March 7, 2011 in Bloomington, MN. Evelyn was a church circle member and she served as a church circle secretary. She also worked as a secretary to the president of First National Bank of Kiester. She enjoyed sewing clothes for her children, listening to music and the Minnesota Twins. Survivors include 3 daughters, and a son, **Jerald Sime '70**.

Lois Linde Wangberg '45 died May 20, 2011 in Rogers, MN. She served as musical consultant and music librarian for the Clear Lake Municipal Band and its conductor. Survivors include her husband, Ludvig, and 2 children.

Gloria Benjamin Friis '46 died January 17, 2009 in Cedar Falls, IA.

Merlin Burkum '48 died April 5, 2011. He worked as an electrical engineer for Commonwealth Edison. Survivors include his wife, Nordis, and 2 sons.

George Draper '50 died December 12, 2010.

Wilma Rossing Owenson '51 died February 17, 2011. Wilma worked as an RN at Boone Hospital Center from 1981 until her retirement in 1996. She was a member of St. Olaf's Lutheran Church in Bode, IA and Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Camdenton, MO. Survivors include 2 children and 2 brothers.

Dorrine Drewes Prudhom '52 died May 11, 2010.

Sharon Helm Lindeman '56 died March 23, 1996.



Theodore Maakestad '56 died July 7, 2011 in Ames, IA. Ted was a public school teacher, worked as a field underwriter in the insurance industry, farmed in partnership with his father, and, for

the last 17 years of his career, worked as a student services financial aid advisor at Iowa State University. He enjoyed fishing in his retirement years. Survivors include his wife, Nancy, and 3 children; sisters,

Rachel Maakestad Coltvet '60 and **Lois Maakestad Cary '62**.

Lawrence Winter '56 died March 30, 2011 in Bismarck, ND. He was ordained in 1962 and served in churches in Iowa, Minnesota and North Dakota.

Eileen Kjerland Graham '61 died June 1, 2011 in Washington. Survivors include her husband, Eric Leete.

John Otterstad '65 died October 17, 2010.

Julie Eckhoff Boelman '66 died February 26, 2011 in Belmond, IA. Julie taught elementary grades and special needs for 33 years, retiring in 2003. Survivors include her husband, David, and son, Brandon.

Richard Juvik '67 died November 19, 2009.

Kenneth White '71 died April 8, 2011. Kenneth's life work was spent in civil rights, human rights and affirmative action. He worked in the Office of Equal Opportunity at the University of Minnesota for 15 years, was appointed executive director of civil rights for the city of Minneapolis in 1994, and later served as director of affirmative action at Minnesota State University in Mankato and executive director of civil rights in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Kenneth also spent numerous hours mentoring and assisting youth to better themselves through education and athletics.

Dale Holtapp '79 died March 19, 2011. Dale worked for Pomeroy Coop before

moving to the Lost Nation area where he managed the coop in Lost Nation for 22 years. Spending time with family and friends was a favorite pastime, and he also loved the farm, hunting, butchering, and camping. Survivors include his wife, Kathy, and 2 children.

MARRIAGES

Christine Olson '76 married Steve Phelps on July 16, 2010. Christine is a special education teacher.

Michael Otto '93 married Amie Jo Huebsch on August 7, 2010. Michael is in private practice at Family Dentistry in Mason City, IA.

Bret Ennen '02 married Cassidi Soulé on June 11, 2011. Bret currently oversees the southeastern United States for TriStar Distributing out of Ocala, FL, and Cassidi is finishing her nursing degree at the College of Central Florida.

James Dontje '03 married Kayla Bina on March 10, 2011. James is employed by Brcka Construction in Fertile, IA, and Kayla is employed by Henkel Construction Co. in Mason City, IA.

Molly Price '06 married Trevor Benson on June 11, 2011. Molly teaches at Hoover Elementary in Mason City and Trevor is self-employed at Mower Magic & More in rural Lake Mills.

Brenda Tlach '06 married Ryan Carver on June 18, 2011. Brenda is employed by SouthGate Development Services in Iowa City, and Ryan is employed by AEGON in Cedar Rapids.



Lori Kenyon '08 married Chad Eekhoff on November 20, 2010. Lori is employed at the Algona YMCA and Chad is employed by the Lake Mills School District. The couple resides in Forest City.



Joshua Otterman '11 married **Anna Eggbraaten '11** on June 4, 2011. They currently reside in Alaska.

BIRTHS

Christina Calgaard Maulsby '02 and husband, Grant, a son, Urijah Roy, April 26, 2011. He joins brother Quentin and sister Kaylee.

Sabrina DeBoe Parcher '10 and husband, Christopher, a daughter, Liliandra Ellory, July 1, 2011.

A CHRISTMAS HOMECOMING

The cherished tradition continues!

Mark your calendars for Christmas with Waldorf 2011. We're already preparing for Forest City's most festive, music-filled celebration of the season. Join us December 3rd or 4th (or both, for twice the Christmas spirit!) at the Hanson Fieldhouse.

This year's theme is "Christmas Homecoming" and we'll be celebrating traditions old and new. It's an event you won't want to miss!

More program and ticket information coming soon!



Professor Kristi Carlson works on painting the Christmas with Waldorf backdrop.

A LETTER FROM THE FOUNDATION CHAIR

Dear Friends,

I have served as Chair of the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation Board of Directors for approximately 20 months. Since we all have a keen interest in the success of Waldorf College I wanted to provide you with a progress report on the Foundation's efforts to assist the college by providing scholarships to Waldorf students, maintaining a vibrant campus ministry program and fostering a stronger relationship with alumni and the Forest City community.

When we embarked on our new role it was our hope that alumni and friends who had financially supported Waldorf College in the past would transfer that support and commitment to the Waldorf Foundation. I am pleased to report that our hope has been largely fulfilled as we ended our fiscal year by surpassing our annual fund goal! Perhaps more important than the numbers is the fact that we have a long list of donors who didn't give last year but were back on board this year. Perhaps they were taking a "wait and see" stance, but now they are feeling good about the direction Waldorf College is going. If you contributed to the Foundation last year, I offer my sincere thanks.

This year the Foundation will be adding a special scholarship fund to help students in need with the rising cost of textbooks, which can total \$1,000 - \$1,500 per year. Additional annual scholarships will be established for students interested in the field of biology, choir or women's basketball. Next year annual scholarships will be added in other areas, and so on.

The campus ministry program is now a collaborative effort among the Waldorf Foundation, Waldorf's office of student life and Immanuel Lutheran Church. Other local churches are also encouraged to be involved. The newly comprised campus ministry team consists of returning part-time campus ministry coordinator, Kelly Youngblood, Immanuel's new associate pastor Rev. Greg Anderson (8 hrs./week) and Mamisoa Ranaivoson (Sera)'11. These various "stakeholders" are meeting to define a more comprehensive plan for Waldorf's campus ministry and to be ready to meet the spiritual needs of ALL students.

Much has also happened in the alumni/community relations area. I have always felt that an alumni publication is essential in keeping alumni engaged with the college. We are extremely proud of the past few issues of The Waldorf Magazine, a collaborative effort of Waldorf College and the Waldorf Foundation, and hope you have enjoyed reading them cover-to-cover.

I have always said how fortunate we are that the Mayes family purchased Waldorf College. As you know, for-profit colleges have been receiving a lot of bad publicity lately and it is truly unfortunate that Waldorf is often painted with the same broad brush as the mega for-profits who are often accused of being much more concerned about getting the student's money than helping the student achieve his or her educational goals. This is unfair; I can tell you in all sincerity that the "new" Waldorf has maintained the proud values and traditions as the "old" Waldorf and they are still very much concerned with creating a positive experience for each student. We must all become Waldorf ambassadors to insure the success and longevity of the college."

We have very much enjoyed working with President Joe Manjone and his unwavering support of the Waldorf Foundation. We wish him well in retirement. We look forward to working with Forest City's own President-elect, Dr. Bob Alsop. Bob has also been very supportive of the Foundation and we extend our support to him as he assumes this leadership role.

Thank you for helping the Foundation surpass its goals. We ask for your continued partnership and prayers as we add new scholarships, campus ministry activities and alumni events for this coming year.

Sincerely,

Raymond Beebe



RAY BEEBE, CHAIR

Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation

**Vice President – General Counsel
and Secretary**

Winnebago Industries, Inc.

ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONS

A task force committee comprised of members of the Waldorf Lutheran Association of Congregations met twice over the summer to develop by-laws for the new Association, discuss Association membership, and revise the membership covenant agreement. The Association will vote on the committee's proposal at their annual meeting scheduled for August 25, 2011. The outcome of the voting will be disclosed in the spring issue of the Waldorf Magazine. ■

Right: Ardelle Brosdal Osnes '48 presented the *The Osnes Family Scholarship* to Elizabeth Taylor '11 and the *Class of 1948 Scholarship* to Antoine Cummins '14.



Mary Carlson Johnson '58 presented the *William and Mary Johnson Scholarship* to Tiffany McNelly '12 (L) and Miriah Huntington '13 (R).



Tammy Larson (L), Nancy Bergland Olson '75 and Ruth Hermanson (R) presented the *Walter and Evelyn Bergland Memorial Scholarship* to Kinzie Towry '12.



Andrea and Robert Wrage presented *The Ramsay Endowed Scholarship* to Abigail Wibe '13 (L), and the *Ethel Marie Hanson Saltou Scholarship* to Rhonda Fridley '13 (R).



Jane Sansgaard-Ward presented the *Alan Sansgaard Memorial Scholarship* to Brittany Banks '13.

HONORS DAY SCHOLARSHIPS

Waldorf College celebrated another successful Honors Day on April 6. Once again, the Atrium was filled with scholarship donors, student scholarship recipients, faculty and staff. It was exciting to see donors and recipients meeting for the first time. This event offers donors an opportunity to share why their scholarships were established and information regarding the person(s) being honored through their scholarship. In return, students have an opportunity to thank someone for making their dreams of a Waldorf education a reality.

The featured speaker for the day was Tim Fredrickson, son of the late Charlotte Fredrickson. Charlotte was a beloved employee of Waldorf College for 19 years, and a scholarship was established in her memory by family and friends. Tim reflected

on some of Charlotte's fond memories of Waldorf, and shared some heartwarming stories. Tim, along with his sister Carol and other family members, presented the very first Charlotte Fredrickson Music Scholarship award to two students, one majoring in vocal music and the other in instrumental music.

In response, Adam Herrick, Student Body President, spoke on behalf of all the scholarship recipients and thanked the donors for their generosity.

Because of this generosity, 196 students received a scholarship on Honors Day. Approximately 100 additional scholarships will be awarded to incoming freshmen.

Special recognition was given to the following nine scholarships which were awarded for the first time:

ALUMNI BOARD SCHOLARSHIP

The Alumni Board Scholarship was established by several members of the 2010-11 Alumni Board. This annually funded scholarship is awarded to an upperclassman (junior or senior) who has achieved a GPA of 3.0 or greater and demonstrates financial need along with Christian character.

THE CHARLOTTE FREDRICKSON MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

The Charlotte Fredrickson Music Scholarship was established in 2010 by family and friends in memory of Charlotte. Charlotte worked as an administrative assistant in the music department for 19 years. This scholarship is to be awarded to both vocal and instrumental students majoring in music who demonstrate financial need.

THE MARCIA HILL HAUGEN AND DENNIS HAUGEN ANNUALLY-FUNDED SCHOLARSHIP

The Marcia '73 Hill Haugen and Dennis Haugen Scholarship is funded annually and awarded to an upperclassman (sophomore, junior, or senior) majoring in elementary education who demonstrates financial need.

THE MILDRED J. JOHNSTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Mildred J. Johnston Memorial Scholarship was established through funds distributed from Mildred's estate. This scholarship is to be awarded to a student majoring in elementary education from Winnebago County. If no recipient is available from Winnebago County, then it may be given to a student from the state of Iowa.



Adrian and Eleanor Johnson presented the *Adrian and Eleanor Johnson Endowed Scholarship in Music* to Lauren Severson '14 (L) and the *Adrian and Eleanor Johnson Endowed Scholarship in Education* to Marit Rheinheimer '11 (December) (R).



Carol Peterson Edwards '55 presented the *Stella L. Peterson Memorial Scholarship* to Andrea Peterson '12.



Judy Wogsland (R) and guest, Nancy Pleggenkuhle (L), presented the *John Wogsland Memorial Scholarship* to Kayla Meehan '13.



Bob '54 and Ruth Hatteberg Johnson '55 presented the *O.J. Johnson Scholarship* to Scott Harris '13.



James and Norma Adams presented the *Maevius Adams Memorial Scholarship* to Ethan Weiss '12 (L center) and Bryan Lamont '14 (R center).



Associate Professor of English, Dr. Suzanne Falk-Yi presented the *English Department Scholarship* to April DeVries '12.

THE MARGEY BRANSTAD NEWEL SCHOLARSHIP

The Margey Branstad Newel Scholarship was established through funds distributed from Margey's estate. Margey was from the Class of 1943. This one-time scholarship is to be split equally between two students majoring in education from Forest City or Winnebago County.

PASTOR MARK RONNING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Pastor Mark Ronning Memorial Scholarship was established in 2010 by Theodore and Sheryl Strand to honor the Rev. Mark Ronning, a 1954 graduate of Waldorf College, for his dedication to youth and his encouragement of them to attend Waldorf College. The annually-funded scholarship will be awarded to an incoming or current student majoring in business or ministry.

SECOND ORM SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE CLASS OF 1973

The Second Orm Scholarship was established by several alumni from the Class of '73 who lived on second floor in Ormseth Hall. This annually funded scholarship is awarded to a female who will live in Ormseth Hall her sophomore year and who demonstrates financial need. The intent of this scholarship is that she will cultivate lifelong friendships with her floor mates.

THE WALDORF FACULTY/STAFF SCHOLARSHIP

The Waldorf Faculty/Staff Scholarship Fund was established in 2009 as a way to honor and celebrate the good work of Waldorf College past and current employees. All gifts to this fund will be pooled together each year and awarded at Honors Day.

THE GAYLE HEMPSTEAD WAYLANDER '79 SCHOLARSHIP

The Gayle Hempstead Waylander '79 Scholarship was established by Rita '79 and Mark Gilbertson '79 in Gayle's memory. The scholarship is awarded annually to a female student from North Iowa, if possible, who demonstrates a zest for life and a good sense of humor. ■



Mark '79 and Rita Ullestad Gilbertson '79 presented the *Gayle Hempstead Waylander Memorial Scholarship* to Chanel Childs '12.



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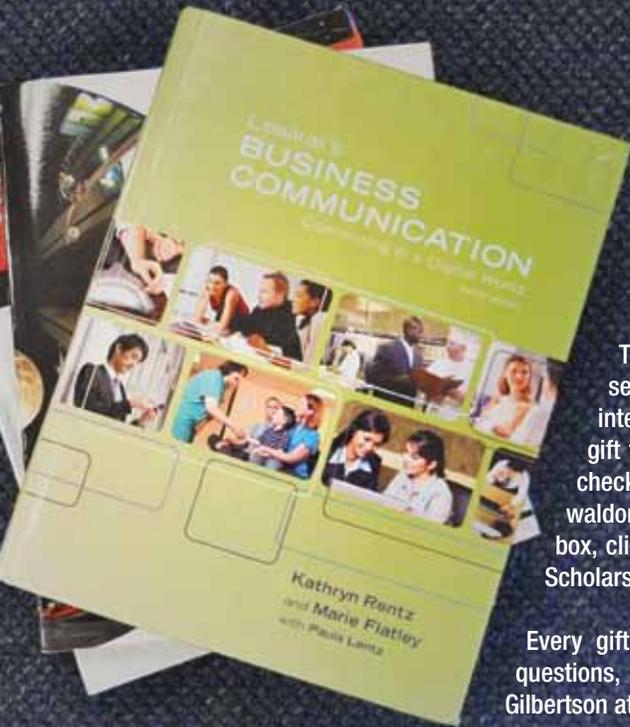
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In response to this need, the Foundation has established the "Book Scholarship Fund." This fund will be used to defray the cost of books for financially needy students. We are seeking support from alumni and friends to help fund this new scholarship. If this is of interest to you, please designate your gift to the "Book Scholarship Fund," and mail your gift to the Waldorf Foundation Office, 106 S. 6th Street, Forest City, IA 50436. Please make checks payable to the "Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation." If you prefer to give online, go to waldorffoundation.org and click on the Donate button. In the second step, "Giving Information" box, click on "Student Scholarships" from the drop down list. In the "Notes" box, type "Book Scholarship Fund."

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CAMPUS MINISTRY UPDATE



Rev. Greg Anderson, Kelly Youngblood, Sera Ranaivoson

We welcomed two new faces over the summer that will make a big impact on campus ministry this fall and they are gearing up for an exciting year!

Pastor Greg Anderson is the new Associate Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Forest City and he has a passion for working with youth and young adults. So much so, that it was written into his call agreement to devote eight hours (or more) a week to Waldorf – visiting with students one-on-one, inviting them to chapel, etc. He is full of energy and great ideas! He brings 20+ years of experience working with youth and campus ministry. He most recently worked at North Dakota State University where he helped increase campus ministry participation by over 100%! We know he will hit the ground running and we're looking forward to implementing many of his ideas. We are thankful for Waldorf's long-standing partnership with Immanuel and the commitment the congregation has made to our students.

Mamisoa Ranaivoson (Sera) is a 2011 graduate of Waldorf and has been hired to split her time between campus ministry and student life. She was involved with campus ministry last year in many capacities including serving as a student musician. We're looking forward to her helping coordinate the music for chapel this year,

using her communications skills to help promote the program in new ways and talking to prospective students about campus ministry opportunities offered at Waldorf. Some of her duties for student services will include serving as a residence hall director and coordinator of the student mail center.

We are pleased that Kelly Youngblood, our campus ministry coordinator, will be back again this fall. She brings experience in working with our students and a lot of energy and good ideas as well. She will remain working part-time (10 hours per week) to allow her to balance her work and home life while raising two young children. Her position is made possible through gifts made to the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation. Kelly will continue to plan chapel, organize mission trips, Bible Studies and other campus ministry activities.

We are excited and blessed to have an excellent team working with campus ministry this year – each bringing different gifts to the program. We look forward to seeing how God uses them to help touch the lives of our students, faculty, staff and community. ■

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- **Student Scholarships** – to ensure more students have access to the Waldorf experience. All scholarships are awarded directly to students.
- **Campus Ministry** – to ensure campus ministry organizations continue. This may also include mission trips and service projects for our students, as well as salary support for our campus ministry coordinator.
- **Alumni Relations** – to foster stronger relationships with alumni and the Forest City community through homecoming events, regional gatherings and regular communication.

Thank you again for your support. Your gift is very important to us, as are you. We invite you to stay engaged with us, visit us on campus as often as you can, and keep us informed of any contact changes or major events in your life. And, as always, please let us know if and how we can be of service.

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