

Upcoming Events & News!

Come Home to Waldorf! Homecoming 2025: October 10 - 12



The crowd looks on during the 2024 Waldorf Homecoming Football Game

Reconnect. Celebrate. Make New Memories.

Join fellow alumni, students, faculty, staff, and community members for a weekend packed with celebration, tradition, and Warrior spirit!

☐ **Weekend Highlights**

Friday, October 10

- **NEW! Alumni Mixer at Cobblestone Inn & Suites @ 7pm** – Kick off the weekend catching up with classmates and friends in the party room!
- **Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony at the Boman Fine Arts Center @ 5pm** – Help us honor our 2025 inductees:
 - Jessica Fresh '14/'18 (Women's Wrestling),
 - Jordan Nelson '15 (Men's Basketball),
 - Julie Jolivette '75 (Cheer Coach),
 - Neil Boyd (Men's Wrestling & Assistant Football Coach)

Saturday, October 11

- **Annual 5K Walk/Run @ 7:30am** – Hosted by Waldorf Track & Cross Country teams
- **Tailgating & Carnival at Bolstorff Field @ 10am** – Fun for all ages!
- **Reunions & Luncheons in the Atrium/Ballroom @ 11am**– Celebrate your class and reconnect over good food
- **Warrior Football Game at Bolstorff Field @ 1pm** – Cheer on our team and witness the energy of the crowd!
- **Homecoming Showcase Concert at the Boman Fine Arts Center @ 7pm** – A can't-miss performance from the Waldorf Music Department
- **Waldorf Trivia Night at Shooterz @ 8:30pm** – Test your Waldorf knowledge with other alumni and friends

Sunday, October 12

- Coffee in Salvason Hall – Unwind and enjoy your final moments on campus
- Worship Service & Farewell Brunch – Wrap up a meaningful weekend with reflection and connection

☐ **Get the Homecoming Pass**

The \$40 Homecoming Pass gets you access to all Saturday events plus an exclusive bookstore discount!

Individual event tickets will be available at the door, but the pass is your best value.

[Full Schedule](#)

Whether it's been 5 years or 50, come celebrate what makes Waldorf special — you. We can't wait to welcome you home!

[Register Here!](#)

An Unforgettable Night with Nathan Chester!



Join us for an electrifying evening with Nathan Chester — dynamic performing artist, proud Waldorf alum, and Top 5 Finalist on The Voice!

Saturday, September 21 | 7:00 PM

Boman Fine Arts Center, Forest City

Expect powerhouse vocals, soul-stirring performances, and a night of music you won't forget!

Tickets:

- Adults: \$20
- Children/Students: FREE!

Reserve your seats now at bomanfineartscenter.org or call 641-585-8278. Don't miss your chance to see one of today's rising stars live on stage!

RAGBRAI LII Rolls Through Forest City! ♀



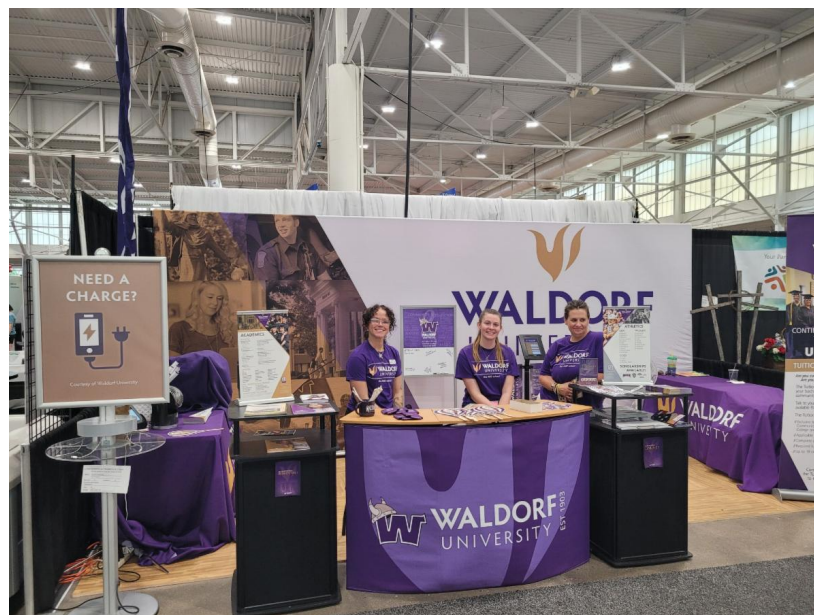
Waldorf's Senior Director of Engagement & Advancement, Rod Schultz (right), with his friend Gus (left)

On Tuesday, July 22, Waldorf University proudly welcomed RAGBRAI LII riders as Forest City served as an overnight host for the first time since 2014. Cyclists camped across campus — filling parking lots, green spaces, and even Tanner Hall — turning Waldorf into a lively, welcoming rest stop along their weeklong journey.

A special shout-out to Rod Schultz, Senior Director of Engagement & Advancement, who rode the full RAGBRAI route from start to finish! His reflections and encounters with fellow Waldorf riders will be featured in the Fall 2025 issue of Waldorf Magazine — stay tuned!

And most importantly, thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time and energy to help make the day a huge success. Your Warrior hospitality made a lasting impression!

State Fair - THANK YOU!



The Waldorf Booth at the 2025 Iowa State Fair

A huge shout-out to all the Waldorf alumni and friends who stopped by our booth in the Varied Industries Building, Suite 536! We loved reconnecting, sharing stories, handing out swag, and seeing that Warrior pride shine at the Fair!

☕ Greater Des Moines Area Coffee Series ☕

Connect with fellow Waldorf alumni and friends over a morning coffee! Join us for our First Thursdays coffee series — a casual drop-in event held every other month at local cafés in the Des Moines area.

Your first beverage is on us! Just share a favorite Waldorf memory and enjoy some free Waldorf swag while you're at it.

Upcoming Dates & Locations:

October 2, 2025

Main Street Café & Bakery

2510 SW Birch Dr, Ankeny, IA 50023

7:00 – 10:00 a.m.

December 4, 2025

Grounds for Celebration

2709 Beaver Ave, Des Moines, IA 50310

7:00 – 10:00 a.m.

February 5, 2026

Scenic Route Bakery

350 E. Locust St, Des Moines, IA 50309

7:00 – 10:00 a.m.

April 2, 2026

St. Kilda Collective

333 5th St., West Des Moines, IA 50265

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. (Note the later start time!)

No need to RSVP — just stop by when you can and stay for as long (or as short) as you'd like. We'd love to see you!

Questions?

alumni@waldorf.edu

☐ Text or call Rod Schultz: 608-312-0521

How to Help!

Warrior Wardrobe



Waldorf Alumni - we hope this message finds you well. This year, the Career Center proudly launched the Warrior Wardrobe — a free, year-round resource that provides students with professional attire for interviews, internships, and career events. The best part? Students get to keep the clothes to help build their professional wardrobes with confidence!

If you're cleaning out your closet and have gently used business or business-casual attire, consider donating to support our future professionals.

Clothing donations are accepted year-round.

For more information, contact:

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Thank you for supporting our Warriors!

Award Nominations Needed

Alumni Awards recognize Waldorf alumni who have performed distinctive and meritorious service in areas such as public affairs, education, church, business, and government. We are also seeking nominations of people who may not necessarily fit the description of those awards, but may be deserving of other potential awards. Helen and Gerald Barth received the "2024 Heart and Spirit" Award for their incredible impact on Waldorf and the student body. If you have anyone in mind, email us at alumni@waldorf.edu or check out the [awards page](#) and submit a nomination through our [online form](#).

Celebrate Waldorf through Philanthropy



We have experienced a record outpouring of support for Waldorf since 2022. So many alumni, family members, and friends celebrate their love for Waldorf by including the University in their philanthropy. With such an incredibly strong financial position, no debt as of summer 2026, and bucking enrollment trends for the past several years, Waldorf has a bright future. Please [make a gift](#) to the Waldorf Fund or a priority area of Scholarships, Alumni Relations, or Campus Ministry. You can make gifts to existing scholarships by typing the name in the comments box.

The future of Waldorf is bright, and we are grateful for your love for Waldorf! How can we help you achieve your dream for Waldorf?

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