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A New Year's Message From President Alsop



Happy New Year, Warriors!

While 2022 was a historic year for Waldorf University, I am looking forward to what 2023 holds with even greater anticipation! In particular, with our change of ownership to the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation complete, there will be greater opportunities for engagement between the university and you. One of the most enjoyable aspects of my role as president is to interact with alumni and hear their Waldorf stories. These stories span the spectrum of emotions, but they all demonstrate the profound impact Waldorf has had on those who continue to call Waldorf "home," whether they never miss a homecoming, haven't been on campus for decades, or in the case of many of our online students - never laid a foot in Salvesson Hall. It also gives me an opportunity to share how Waldorf continues to have that same life-changing impact on students today. In 2023 we will establish a university Advancement Office that will, in part, work to support the efforts of Theo and the Alumni Office. So, keep an eye out for new opportunities to engage with your alma mater in 2023. We cannot wait to hear your Waldorf stories!

SAVE THE DATE: Homecoming 2023 is October 5-8!



[A Note From Alumni Director](#)

[The Window of Opportunity](#)

Theodore Schoneman



Happy New Year, fellow alumni! I am thoroughly enjoying my role as Director of Alumni Relations since stepping into the position in October. There is a lot of excitement at Waldorf lately, especially with the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation taking ownership of the university. It is so fun to be returning to our roots! Speaking of which - the ownership transition will be featured in the upcoming Waldorf Magazine. I've had quite a few inquires about the magazine since there has not been a new edition since last spring. I am happy to announce that after diligently working on the new edition, it is expected to be released this month. There is plenty of good news to read about, so please keep your eyes peeled for the release of the new edition on the magazine page of the Waldorf website.

[Waldorf Magazine](#)

Pledge Campaign



The Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation is conducting a "Window of Opportunity" pledge campaign. Any donations will be matched by an extremely generous donor during this "window", all the way up to \$500,000 in total donations. So - think of each dollar donated to this campaign as being worth double its value within this threshold. If you have been thinking about donating, now is a very good time to consider contributing. If you feel inclined - click the "donate online" button below, and then you must select "Window of Opportunity" as the option. We are grateful for every single donation we have received so far, and the generosity of our incredible donors will help us sustain a successful and bright future for Waldorf University as a whole. Thank you, and God Bless!

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Tyler O'Hara '22 Stars in Netflix's "Dance Monsters"

Waldorf Alum Tyler O'Hara has been busy fulfilling his passion of dance. O'Hara, who graduated from Waldorf University in 2022 as a double major in Psychology and Criminal Justice, starred on Netflix's "Dance Monsters" as "Chester", a big red beast with a single eye and big mouth. The show combines dance, CGI animations and state-of-the-art motion capture technology. While on the show, Tyler danced his heart



out and finished as runner-up in the competition after his excellent performances. Tyler is currently a dance teacher and choreographer at the dance studio he grew up in, and is aspiring to become a professional dancer. He also dreams to one day perform at the Super Bowl Halftime Show. For the full story, click the image to the left. Congratulations to Tyler!

1990 Waldorf Grad Richard McCardle Named Coach of the Year

Independence (IA) native and Mustang Alumnus Richard McCardle was named 2022 Class A District 2 Coach of the Year. Coach McCardle was a 1988 graduate of Independence High School. He was a second team All-State Linebacker for the Mustangs. He played football for Waldorf College and Northeast Missouri State. He also coached at Waldorf College and has been the head coach at Mason City Newman for the last eight years. Newman Catholic has made the playoffs four out of the eight years he has been the head coach. Congratulations to coach McCardle!



Cookie Walk to be Hosted by Waldorf Student Athlete Committee

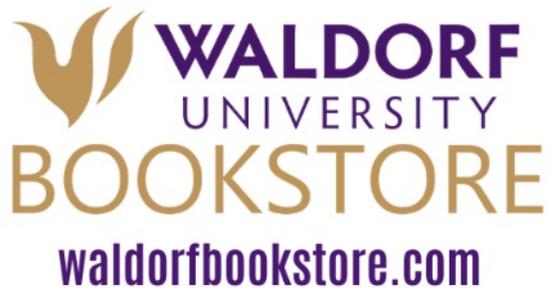


WHEN: February 4th, 2023; Doors Open from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

WHERE: The Waldorf University Atrium, 106 S 6th St, Forest City, IA 50436 - Enter thru east doors facing the Winnebago County Courthouse.

WHO: Any and all people! We hope to see lots of alumni specifically!

Free-Will Brunch Starts at 9am with Cinnamon rolls, coffee, juices, other pasteries and beverages. Cookies are \$10 per box.

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Alumni Shirts Still Available!

We still have plenty of Alumni T-Shirts available for purchase! Shirts cost \$15 with free shipping. Pickup is also an option if



you would prefer to stop by the Alumni Office to get your shirt in person - we would love to see you! Click the button below to purchase an Alumni Shirt to show off your Warrior pride.

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What's Your Waldorf Story?



Front row from left: Matt Forland, Dave Wambold, Reid Ridpath, Brandi Murphy, Ginny Ray, Jon Dale. Second row: Bryanna Hallberg, Keith Reissetter, Chelsea Stumpff, Tara Popenhagen, Marty Grant, Sarah Beck. Third row: Aaron Christenson, Neil Bohnet, Kevin DeVries, Jessi White, Andrea Goedderz, Melanie Lane, Kyla Swisher, Ryan Workman, Nicole Lovik, Nicole Warner, Natalie Nowels, Chris Ide. Fourth row: Gayathri Raghuram, Nyota Sandja, Blake Ramsey, Darnell Whitley, Colton Jensen, Kevin Lenz.

The Waldorf University Marketing Team is searching for alumni willing to share their "Waldorf Story" and possibly be included in an upcoming marketing campaign. We love staying in touch with our alumni and want to see where everyone is at years after their Waldorf journey. Pictured above is the 2004-5 KZOW Radio Crew! Click the button below to share your story, or send an email to alumni@waldorf.edu - we can't wait to read it - Go Warriors!

My Waldorf Story



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