

Upcoming Events & News!



Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year from Waldorf University!

This season reminds us that the strength of Waldorf University is found not only in its history, but in the people who believe in its future. We are profoundly grateful for your continued connection to Waldorf and for the many ways you help move our mission forward.

Because of your generosity and commitment, Waldorf students are discovering new possibilities, pursuing their callings, and preparing to lead with purpose. Your support makes an immediate and lasting impact—one that reaches far beyond our campus. As we look ahead to 2026, the momentum at Waldorf University continues to grow. With exciting initiatives underway and new opportunities emerging, the year ahead holds tremendous promise. Together, we will continue building a community rooted in faith, service, and excellence—one that equips students to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Thank you for standing with Waldorf University and for investing in the lives we serve. Your partnership strengthens our mission and shapes the future we are building together.

Wishing you a joy-filled Christmas season and a New Year filled with hope, health, and possibility.

Waldorf University: End-of-Year Giving

For 2025 year tax-deductible gifts:

As you plan your 2025 year-end charitable giving, consider supporting Waldorf University. You may contribute through IRAs (including QCDs), appreciated stocks, property, Donor-Advised Funds, or online gifts. Each method offers potential tax advantages while making a meaningful impact on Waldorf students.

- **Online gifts** must be made before midnight Central time December 31. (Waldorf.edu and click on ["Give"](#) at the top of the page).
- **NOTE:** You can also make an ongoing impact through a recurring monthly gift. Setting up a gift is easy and can be as modest as the cost of a cup of coffee from a coffee shop once a month. While inexpensive, these steady contributions add up over time and provide reliable support for Waldorf students and programs throughout the year.
- Please initiate **stock and securities transfers** by December 26 to make sure we receive your gift in 2025. Information on transfers can be found [here](#), choosing "How to Give".
- Initiate gifts of **appreciated assets or stock** before December 26 to ensure we have enough time to process the gift in this calendar year. Contact Ms. Severin Roberts, Executive Director of the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation, at **641-585-8144** or email foundation@waldorf.edu for routing instructions. You may also access instructions directly [here](#).
- Donor Advised Funds and Qualified Charitable Distributions from IRAs must be postmarked 12/31.
- Gifts by mail must be postmarked by 12/31.

Instructions for different gift types and contact information for help is online [here](#), or you may contact us at foundation@waldorf.edu, and **641-585-8144**.

[Make Your Online Gift](#)

🎉 **Waldorf Alumni Cheer Weekend January 16-17** 🎉



Join Us for a Weekend of Warrior Pride!

Hello Warriors!

We're excited to invite alumni, fans, and supporters to a special Alumni Cheer Weekend celebrating Waldorf spirit, tradition, and community. Mark your calendars and join us for a fun-filled weekend of competition, connection, and celebration!

 **Friday, January 16 @ 7:00 PM**

Waldorf vs. Graceland Dual in the Hanson Fieldhouse

Come watch and support our Warriors!

 Post-Event Meet & Greet at The Boman Fine Arts Center

Join us after the dual for appetizers and drinks as we connect with teammates, alumni, and supporters.

 *Open until 9:00 PM*

 **Saturday, January 17 @ 2:00 PM**

Game Day Spirit & Alumni Performance

Cheer with us at the basketball games

 Alumni will cheer at the basketball games and are invited to perform with the team during halftime of the men's game. Women's game starts at 2:00pm, men at 3:45pm.

A cheer and dance video will be sent out on January 1 so you can learn the routine in advance. We will also host a practice at 1:00pm in the MPR, where t-shirts will be distributed.

Registration Information

\$50 Registration (includes event participation + t-shirt)

T-Shirt Only Option Available (\$20) for those unable to attend in person

 **What's Included**

- * Event participation
- * Alumni performance opportunity
- * Meet & greet social
- * Event t-shirt
- * A memorable weekend celebrating Waldorf Cheer & Athletics!

****Ready to join us?****

Register now to secure your spot and t-shirt for Cheer Alumni & Fan Weekend, January 16–17. Space is limited—[sign up today!](#)

Registration

MAP
MIDAMERICA
PRODUCTIONS

PERFORM WITH
EMILIE
BERTRAM

Director of Choral Activities, Music Department
Chair, and Associate Professor of Music, Waldorf
University (Forest City, IA)

MOZART'S
MASS IN C MAJOR, K. 317
"CORONATION MASS"

MARCH 14, 2026
STERN AUDITORIUM / PERELMAN STAGE AT
CARNEGIE HALL

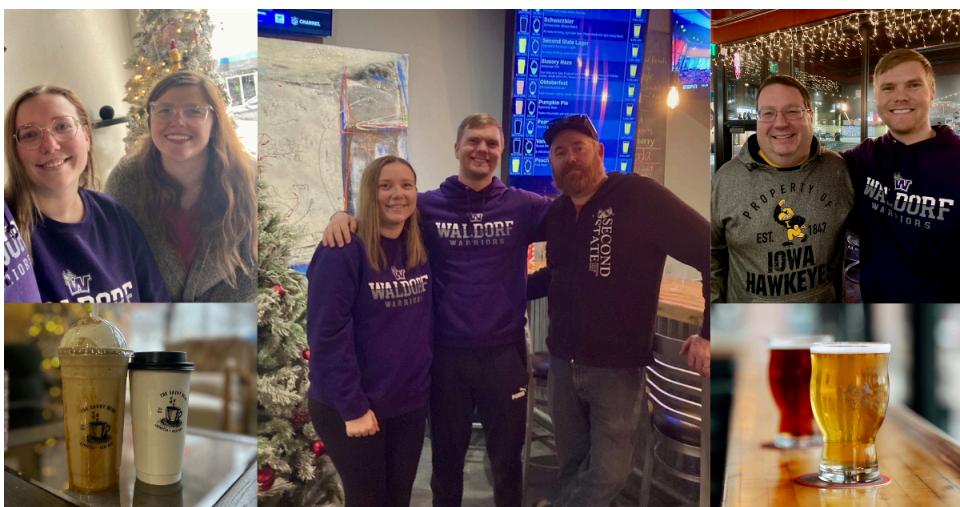
WWW.MIDAMERICA-MUSIC.COM

Join Waldorf Choir at Carnegie Hall in 2026!

Waldorf Music's Dr. Emilie Bertram, Director of Choral Activities and Music Department Chair, accepted an invitation to conduct Mozart's Mass in C, K. 317, the "Coronation Mass," with the New England Symphonic Ensemble and distinguished guest soloists as part of MidAmerica Production's 43rd anniversary season.

The performance will take place March 14, 2026, on the illustrious Perelman Stage of Carnegie Hall's historic Stern Auditorium. Contact us at alumni@waldorf.edu if you plan on attending or are interested in joining us for an alumni meet-up in the area.

☕ Cedar Falls and Waterloo Coffee & Brews 🍺



Cedar Valley Warriors — thank you so much for joining us for our recent pop-up alumni meetups! It was a joy to reconnect, share stories, and spend time together over great coffee, local brews, and plenty of Warrior spirit.

A special thank-you to Second State Brewing and The Savvy Bean for hosting us! We're grateful for the chance to connect with fellow Warriors and be reminded of what makes the Waldorf community so strong. We hope you enjoyed the conversation, the swag, and, of course, the first drink on us!

Stay connected, keep sharing that purple pride, and we look forward to seeing you again soon. We'll be back in the area this spring, alongside other regions.

Until next time — Go Warriors!

-Director of Engagement & Alumni Relations, Theo Schoneman 2020 & 2025, and fellow Warrior, Baili (Girkin) Schoneman 2022

☕ Greater Des Moines Area Coffee Series ☕

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

🎁 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:

📍 **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



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