

July 2023

## A Note from Severin Roberts



Waldorf pride is tangible. As the new Vice President for Engagement & Advancement and the Executive Director of the Foundation, I'm grateful for your enthusiastic support for Waldorf. I wanted to be part of solving the wholly unique challenges Waldorf is managing during the transition back to 501(c)3 status and carry it forward. We are prioritizing engaging with our community through communications, events, and outreach. I hope you will tell us your personal story from Waldorf, and share your aspirations for the University's future.

Several great events are coming up which I hope you will attend. The fall Waldorf Magazine is in production. We are working on updates to the alumni and advancement sections of the website. With the support of the Waldorf community, the University will continue to thrive. There is a growing group of donors who are putting Waldorf in their priority list for philanthropy. The *Window of Opportunity* campaign grew out of the countless messages of support and encouragement about the new relationship between Waldorf University and the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation.

The behind-the-scenes work and expenses continue with implementing our own software systems, developing necessary IT infrastructure, and finalizing the legal and financial details. Volunteers and donors make all the difference in the world. You can make a gift [online](#) and [email](#) us about your interest in volunteering. We are developing several tests for volunteering and would love to know about your interests and experiences.

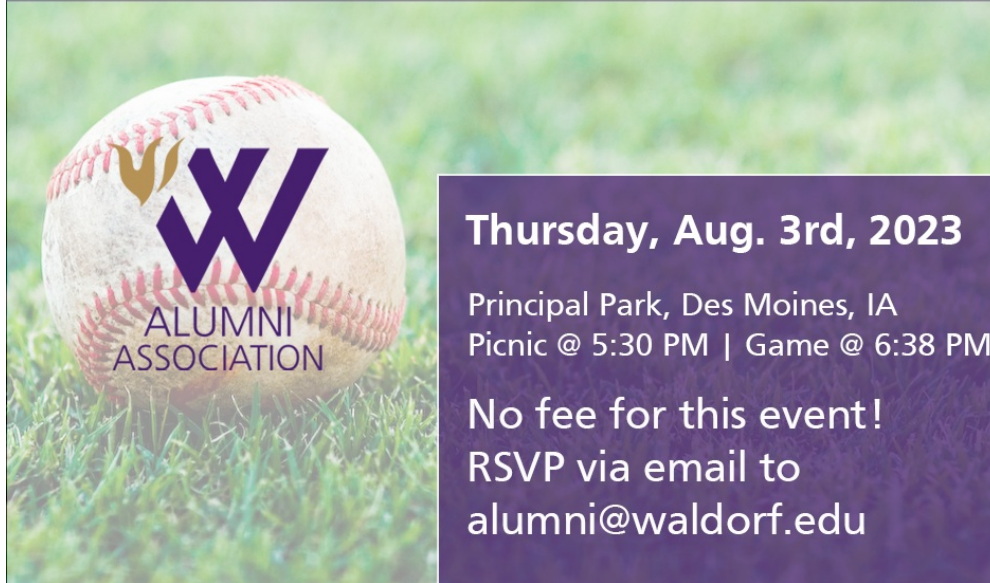
The highlights of my professional experiences are online [here](#). Please feel free to reach out to set up an introduction call with me.

So much is happening at Waldorf and only our campus classrooms are quieter in summer!

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## Last Call for IA Cubs Tickets!

**Join Waldorf University for an evening of Iowa Cubs baseball!**



**Thursday, Aug. 3rd, 2023**

Principal Park, Des Moines, IA  
Picnic @ 5:30 PM | Game @ 6:38 PM

No fee for this event!  
RSVP via email to  
[alumni@waldorf.edu](mailto:alumni@waldorf.edu)

**You are invited!**

Join Waldorf **Thursday, August 3, 2023** for a family friendly evening with the **Iowa Cubs vs. Toledo** at Principal Park in Des Moines!

At no cost to you and your family, the evening will include:

- A private Waldorf University picnic complete with all-you-can-eat hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, potato salad, water and soft drinks
- One ticket/guest to the game (vs. Toledo)
- Your pick of an Iowa Cubs baseball cap, mini-bat, baseball or t-shirt

The picnic will begin at 5:30 PM on the Right Field Party Deck Picnic Area at Principal Park. The game will start at 6:38 PM. This is a great opportunity to reconnect with friends and fellow Waldorf University alumni!

Space is limited, so register ASAP by emailing [alumni@waldorf.edu](mailto:alumni@waldorf.edu) or by calling (641) 585-8148 today!

*We recommend reserving your spot by Friday, July 28, 2023 to secure your spot and to help us plan accordingly.*

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# Waldorf Alumni Day Iowa State Fair



## Join Waldorf at the Iowa State Fair!

Be sure to stop by the Waldorf University booth #536-537 in the Varied Industries Building at the Iowa State Fair for Alumni Day on **Wednesday, August 16th!** Alumni who visit our booth receive a special alumni gift and can chat with Waldorf President Bob Alsop, Vice President for Engagement & Advancement and Executive Director of the Waldorf Foundation, Severin Roberts, and Director of Alumni Relations, Theodore Schoneman. We look forward to seeing you at the fair!

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**Homecoming 2023 - Oct. 5-8**

**HOMECOMING 2023 - SAVE THE DATE!** We are excited to welcome back our alumni for our annual **Waldorf University Homecoming** celebration Oct. 5 - 8, 2023! The majority of Homecoming events will happen Saturday, October 7th, including class reunions,

tailgating/carnival games, alumni band/choir rehearsals, the Waldorf vs Valley City State football game, a Waldorf Author Panel, the Music Department's Homecoming Concert, Trivia Night and more!

We are especially excited to welcome back the class of 1973 who will celebrate their 50-year reunion! The schedule posted online [here](#) is updated regularly.

### **Wanted: Class Representatives!**

Everyone is welcome every year, and we are especially excited to celebrate the following classes: **1958, 1963, 1968, 1973 (50 years), 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, 2013, 2018**. Do you have 5-15 hours to help with outreach to your class and planning?

The alumni office is looking for class representatives to assist with reunion planning for Homecoming 2023. Volunteer today and email [alumni@waldorf.edu](mailto:alumni@waldorf.edu) or call 641-585-8148.

Homecoming 2023 Schedule



*Update Your  
Information!*

Click this image to update your  
contact information in the Waldorf  
University alumni database!

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## **Waldorf in the News**



FOOTBALL

# TYLER CHAPA

INTERIM HEAD COACH

## Tyler Chapa Named Waldorf Interim Football Coach for 2023 Season

Waldorf University named former defensive coordinator Tyler Chapa its Interim Head Football Coach. The decision was made early in June by Waldorf's Director of Athletics, Chad Gassman, due to an unplanned vacancy.

Chapa assumes the top spot on the Waldorf football staff following four seasons of unprecedented NAIA success for the program. In Chapa's tenure at Waldorf, the Warriors have posted four consecutive winning seasons, including three seven-win campaigns. Since he began his involvement with the program, the Warriors have a cumulative record of 27-13 (.675). The Warriors finished in the NAIA Top 25 in 2019, and were ranked in the poll on three occasions in the 2022 season, reaching a program high #22 acclaim the week of October 10th.

[Full Article](#)

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**Former Waldorf President, William E. Hamm, passes away**



**William E. Hamm**, 78, of Waverly, IA died on June 6, 2023, at the Cedar Valley Hospice Center in Waterloo. A native of Clarion, Iowa, and a graduate of Wartburg College, Hamm spent his entire career in higher education.

He served as a Vice President of Admissions and University Relations at California Lutheran University, President of Waldorf College from 1986 to 1999, head of the Foundation of Independent Higher Education, and President of the Lutheran Educational Conference of North America. Hamm also served as interim President of Wartburg College during the 2008-09 academic year.

During his time at Waldorf College, Hamm was an innovative president who ushered in the new wave of technology at the end of the 20th century. He made it a priority for each Waldorf student to have their own laptop, which was cutting edge for the time. Hamm also led the charge in developing Waldorf's 3-year B.A. program, as Waldorf had previously solely been a 2-year degree institution. He was a true "Waldorf Warrior" who deeply enjoyed his job as President, and he was often found working in his office well into the night.

Services will be held in the Wartburg Chapel in fall 2023. Former President Hamm will be dearly missed by many throughout the community of higher education!





## A Window of Opportunity!

A donor has offered to **match** all gifts made to the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation *Window of Opportunity Campaign*. The donor pledged up to \$500,000 for 1:1 matching gifts in support of this incredibly transformative time for Waldorf. All gifts are tax deductible. You can make your gift [online](#) and select “Window of Opportunity”.

We are so grateful to the growing number of donors who believe in our mission and recognize the incredible opportunity we have been given.

Thank you for helping us create a successful and bright future for Waldorf University. Thank you, and God Bless!

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What's Your Waldorf Story?



First row: T. Shiels, P. Peters, R. Coleman, M. Nichols, L. Colbert, T. Cuvelier. Second row: K. Krammer, B. Frush, R. Fjeld, D. Chizek, D. Gosh, B.

Moeckly, R. Morgan. Third row: V. Klosterber, manager, R. Jergens, R. Scrab-eck, B. Smith, S. Hudson, R. Danielson, B. Halverson  
Coach Neil Boyd.

Do you have a great "Waldorf Story"? We like to feature alumni and need your help! From the short stories to long narratives, share your story at the link below or by email to [alumni@waldorf.edu](mailto:alumni@waldorf.edu)

The 1978-79 Men's Wrestling team certainly has stories to share!!

We can't wait to read *your* stories.

My Waldorf  
Story

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<https://www.waldorf.edu/alumni>

