

October 2023

## Dedication Day - 120 Years of Waldorf



Wednesday, October 11 was a special day, as we celebrated 120 years of Waldorf!

We took advantage of the sunshine in Forest City to celebrate the occasion, with about 100 people joining us for a photo in front of Salveson Hall as part of the commemoration.

Staff, students, and members of the community took part in a recreation of a photo taken when Waldorf was officially dedicated on October 11, 1903.

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## Homecoming 2023 Recap

We have a [flickr album](#) with all of the pictures. Enjoy!



### Waldorf Class of 1973 Celebrates 50 Years

The Waldorf class of 1973 celebrated their 50th reunion with a luncheon in the Salveson Hall Ballroom on Saturday, October 7. Pictured from front to back, left to right are:

**Row 1:** Sheila (Monson) Davis, Margaret (Hagen) Harris, Marcia (Hill) Haugen, Sue (Witte) Swackhamer, Joy (Ruen) Moen, Tom Johnson, Deb (Wold) Trefz, Dave Anderson

**Row 2:** Sue Edmondson, Carol (Quina) Bergland, Joy (Rosdail) Klepacki, Becky (Steffensen) Hill, Mark Peters, Joyce (Solberg) Landsom

**Row 3:** Susan Holmen, Marllys (Holtan) Andersen, Rick Senner, Phil Anderson, Hope (Gordanier) Anderson, Mark Bockwoldt

**Row 4:** Gary Clark, Wes Bergland, Barbara Osthus, Steve Jeppson, Hope Kordahl, Bruce Carter

**Row 5:** Lowell Bolstad, Michael Sherb, Tim Willoughby, Gene Morett, David Damm



## Waldorf Alumni Award for Distinguished Service

This year's recipients of the Waldorf Alumni Award for Distinguished Service are pictured above, left to right - Jote Kanaa Taddese '95, Dr. Daniel Hanson '75, and Elaine Docken Hanson '75. Each were honored at the awards ceremony on Thursday, October 5 at the Boman Fine Arts Center for the following:

**Jote Kanaa Taddese '95** - "For being a faithful servant and excellence in the fields of information technology, education, and non-profit leadership."

**Dr. Daniel Hanson '75** - "For passionate leadership in higher education and tireless dedication to faith and academics."

**Elaine Docken Hanson '75** - "For deep devotion to civic engagement and service through faith and a selfless dedication to assisting others."

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[Ceremony Video](#)



### 2023 Athletic Hall of Fame Class

The Waldorf University Athletic Department is proud to announce the induction of three outstanding individuals into its Warrior Hall of Fame:

**Pictured L-R: Pacer Chad Wilson '95 - Baseball, Kristle Wolcott '05 - Softball, and Janet (Kundrat) O'Neill '82 - Basketball.**

These exceptional alumni have demonstrated dedication, talent, and contributions to both the university and their respective fields. Congratulations to these inductees!

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## 2023 Grand Warriors

Becky '73 & Larry '74 Hill, who are not only alums, but also longtime Waldorf faculty, were both honored as this year's Grand Warriors at Homecoming. The Hills have both been a monumental part of education at Waldorf University and in their surrounding communities, and they are the epitome of what our mission is here at Waldorf University. Congratulations again to the Hills!

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A promotional banner featuring a purple rectangular box on the left with white text. The background of the banner shows a bronze sculpture of a muscular man holding a large globe on his shoulders, set against a clear blue sky with some clouds. The text in the purple box reads:

*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



# TYLER CHAPA

## HEAD FOOTBALL COACH



### Tyler Chapa Officially Named as Head Football Coach

Waldorf named Tyler Chapa its Head Football Coach at the end of last month, concluding his brief tenure as Interim Head Coach. Waldorf Director of Athletics Chad Gassman made the announcement to the football coaching staff Monday morning in Forest City.

"Tyler Chapa is an exceptional football coach and has been one for us since 2019," Gassman said. "Today's announcement is an outward sign of my belief that Tyler Chapa is head coach material and earned that rank at Waldorf University. He has proven that to me every day since he was given the enormous task of Interim Head Coach on June 8th."

"Coach Chapa has been a tremendous asset to Waldorf University and the Forest City community over the last five years," said Waldorf University President Bob Alsop. "He has proven himself to be a true leader who we feel will take the Waldorf Football program to the next level."

Chapa becomes the fifth head coach in the history our football program as a four-year institution. Like preceding head coach Will Finley, Chapa first served at Waldorf as an assistant coach before assuming the top spot. Both Finley and Chapa served as assistant coaches under former head coach Josh Littrell.

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## A Window of Opportunity!

A donor has offered to **match** all gifts made to the Waldorf Lutheran College Foundation *Window of Opportunity Campaign*. The campaign helps us with the \$2.5M infrastructure, software, IT, and legal fees associated with the transition. 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 because Waldorf is, once again, operating as a 501(c)3 institution. You can make your gift **online** and select “Window of Opportunity”.

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## What's Your Waldorf Story?



ROW 1. J. Hatlevig, D. Engebretson, B. Wickum, J. Hayden, G. Puls, J. Woodworth, J. Kemp, D. Gimberline, M. McGee, B. Gastorf, P. Johnson. ROW 2. D. Book, A. Burrell, J. Letzring, I. Miller, D. Axon, G. Brown, C. Lidle, R.

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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 1967-68 Football team certainly has stories to share!!

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

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