

March 2025

News!

Waldorf University - Officially Non-Profit!!



Waldorf University is proud to announce that the U.S. Department of Education has approved Waldorf's request to convert to nonprofit status. This is the final step of the process since the Higher Learning Commission, the IRS, and the State of Iowa had previously approved the Change in Ownership.

The nonprofit status granted by the U.S. Department of Education marks a pivotal moment in Waldorf's ongoing efforts to further its educational and social impact. The new status enables the university to expand its research capacity, enhance partnerships with community organizations, and improve student services while maintaining its commitment to reinvesting resources into its educational programs and mission.

"We are thrilled to receive this approval, as it allows us to broaden our impact in ways that will directly benefit our students, faculty, and the communities we serve," said Robert Alsop, President of Waldorf University. "This nonprofit status empowers us to focus even more on our core mission of providing an inclusive and affordable educational experience that drives success and opportunity for all."

This milestone is part of a broader strategy by Waldorf University to continually enhance its educational offerings, expand its reach, and build stronger relationships with industry, government, and nonprofit sectors. Waldorf is committed to fostering an environment where academic excellence, personal growth, and community development go hand in hand.

Upcoming Events!

We are planning events and meetups through next fall, so keep your calendar handy in the coming weeks! Visit waldorf.edu/events for more!

Retirement Concert Celebration for Steven Thompson



Image courtesy of Bethel University

Dear Waldorf Band Alumni from the "Mr. T" years,

Steve Thompson, much-loved band and jazz band director, professor and friend to many Waldorf students over the years, is retiring, and he would LOVE IT if you would come play in his Alumni Band at his retirement celebration at **Bethel University on Saturday, April 5 in St. Paul, MN**. It starts at 11:00 am with rehearsal, followed by lunch on your own with old friends, then a 3:00 concert, reception following, 5:00 Program, and 7:00 Afterglow Reception. **RSVP by March 22 with number in your party** for food count, heavy hors d'oeuvres. After that date we will do our best to accommodate everyone, will plan for more people. Do your best to RSVP, but please come ahead if you are able to make it!

Soooo...

- Wanna play? He'd LOVE to have you!
- Don't have an instrument? No prob, he'll get you one!
- Have a funny/embarassing Mr. T story? We're all ears!
- Wanna share some photos from the 1995 Band Tour? Great!
- Wanna send him a mushy note? Send it along!

USE THE LINK BELOW to REGISTER, Share INFO and/or UPLOAD NOTES to T, PHOTOS & MORE! No deadline, but Steve would like to have time to get all the instruments and music in order... so DON'T WAIT, check it out!

[FULL DETAILS & REGISTRATION HERE!](#)

LET'S REALLY SHOW UP FOR MR T!!

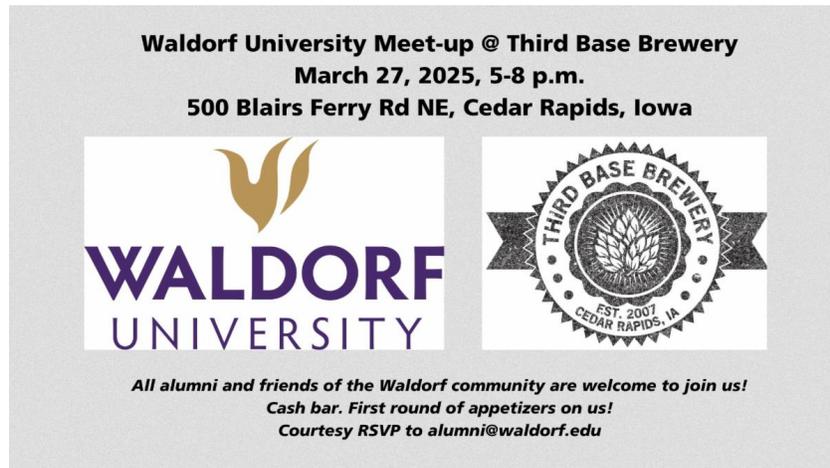
It will really be special to have lots of Waldorf Alumni there. You don't have to play (but he'd love it if you would!), just come and enjoy! Please call or text your friends from Band and make sure they know about this!!!

I'll be there and I look forward to seeing all of you!

Please, please come! Thank you!

Ben Allaway
Director, Waldorf Choir, 1987-1992
Des Moines, IA
515-720-1038

Waldorf Cedar Rapids Meet-up, Thursday, March 27



SAVE THE DATE - Come visit with Waldorf alumni and friends on **March 27** from 5-8pm in Cedar Rapids, Iowa at **Third Base Brewery, 500 Blairs Ferry Rd NE**. For fun, let's celebrate Hollywood and baseball with a few stories from our catcher's mitt co-hosts, Waldorf's own Kent Stock, Mark Danker, and Lynn Petersen, all from the Class of 1981. They represent members of the first Waldorf **Team of Honor** with their 1981 baseball team. Kent was the subject of the movie *Final Season*, and Mark was a baseball playing ghost in the movie *Field of Dreams*.

Email alumni@waldorf.edu if interested!

Waldorf Indianapolis Meet-up, Friday, April 11 *Fire Department Instructors Conference*



MARK YOUR CALENDAR - Are you in Indianapolis or going to be for the FDIC conference? Doc Wicks 1988 is hosting an alumni and community meet up at Metazoa Brewing Co., 140 S College Avenue, Indianapolis, IN. RSVP to Theo Schoneman, Director of Engagement & Alumni Relations at alumni@waldorf.edu and 641-585-8148.

Connect with Waldorf alumni from the area as well as fire and safety professional alumni, and build your friend and professional networks. We are excited to see you! We'll have a

booth at FDIC, too, so stop by, sign in, and get a special token of thanks!

The Waldorf Community Artist Series Presents: Glenn Miller Orchestra!

The World Famous
Glenn Miller Orchestra



Monday, April 7 • 7 p.m.
Boman Fine Arts Center • Forest City, IA
Tickets can be purchased online at bomanfineartscenter.org, by calling 641.585.8278, by scanning the QR code, or at the door.

The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra, an 18-member ensemble, will be performing the classic big band hits of Glenn Miller, on **April 7** at 7pm in the Boman Fine Arts Center!

Cost: Students and Children FREE, Adults \$20

Tickets can be purchased online at bomanfineartscenter.org, by calling 641.585.8278. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Des Moines Coffee Series



Visit with Waldorf alumni & friends at our bimonthly coffee series, **first Thursdays, greater Des Moines area, 7:00 – 9:00 a.m.** - whenever you can stop by! First coffee or beverage is provided with Waldorf swag, in exchange for a favorite Waldorf story. Mark your calendars and we hope to see you there!

- 4/3 **Twisted Bean**, 4504 Merle Hay Rd, Des Moines IA 50310

- 6/5 **Chain & Spoke**, 515 28th St, Des Moines IA 50312
- 8/7 **Freedom Blend Coffee**, 2329 Hickman Rd, Des Moines IA 50310
- 10/2 **Main Street Café & Bakery**, 2510 SW Birch Dr, Ankeny IA 50023
- 12/4 **Grounds for Celebration**, 2709 Beaver Ave, Des Moines IA 50310

Questions? Email alumni@waldorf.edu, or text/call Rod Schultz at 608-312-0521

How to Help!

Award Nominations Needed

Waldorf University is seeking nominations for the Alumni Distinguished Service Award and the Award for Recent Service. These honors 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. As an example, 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 Window of Opportunity campaign or the area you most love. The Waldorf Fund, Scholarships, Alumni Relations, and Campus Ministry are other great options.

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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