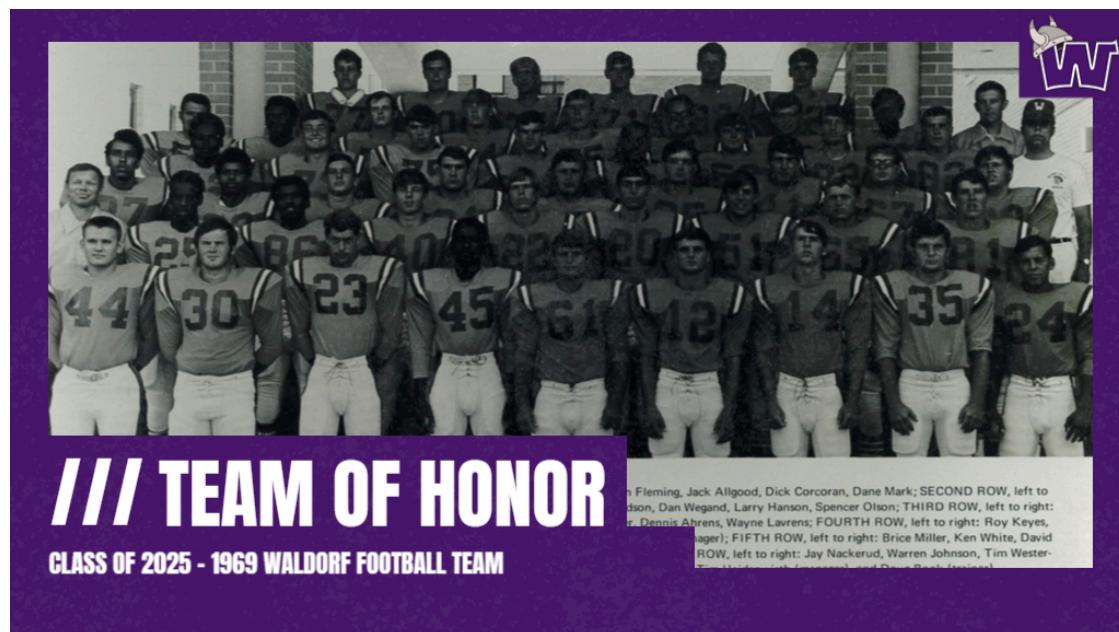


Upcoming Events & News!

2025 Hall of Fame & Team of Honor



During Waldorf Homecoming Weekend 2025, four new members were inducted into the Hall of Fame on Friday, October 10:

- Coach Julie Jolivette 1975, Cheer Coach
- Jessica Fresh 2014 & 2018, Women's Wrestling
- Jordan Nelson 2015, Men's Basketball
- Coach Neil Boyd, Football and Men's Wrestling Coach

The **1969 Football Team** was also inducted as a Team of Honor the following morning on Saturday, October 11. The team, including two coaches, 51 players, two managers, and one trainer, finished the season undefeated at 8-0. They also claimed tenth place in the national junior college rankings.

Members of the 1969 football team include: Al Nordsving, Alvino Milner, Barnabas (Brad) Day, Berley Dodson, Bob Backlund, Bob Knutson, Brian Fleming, Brice Miller, Bruce Nelson, Bryce Juhl, C. Mike Hodgson, Carl Anderson, Coach David Bolstorff, Coach Neil Boyd, Craig Russell, Dan Wegand, Dane Mark, David Lynch, David Sheppard, Dennis Ahrens, Denny Jerome, Dick (Richard) Corcoran, Dick Fox, Dick Schnarr, Donald Larson, Doug Book, Dwayne Bowles, Gilbert Johnson, Glenn Booker, Glenn Pannkuk, Jack Allgood, James Daniels, Jay Nackerud, Jeffrey Howell, Jim Chesnik, Jim Kennedy, John Scheevel, Kenneth White, Larry Hanson, Larry Whitmore, Lynn Hinderaker, Michael Cole, Paul (Cat) Felix, Paul Kalkwarf, Peter Ulichney, Phil Kloster, Randy Olson, Reginald Green, Rick Dosser, Ron Pierce, Roy Keyes, Spencer Olson, Steve Wegner, Tim Heidenwirth, Tim Tarris, Tim Westerberg, Warren Johnson, and Wayne Lavrenz.

Both the Hall of Fame and Team of Honor ceremonies took place in the Boman Fine Arts Center and were livestreamed. To watch the recording from either ceremony, please click buttons below!

[Hall of Fame](#)[Team of Honor](#)

2025 Alumni Awards



Above: Ingrid Levik Gangestad 1985 receives the Lifetime Achievement Award from President Alsop



Above: President Alsop presents the Alumni Distinguished Service Award to Dawn Johnson 1980. Dr. Daniel Hanson 1975 (right) read the citation

Waldorf University celebrated two exceptional alums during Homecoming weekend at a ceremony held on Saturday, October 11, 2025. In a packed room of classmates, faculty, family, and friends, the University honored women whose careers and character have carried Waldorf's mission far beyond campus.

Ingrid Levik Gangestad 1985 was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award for her decades of influence in the profession of modern cookery, including her work in the Betty

Crocker test kitchens and her leadership in product development and nutrition consulting for major national brands. Her career has touched millions of kitchens while reflecting the humility, integrity, and excellence that define Waldorf alumni.

Professor Dawn Johnson 1980 received the Alumni Distinguished Service Award in recognition of her 41 years of residential service to Waldorf and her ongoing commitment as an online business faculty member. Widely regarded as a student-first educator, Dawn has served in key academic and administrative roles whenever called upon and has remained a lifelong mentor to generations of graduates.

Waldorf University extends heartfelt congratulations to Dawn Johnson and Ingrid Gangestad for their remarkable legacies of service, leadership, and faith-filled impact. Their lives continue to reflect the very best of what it means to be a Waldorf graduate.

[Awards Ceremony Video](#)

Music Department Audition Day



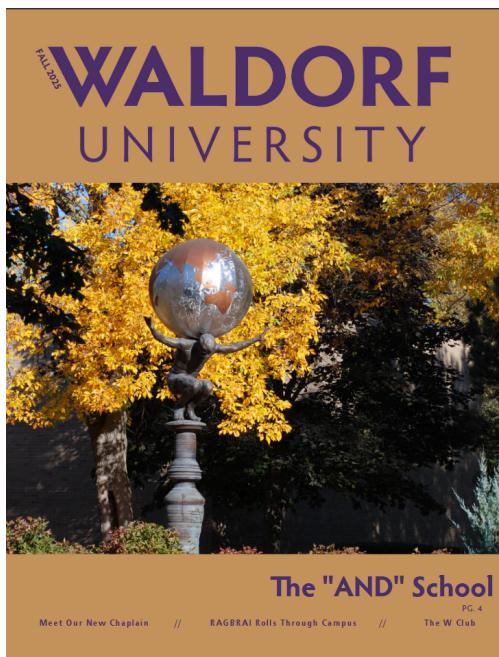
Music Visit & Audition Day — Friday, November 14, 2025

Explore what Waldorf Music has to offer. Enjoy solo and ensemble performances by our vocal and instrumental students, tour our facilities, meet faculty and current majors, and get answers to your questions about degrees, ensembles, professors, and scholarships. Students may also audition on site — either for program admission or for increased scholarship consideration.

Register by November 5. We hope to see you there!

[Registration](#)

READ NOW - Fall 2025 Waldorf University Magazine



The newest edition of Waldorf Magazine is live! This issue features a heartfelt Letter from President Alsop's Desk exploring the Waldorf "AND," an inspiring profile of Senior Director of Engagement and Advancement Rod Schultz and his RAGBRAI journey through Iowa and our Forest City campus, plus exciting updates from Campus Ministry, Music, and the brand-new 'W' Club for Waldorf athletics. Class updates and notes are also included.

📖 Read the full magazine here: waldorf.edu/alumni-friends/waldorf-magazine/

☕ Greater Des Moines Area Coffee Series ☕

Connect with fellow Waldorf alumni and friends over a morning coffee! Join us for our First Thursdays 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:

📍 **December 4, 2025**

Grounds for Celebration

2709 Beaver Ave, Des Moines, IA 50310

⌚ 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.

📍 **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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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 Waldorf Fund or a priority area of Scholarships, Alumni Relations, or Campus Ministry. You can make gifts to existing scholarships by typing the name in the comments box.

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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