



WARTBURG

— 20 — **HOMECOMING** — 23 —
& FAMILY WEEKEND

October 12 – 15
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HOLD ON TO THIS PROGRAM FOR THE WEEKEND!

WELCOME BACK, alumni, parents, and family!

Thanks for coming to Homecoming & Family Weekend 2023!

We hope you'll help Fly Our W all weekend as we celebrate what makes Wartburg great. We've been busy planning our amazing traditions, like Kastle Kapers, the parade, Ren Faire, the big football game, and Oktoberfest.

Don't miss special events for this year, like the Ubuntu Center dedication, an open house at our new esports arena, and a visit from Katja Wolf, the lord mayor of Eisenach, Waverly's sister city and home of the Wartburg Castle.

Of course, there are other games, concerts, and events happening every day, so check the entire weekend schedule online at www.wartburg.edu/homecoming so you don't miss out!

No matter how long has passed since you've been on campus, we hope you feel at home with us this weekend. After all, you're all part of the Wartburg family too!

Go Knights!

—Your 2023 Homecoming Committee



Front, from left: Amber Taylor, Marleya Woody, Caitie Schreck, Natalya Mack, Koolio (dog), Rylie Metz, Janiya LaBeaux, Maia Abrahamson. **Second row:** Lauren Donlea, Reagan Hassel, Jenna Wiebenga, Bri Lingenfelter, Zoey Long, Kathryn Christy. **Third row:** Emma True, Destiny Kraemer, Ruby Robertson, Brooke Shafer, Brenna Demuth, Addison Phillips. **Fourth row:** Macy Harris, Leah Hayungs, Morgan Schut, Selma Kleinsmith, Kristen Riecks. **Not pictured:** Mariah Ambrose, Sara Sangare, Kate Tomson, Amira Pant, Cadance Schroer, Gizelle Da Silva, Larissa Fultner, Mya Baker, Alex Crawford, Makinley Smith, Alina Ahamed.

Great memories happen whenever KNIGHTS GATHER.

A LOOK BACK AT SOME HOMECOMING MEMORIES.



See more memories. →

Share your photos from the weekend using
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See what's happening all weekend by following the college's social media accounts:

- Facebook: Wartburg College & Wartburg Homecoming
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- Twitter: @WartburgCollege



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with Homecoming & Family Weekend Swag

Natural
Comfort Tee
\$17

Aluminum
Performance
Hoodie
\$35



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FIGHT SONG

FIGHT ON, KNIGHTS

(sung twice)

Fight on, you Wartburg Knights,
Fight on with all your might.
We'll fly your colors high
Until they reach the sky.
For Wartburg's glorious name,
We'll win another game.
Fight on, you Wartburg Knights,
Keep fighting with all your might!

First time

Go, team, fight-team-fight!
Go, team, fight-team-fight!

Second time

Wartburg College, U RAH RAH RAH!
Wartburg College, U RAH RAH RAH!
Wartburg College, U RAH RAH RAH!

LOYALTY SONG

College of our brightest days,
Unto thee we chant our praise.
Ne'er thy name shall cease to be
A most happy memory.
Thine the spirit we love best,
Finest in the east or west.
And we sing with loyalty:
Wartburg College, hail to thee!

Oktoberfest Sponsor See page 16 for Oktoberfest details.



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You'll see these alums and friends of the college around campus this weekend.
Thank them for their support of Wartburg!

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The **President's Round Table** honors and recognizes those who have made significant financial contributions to Wartburg College in support of its mission and involves them in deliberations about the college and its aspirations for the future. The following members have joined or moved orders in the last year:



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New Order

Lavern T. and Audrey Busse



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New Order

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New Order

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New Member
Elizabeth A. Main



The **Heritage Society** recognizes and thanks alumni and friends who have arranged future gifts to Wartburg College in their estate plans. More than 575 households of all ages now hold memberships in the Heritage Society.

We believe those who join the Heritage Society are to be held in a special place within the Wartburg community. New members are recognized at the Sunday Homecoming Luncheon at 11:45 AM, which is free for all Heritage Society members.

2022-23 HERITAGE SOCIETY

New Members

Steve Anderson and
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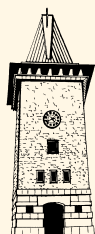
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For more information about Wartburg's recognition societies, please visit
www.wartburg.edu/devoffice.



The **Knights Fellowship** recognizes donors who have given for three or more consecutive fiscal years, as well as those who support the college through monthly gifts.



The **Tower Society** recognizes all Annual Fund gifts and certain other gifts that support the ongoing operations of the college each fiscal year. This weekend, Tower Society members are recognized with a forest green ribbon on their name tags.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Registration and pickup

Friday, Oct. 13 4 - 9 PM
Saturday, Oct. 14 8:30 AM - 1 PM

Information Center, Saemann Student Center

Stop by the Information Center in the Saemann Student Center to register for the weekend or pick up your packet if you registered online in advance. You can also purchase merchandise on site.



See page 5 for all of the new Wartburg Homecoming merchandise available to show your spirit.



Friday, Oct. 13

- 9 AM** Business Department Career Alumni Panels
see online schedule for details
- 10 AM** *Best-Shot Golf Tournament
Prairie Links Golf Course
- 10:15 AM** Chapel
Message by Jen Bye Christy '95
- 11:30 AM** *Bach's Lunch
Chapel Commons & Chapel
- 2:30 PM** Regents Forum (invitation only)
McCaskey Lyceum, Saemann Student Center
- 2:30 PM** Social Work Alumni Panel
Old Main 200
- 3:45 PM** Castle Singers Open Rehearsal
Liemohn Choral Hall, Bachman Fine Arts Center
- 3:50 PM** Symphonic Band Open Rehearsal
Carl and Peggy Bluedorn Instrumental Music Hall, Bachman Fine Arts Center
- 4 PM**
- 4-9 PM** Homecoming & Family Weekend Registration
Information Center, Saemann Student Center
- 4:30 PM**



CAMPUS TOURS 4-5 PM
Information Center, Saemann Student Center

If you haven't been back in a while, take a tour of campus with one of our knowledgeable guides.



WARTBURG CHOIR ALUMNI 4-6 PM
Chapel Commons

Catch up with your folder partner, your section leader, and all the other familiar voices from your choir days at this open house event.



UBUNTU CENTER DEDICATION
McCoy Courtyard

Celebrate the renovations to Vollmer and Slife halls, as well as the Ubuntu Center addition. (Rain site: Holmes Lounge)

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*This is a ticketed event. Advance registration is encouraged. Seating and meal service may be limited.

Friday, Oct. 13

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4:50 PM Wind Ensemble
Open Rehearsal
*Carl and Peggy Bluedorn
Instrumental Music Hall,
Bachman Fine Arts Center*

5 PM Wartburg Choir
Open Rehearsal
Wartburg Chapel

5 PM

5:30 PM Intrasquad Softball Scrimmage
Lynes Field

6 PM President's Round Table
Dinner (invitation only)
*Knights Ballroom,
Saemann Student Center*

6 PM Vollmer & Ketha
Houses Reunion
*Joe's Knight Hawk,
1002 W. Bremer Ave.*

7 PM

8:30 PM



VOLLEYBALL

Levick Arena, The W

5 PM vs. St. Olaf

7 PM vs. Bethel

The Knights take on the Oles and the Royals in this doubleheader contest.



KASTLE KAPERS

Neumann Auditorium



Watch members of the Wartburg community show off their talents through song, dance, comedy, and more. Tickets required.

Students
\$3

Adults
\$5

Saturday, Oct. 14

8 AM

8:30 AM *Children's Track Meet
*Hoover Fieldhouse & Track,
The W*

8:30 AM-1PM Homecoming & Family
Weekend Registration
*Last chance to pick up event
tickets at the Information Center,
Saemann Student Center*

8:30-10 AM Tower Society Open House
(invitation only)
*McCoy Rooms,
Saemann Student Center*

9-10 AM Campus Tours
*Information Center,
Saemann Student Center*



Walston-Hoover Stadium

It's not about the speed you go,
it's about the fun you have!
(Unless you're training for a big
race, in which case it's also about
the speed you go.)



THIS WEEKEND'S

Celebrated Knights

A special welcome to our reunion classes!



Golden Knights

Celebrating 50+ Years

'58, '63, '68, '73



Class Reunions

**'78, '83, '88, '93,
'98, '03, '08, '13, '18**

Special luncheons for these
alums will be served Saturday
at 11:30 AM in the Saemann
Student Center. See page 14.*



SAVE THE DATE:

Class of 1974 Reunion - May 26-28

The Class of 1974 will take part in the May Commencement ceremony, joining the Class of 2024 in procession. Keep an eye out for more information later this year!

*This is a ticketed event. Advance registration is encouraged. Seating and meal service may be limited.

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Saturday, Oct. 14

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- 9 AM-2 PM** Wartburg College Archives and Archives of Iowa Broadcasting Open House
Third Floor, Vogel Library
- 9 AM-2 PM** Self-Guided Tours
Vogel Library
- 10 AM**
- 10 AM -12:30 PM** Department of Journalism & Communication Open House and Tailgate
McElroy Center 134
- 10:30 AM -Noon** Department of Religion Open House
Wartburg Chapel
- 10:30 AM**
- 11 AM -Noon** Book Signing:
Knight in Training: A Wartburg College Story featuring Mary Bleckwehl '77 The Wartburg Store, Saemann Student Center
- 11 AM** Softball Tailgate and Bra-B-Que
Lynes Field
- 11 AM** Wrestling Open Practices
Dick Walker Wrestling Room & Levick Arena
- 11:30 AM** *Golden Knights Luncheon
Heritage Room, Saemann Student Center
- 11:30 AM** *Class Reunion Lunches
St. Elizabeth & Knights rooms, Saemann Student Center
- Noon** Vogel Library Student Employee Reunion
Vogel Library
- 1:30 PM**
- 4 PM** Kammerstreicher Dress Rehearsal
Sandra Rada Recital & Orchestra Hall, Bachman Fine Arts Center

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HOME COMING PARADE

5th St. NW, 1st Ave. NW & 12th St. NW

Give a wave to guest Katja Wolf, lord mayor of Eisenach, Waverly's sister city and home of Wartburg Castle.



Don't miss the car she and President Becky are riding in — it's a Wartburg, made for decades in Germany!



Presenting Sponsor



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Durwood "Bud" Buchheim '53 is one of our oldest living graduates, a former Board of Regents member, and a recipient of the Wartburg Medal who flies our W!



RENAISSANCE FAIRE

Campus Mall

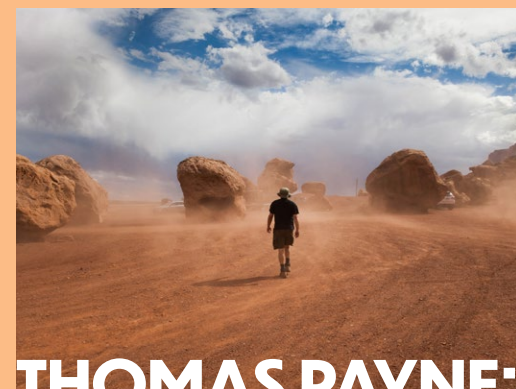
Get a bite to eat and check out what vendors from campus and the community have for sale until 2 PM.



ESPORTS ARENA

Second Floor, Rada-Aleff Classroom Technology Center

Stop by this open house until noon and see the competition space for one of our newest varsity sports.



THOMAS PAYNE: PHOTOGRAPHS

Waldemar A. Schmidt Art Gallery

This exhibit by our professor emeritus of art is open all weekend. Stop by for a reception and stay for a gallery talk by the artist at 11 AM.



WARTBURG VS. DUBUQUE

Walston-Hoover Stadium

Cheer on the Knights as they face off against the Spartans. This year's Athletic Hall of Fame inductees (see page 20 for the list) will be recognized before kickoff at 1:10 PM.

At the gate
Adults \$6
Youth \$4

Saturday, Oct. 14

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4 PM

6:30 PM Rainbow Alumni Social
Löhe Hall 137

6:30 PM *Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner
*Knights Ballroom,
Saemann Student Center*

6:30 PM *Golden Knights Reception
*McCoy Rooms,
Saemann Student Center*

7 PM Kammerstreicher Concert
Wartburg Chapel

8 PM Castle Singers Concert
Wartburg Chapel

9 PM Wartburg Music Alumni Social
*Bremer Brewing Co.,
102 W. Bremer Ave.*



OKTOBERFEST
Campus Mall At the door \$30

Enjoy classic German foods and beers at this time-honored tradition. Runs until 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday, Oct. 15

9:30 AM Preludial Music
Neumann Auditorium

10 AM Homecoming & Family
Weekend Worship
Neumann Auditorium

11:15 AM Sunday Brunch
*Mensa,
Saemann Student Center*

11:45 AM

2:30 PM

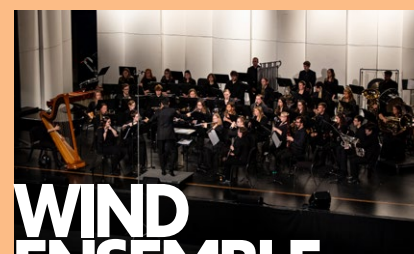
3:30 PM

5 PM Men's Soccer vs. St. John's
Salzwedel Field



LUNCHEON
*Knights Ballroom,
Saemann Student Center*

This year's Alumni Citation recipients (see page 18 for the list) will be honored.



WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT

Neumann Auditorium

Come for the Eric Whitacre piece, stay for the Armenian Dances.



WARTBURG CHOIR CONCERT

Wartburg Chapel

The Wartburg Choir singing in the Wartburg Chapel? Chills guaranteed.

*This is a ticketed event. Advance registration is encouraged. Seating and meal service may be limited.



Edmond Bonjour '83 Stillwater, Oklahoma

Bonjour earned his master's degree in entomology from Oklahoma State University, where he continues to work as the director of the Oklahoma Agricultural Leadership Program and an associate extension specialist. His research on insects and stored grain has led to the publication of many articles and research papers, along with presentations at conferences across the world. He continues to help agricultural professionals learn more about the hazards their grains face in storage, often training fumigators and elevator workers, in addition to developing tomorrow's agricultural leaders through international tours and rigorous programs of study. Bonjour has given time to numerous boards and committees at First United Methodist Church in Stillwater, where he serves as co-lay leader along with his wife, Rose. The couple owns a home-based craft business, Bonjour Creations. Bonjour is also active with the local Kiwanis Club, the Payne County Genealogical Society, and Stillwater Woodworkers.



Pamela Johnson Hinrichs '64 Waverly, Iowa

Hinrichs owned and operated the Carriage House clothing store in Waverly for more than a decade, doubling its size during her tenure. As a business owner, she became heavily involved with the Chamber of Commerce, serving on committees and helping to put on events. She is also in constant service to St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School. Hinrichs helped organize cleanup after historic flooding in 2008, organizing volunteers and making sure everyone was fed. She continues to supervise community meals at St. Paul's and has served on multiple boards, including the church council. She has served on the Wartburg Alumni Board, where her legendary decorating skills were used for displays in Neumann Auditorium and for dinners during Homecoming. Other groups that have relied on Hinrichs' leadership include P.E.O., the Boy Scouts, and Self-Help International.



Nicholas Wuertz '06 Des Moines, Iowa

After graduating from Wartburg, Wuertz joined Lutheran Services in Iowa as a refugee program supervisor, where he helped new arrivals find jobs and worked with community organizations to provide them with support. He currently serves as the director of immigrant and refugee community services for the organization. Under Wuertz's leadership, an urban agriculture initiative took off, culminating in a 12-acre farm in Pleasant Hill, Iowa, where former refugees can start their own farming businesses. He also helped create the annual LSI Empower Luncheon, where former refugees who have become U.S. citizens are recognized for their achievements, serving as a model for others hoping to do the same. Wuertz is involved in his community through the Refugee Alliance of Central Iowa, which he chairs; the Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity board; the Inclusion Matters Council; and youth soccer programs.

These recipients will be honored Sunday at:

11:45 AM *Homecoming Luncheon
Knights Ballroom, Saemann Student Center

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ALUMNI REFERRAL AWARD

Refer a student and they can

RECEIVE \$2,000 IN YOUR NAME!

As a Wartburg graduate, you know the college offers students a rigorous academic environment coupled with rewarding experiences outside the classroom. With the **Alumni Referral Award program**, you can help today's high school students see how Wartburg can equip them to embrace their passions and unlock their potential. Follow these three easy steps to **help a student receive a \$2,000 award in your name!**

1



Fill out the student referral form.

2



The student applies to Wartburg.

3



The student receives \$500 annually in aid when they enroll!

This award will have your name on it as a testament to the importance of your involvement in the lives of our future alumni. **The deadline to refer a student graduating from high school in 2024 is Dec. 1, 2023.**

Fill out the student referral form at **www.wartburg.edu/refer**.



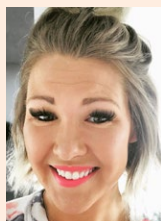
Romeo Djoumessi, a 2009 graduate, was a four-year member of the wrestling team. He was the 2008 national champion at 184 lbs. and is a two-time All-American. Djoumessi surpassed the 100-career win mark and has a career

record of 103-7 with 12 major decisions, six technical falls, and 16 falls. He was a three-time Iowa Conference champion at 184 lbs. He is a real estate agent with Re/Max Home Group and lives with his wife, Hannah, and their three children in Waverly.



Gary Grace was Wartburg's first full-time athletic director from 1996 to 2004. He also served as the vice president for administration from 2004 to 2013. Grace was instrumental in the early phases of Wartburg's

athletic dominance over the last 20 years and played a key part in the Wartburg-Waverly Sports & Wellness Center project. Grace retired from Wartburg in 2013 and now owns seven Jimmy John's franchise locations. He lives in Waverly with his wife, Janet.



Britlyn Sieck Franzen, a 2013 graduate, was a four-year member of the track and field and volleyball programs. On the court, she was an Honorable Mention All-America selection, three-time Honorable

Mention All-Region player, a First-team All-Region honoree, and a four-time First-team All-Conference selection. She ranks in the top 10 of four career categories, which includes second in kills (1,828). Franzen was a thrower and is a four-time All-American: three for shot put and one for discus. She is a probation and parole officer with the Iowa Department of Correctional Services. She lives in Wadena, Iowa, with her husband, Josh, and their three children.



Brian Greiner, a 2006 graduate, was a four-year member of the baseball team. As a catcher, he was a two-time Second-team All-Region selection, Second-team All-Conference honoree, and a College Sports Information Directors

of America Academic All-District selection, as well as a three-time Academic All-Conference recipient. Greiner ranks in the top 10 of 12 career categories and remains the career leader in RBIs (192). He is a vice president of Pepper Construction and lives in Geneva, Ill., with his wife, Ashley, and three daughters.

These inductees will be honored Saturday at:

1:10 PM Recognized before football game
Walston-Hoover Stadium

6:30 PM *Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner
Knights Ballroom, Saemann Student Center

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Brad Hodapp, a 2004 graduate, was a four-year member of the football team. As a running back, he was a two-time Third-team All-Region honoree and a two-time First-team All-Conference selection. He also earned Second-

team All-Conference honors for special teams. Hodapp ranks in the top 10 of 10 career categories. He amassed 3,187 rushing yards for 33 touchdowns and surpassed the 1,000-yard rushing mark in two individual seasons. Hodapp is the executive vice president and risk adviser at Relion Insurance Solutions and resides in Muscatine, Iowa, with his wife, Kelsey '05, and their three daughters.



Kate Thompson, a 2009 graduate, was a four-year member of the women's golf team. She was a Second-team All-American, a two-time All-Region selection, and a three-time All-Conference finisher. Thompson earned CoSIDA

Academic All-District and Third-team CoSIDA Academic All-America honors in 2009 and was a three-time WGCA Scholar All-American and three-time Academic All-Conference honoree. She ranks eighth on the career scoring average leader list. She finished 12th at the 2008 national championships. Thompson is an osteopathic medical physician and lives in Stuart, Iowa.



Jackie Sorensen, a 2007 graduate, was a three-year member of the softball team. She is a three-time Third-team All-American, two-time First-team All-Conference selection, and the 2006 conference MVP. Sorensen

ranks in the top 10 of 12 career categories and continues to hold the school record in shutouts (18). She also threw two no-hitters. Sorensen was named to the 2006 All-Region team. She is a softball coach and lives in Inverness, Fla.



Katy Wendt, a 2012 graduate, was a four-year member of the women's soccer program. As a forward, she was a two-time All-American, a three-time First-team All-Region, a four-time First-team All-Conference, and the 2011

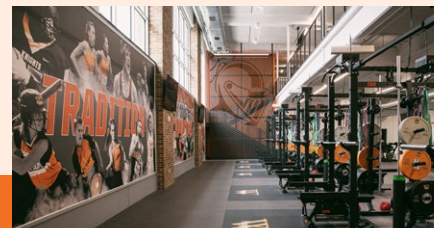
conference MVP. For her academics, she was a three-time CoSIDA Academic All-District honoree, a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-American, a three-time Academic All-Conference honoree, and an NSCAA Scholar All-Region and Scholar All-American. Wendt ranks in the top 10 of seven career categories, which includes second in points (106), assists (32), and penalty kicks (6). Wendt is a civil litigation associate with Lindquist and Vennum and lives in Minneapolis, Minn.



FOLLOW THE KNIGHTS

To learn more about Wartburg's 25 varsity sports programs and their athletic dominance, visit us online.

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WARTBURG COLLEGE KAMMERSTREICHER

Founded in 2014, Kammerstreicher seeks to reshape expectations for what a chamber orchestra can be and do. The ensemble comprises Wartburg's top string students. Repertoire includes music from the Baroque to modern day, with focus on collaboration, and the group tours internationally every three years.

7PM Saturday Wartburg Chapel

Dr. Rebecca Nederhiser, conductor



THE WARTBURG WIND ENSEMBLE

With roots stretching to 1898, the Wind Ensemble represents students of all class standings and nearly all academic majors. Many of its members are also involved in other music groups on campus. The Wind Ensemble tours internationally every three years and has performed at New York City's Carnegie Hall.

2:30PM Sunday Neumann Auditorium

Dr. Lia Snead, conductor



WARTBURG COLLEGE CASTLE SINGERS

Founded in 1950, the Castle Singers chamber ensemble continues to prepare a wide variety of repertoire from Byrd to the Beatles and beyond. Composed of advanced vocalists who are dedicated to exploring challenging choral literature, the Castle Singers tour internationally every three years.

8PM Saturday Wartburg Chapel

Dr. Nicki Toliver, conductor



THE WARTBURG CHOIR

Founded in 1937, the internationally acclaimed Wartburg Choir performs sacred music from all historical periods and styles and often collaborates with contemporary composers. The group tours internationally every three years and was selected to perform at the 2022 Midwestern American Choral Directors Association conference.

3:30PM Sunday Wartburg Chapel

Dr. Lee Nelson, conductor

UPCOMING Calendar of Events

Find all events and details at www.wartburg.edu/calendar

NEW



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Wartburg Community Symphony: John Hagen in Concert
Saturday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m.
Neumann Auditorium

Wartburg Players present Cheaper by the Dozen
Friday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m.
McCaskey Lyceum

Meistersinger Honor Orchestra Festival Concert
with Neave Trio
Saturday, Jan. 27, 5 p.m.
Neumann Auditorium

Divergent Visions: Works by Fred and Velga Easker
Nov. 1-Dec. 8
Reception: Thursday, Nov. 16, 6 p.m.
Waldemar A. Schmidt Gallery

Knightlitters Jazz Band Fall Concert
Sunday, Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m.
McCaskey Lyceum

Meistersinger Honor Band Festival Concert
Sunday, Feb. 4, 2 p.m.
Neumann Auditorium

Wartburg Trumpet Festival Concert
Thursday, Nov. 2, 7 p.m.
Wartburg Chapel

Knights to Know: Spotlight on Service
Wednesday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m.
Virtual event

Bach's Lunch Organ Series
Friday, Feb. 9, noon
Wartburg Chapel

Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band Concert
Friday, Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m.
Neumann Auditorium

Wartburg Community Symphony: Christmas Fairy Tales
Saturday, Dec. 9, 2 p.m.
Neumann Auditorium

Wartburg Players Production
Friday, Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m.
McCaskey Lyceum

Keep on Learning: A Look into Grimms' Fairy Tales
Thursday, Nov. 9, 9:30 a.m.
Saemann Student Center

Not Home: Photographs by Alyss Vernon
Jan. 8-Feb. 16
Reception: Friday, Jan. 26, 6 p.m.
Waldemar A. Schmidt Gallery

Symphonic Band Winter Concert
Sunday, Feb. 11, 3 p.m.
Neumann Auditorium

Bach's Lunch Organ Series
Friday, Nov. 10, noon
Wartburg Chapel

Meistersinger Honor Choir Festival Concert
with Craig Hella Johnson
Monday, Jan. 22, 5 p.m.
Neumann Auditorium

Wartburg Community Symphony: American Jazz
Saturday, Feb. 17, 2 p.m.
Neumann Auditorium

Knights to Know: Spotlight on Black Entrepreneurship
Wednesday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m.
Virtual event

DWELL: Works by Catherine Reinhart
Feb. 28-March 29
Reception: Friday, March 8, 6 p.m.
Waldemar A. Schmidt Gallery

Bach's Lunch Organ Series
Friday, March 8, noon
Wartburg Chapel

Opera Workshop
Saturday, March 9, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 10, 7:30 p.m.
McCaskey Lyceum

Knights to Know: Spotlight on Health Care
Wednesday, March 13, 7 p.m.
Virtual event

Wartburg Players present A Midsummer Night's Dream
Friday, April 5, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 6, 7:30 p.m.
McCaskey Lyceum

Symphonic Band Spring Concert
Saturday, April 6, 2 p.m.
Neumann Auditorium

Handbells and Kantorei Spring Concert
Saturday, April 6, 4 p.m.
Wartburg Chapel

St. Elizabeth Chorale Spring Concert
Sunday, April 7, 2 p.m.
Wartburg Chapel

Ritterchor Spring Concert
Sunday, April 7, 4 p.m.
Wartburg Chapel

Senior Exhibition 2024
April 11-May 26
Reception: Thursday, April 11, 7 p.m.
Waldemar A. Schmidt Gallery

Bach's Lunch Organ Series
Friday, April 12, noon
Wartburg Chapel

Castle Singers and Kammerstreicher Home Concert
Saturday, April 13, 2 p.m.
Wartburg Chapel

Wartburg Community Symphony: Dance of Life
Saturday, April 13, 7 p.m.
Neumann Auditorium

Wind Ensemble Home Concert
Sunday, April 14, 2 p.m.
Neumann Auditorium

Wartburg Choir Home Concert
Sunday, April 14, 4 p.m.
Wartburg Chapel

Knightlitters Jazz Band Spring Concert
Sunday, April 14, 7 p.m.
McCaskey Lyceum

May Term Band Concert
Friday, May 24, 6:30 p.m.
Wartburg Chapel

More events will be planned in a variety of locations throughout the year. Stay tuned to *Knightline* and check wartburg.edu/alumni for more information on alumni events.

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Sunday, Dec. 3, 3 p.m.
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Thanks for joining us for Homecoming & Family Weekend 2023.

It's an exciting time at Wartburg, so I want to be sure you've heard our latest news.

We recently announced the Wartburg Commitment, a comprehensive package of changes designed to expand access to Wartburg for more families and help our students experience more while they're here. These three main pieces will take effect in 2024-25:

- We lowered our published tuition price by more than 45 percent to encourage more families to consider Wartburg.
- The Access to Excellence initiative is designed to help more families afford Wartburg. If a student qualifies for the Iowa Tuition Grant, their tuition here will be covered by federal, state, and institutional aid. Out-of-state students with similar need will receive at least \$9,500 in assistance.
- The Knight's Experience will provide up to \$1,500 to students in their second, third, or fourth years for an internship, study away, or other experiential learning opportunity.

If you know high school students who are thinking about their future plans, be sure to share these exciting developments with them.

I hope you enjoy your time on campus this weekend! Don't miss the calendar of our upcoming events in the previous pages — we hope to see you again soon, either in person or virtually.

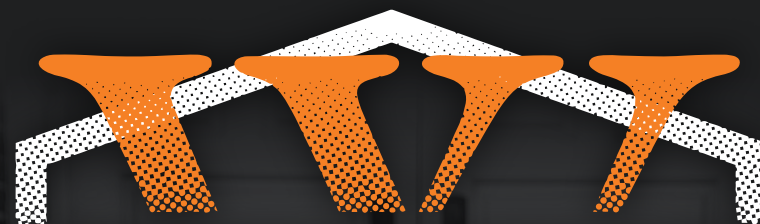
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& Wellness Center ■ 15. Harms Stadium at Hertel Field ■ 16. Knief Outdoor Athletics Pavilion ■ 17. Practice Field ■ 18. Platte Observatory ■ 19. Salzwedel Field ■ 20. Track & Field Throwing Venue | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 21. Max Cross Country Course ■ 22. Walston-Hoover Stadium,
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