

# NEW FACES IN THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

## Ryan Flickinger, Head Baseball Coach



Flickinger has been the pitching coach and Head JV Coach for the last four seasons. Flickinger stepped into the head coaching position upon the resignation of former Head Coach Chad Gassman. Flickinger is a graduate of Waldorf College where he pitched for the Warrior Baseball team and finished his college career as a student coach.

## Ryan Martin, Head Men's Soccer Coach



Martin began summer 2011 as the Assistant Men's Soccer Coach and was promoted to Head Coach in November. Martin is a Waldorf alum and is originally from Decorah, Iowa. Prior to Waldorf, he spent time coaching at Decorah High School and Luther College.

## Kate McArthur, Women's Soccer Assistant Coach



McArthur started at Waldorf in August after recently serving as a Graduate Assistant at Bemidji State University. A native of Elkins, West Virginia, McArthur attended Davis and Elkins College. During her time there she coached at the Valley Soccer Academy and Elkins High School.

## McCain Rosonke, Men's Basketball Assistant Coach



Rosonke earned his AA from Waldorf in 1999 and played basketball for the Warriors before transferring to Minnesota State-Moorhead to continue his playing career. Rosonke coached with Head Coach Nigel Jenkins at St. Mary's University (Minn.).

## Mike Bisenius, Men's Basketball Assistant Coach



Bisenius is a native of Emmetsburg, Iowa and played basketball at Minnesota State-Mankato under Nigel Jenkins, who was an assistant coach at the time. He was a member

of three Conference Championship teams and reached the NCAA Division II Final Four as a senior.

## Ben McArthur, Men's Soccer Assistant Coach

McArthur began in December with the Waldorf soccer program. He is a native of Elkins, West Virginia and a graduate of Davis and Elkins College. McArthur coached youth soccer in West Virginia and Minico High School in Paul, Idaho. He joins his sister, Kate, in the Waldorf Athletic Department.

## Jamie Smeigh, Graduate Assistant Softball Coach



Smeigh played baseball at Waldorf and graduated in 2010. He is originally from Ewa Beach, Hawaii and was previously an assistant volleyball coach at Waldorf.

## Megan Theis, Assistant Volleyball Coach



Theis is a native of Shakopee, Minn. She graduated from the University of Minnesota-Morris with a Bachelor's Degree in Sports Management. While attending the University

of Minnesota-Morris, Theis earned UMAC All-Conference honors in both her junior and senior seasons.

## Greg Blue, Assistant Football Coach



Blue began his football career at the University of Georgia where he played Safety and was a 2005 1st Team Consensus All-American, a 2005 1st Team All-SEC Player, and a 2005 Defensive

Captain. He was also a member of two SEC Championship teams. In 2006, Blue was a 5th Round Draft Pick for the Minnesota Vikings. In 2007 he moved to the Detroit Lions. After his run in the NFL, Blue became a Personal Trainer at Fitness 19 in Eagan, Minn., and an Assistant Football Coach at Eagan High School.

## Joe Tautges, Assistant Baseball Coach

Tautges is a native of Brainerd, Minnesota and began this fall as Flickinger assumed Head Coach responsibilities. Tautges played baseball at Waldorf and graduated in 2007. He coached at Waldorf for a season before returning to Brainerd to coach the Brainerd Legion Baseball team.

## Jackie Kieffer, Interim Sports Information Director



Kieffer has been with Waldorf since January 2010 and has served the Athletic Department in a variety of capacities. She received her BA from Loras College and MBA from Columbia Southern University.

She began her duties as Interim Sports Information Director in November. Kieffer will also retain her duties as Waldorf Warrior Boosters Secretary-Treasurer.

## David Cheeks, Graduate Assistant-Strength & Conditioning

## Keith Sears, Graduate Assistant-Athletic Training

## Michael Jones, Graduate Assistant-Athletic Training

## 2011-2012 ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



# WALDORF WARRIORS Boosters

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# WALDORF FINDS NEW HOME IN MCAC

After the completion of the 2011-12 year, Waldorf College, which has been a member of the Midwest Collegiate Conference since 2004, will end their affiliation with the MCC and enter the Midland Collegiate Athletic Conference beginning July 1, 2012.

“We are very appreciative to the MCAC for their consideration and support, and we look forward to a great relationship with this fine conference,” said Director of Athletics Michael Scarano. “Our teams could have a very positive immediate impact, and we will compete within the MCAC philosophy.”

The MCAC currently has nine member institutions in four states. Its main objective is to “Promote the development of athletic programs as an integral part of the educational offerings of member institutions.”

For more information on the Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference, visit: [www.mcac-naia.org](http://www.mcac-naia.org).

## MCAC Member Institutions

- Bellevue University–Bellevue, Nebraska
- Central Baptist College–Conway, Arkansas
- Central Christian College–McPherson, Kansas
- College of Saint Mary–Omaha, Nebraska
- College of the Ozarks–Oliver Township, Missouri
- Haskell Indian Nations University–Lawrence, Kansas
- Oklahoma Wesleyan University–Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Southwestern Christian University–Bethany, Oklahoma
- York College–York, Nebraska



# YOUNGBLOOD RESIGNS AS FOOTBALL COACH

Waldorf announced the resignation of Head Football Coach Greg Youngblood this November. Youngblood recently completed his fifth season as head coach at the college and has chosen to resign to pursue other opportunities.

“Waldorf College wishes Coach Youngblood the best in his future endeavors. We are tremendously appreciative of Coach Youngblood’s hard work, dedication and exhibiting tremendous class, devotion and dignity during his time at Waldorf College. Intercollegiate athletics needs more people of outstanding character, such as Coach Youngblood. Without coaches of his caliber,

the integrity of intercollegiate athletics will deteriorate,” stated Director of Athletics, Michael Scarano.

Prior to Waldorf College, Youngblood served as assistant coach at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana. Preceding his time at Taylor, he was a head coach and assistant coach at three different high schools in New Mexico.

A nationwide search for Youngblood’s replacement has begun and the athletic department expects to have a new coach in place in February.



# HOCKEY OFF TO GREAT START

The 2011-2012 school year marked the inaugural season for Waldorf’s hockey team. The team is led by Head Coach Brett Shelanski and Assistant Coach Steve Smith. The roster currently consists of 14 student-athletes from across the country. At the holiday break, the team stands at 8-2 overall and has beaten some tough competition, including Minnesota State-Mankato and Iowa State’s club programs.



# BOOSTERS NEW PRESIDENT

This November Tony Mikes assumed the duties of President of the Waldorf Warrior Boosters upon the resignation of former president Shawn Olson. Mikes has served on the Executive Board for two and half years.

# NEW BOLSTORFF FIELD GAINING HIGH MARKS

Late spring marked the beginning of a project to revamp Bolstorff field. The grass surface was removed and the ground was resurfaced. The grass field was replaced by new artificial turf, and the new field is larger to hold soccer games. Soccer and football field-markings are integrated into the grass-like material. The turf features an in-fill made of rubber chips mixed with sand. This allows the surface to reduce impact on athletes’ joints and allows for more give as athletes fall onto the playing surface. As part of the project, the grandstand bleachers were moved to make room for an expanded playing-area for the soccer field and a track to be added in the future. Photos of the field construction can be found under the Media Gallery section on the athletic website.



# BOOSTERS PURCHASE ITEMS FOR ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

During the October meeting, coaches were able to present requisition requests to the Board. The Board agreed to purchase a new mat for the wrestling programs, cold weather gear for the golf teams, bumpered weights for the strength and conditioning room, and digital weight scales and carrying cases for the wrestling teams. The Board also approved the Athletic Department’s request to bring recruiting specialist Dan Tudor onto campus for a three-day workshop, which took place the end of October.



# NEW WEBSITE FEATURES

The Waldorf College Athletic Department would like to remind you check out our new website: [www.waldorfwarriors.com](http://www.waldorfwarriors.com). The site offers some unique features including: video streaming of home athletic events, a media gallery with photos from home contests, and the Spotlight Athlete of the Week. Every Monday the Spotlight Athlete is determined based on athletic performance from the previous week.



# FALL SEASON REPORT

	Overall	Conference
<b>Football:</b>	2-9	0-7
<b>Men’s Soccer:</b>	2-11	0-8
<b>Women’s Soccer:</b>	4-13-1	2-5-1
<b>Volleyball:</b>	9-29	1-8

