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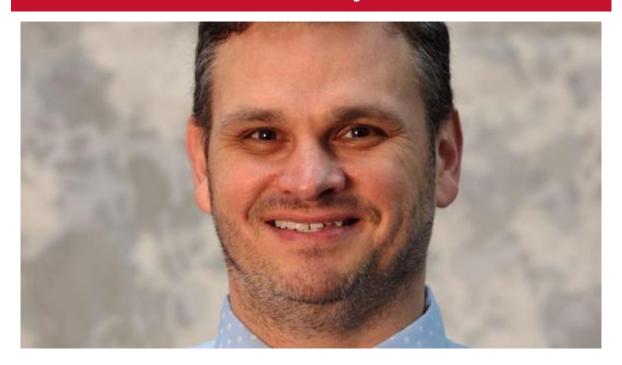
As we move to prepare for this Thanksgiving holiday, we want to share our thanks to all of you! We have had a great fall semester of alumni events and connections! Thank you to those who attended an event, for those who filled out the online **Alumni Information Form**, and for those who signed up already to try out our NSLS Learner to Leader program.

This month we are EXCITED to share the opportunity to donate to our newest scholarship **Alumni Legacy Scholarship**. This scholarship will be awarded to a student who has an alumni in their immediate family (e.g. parent, sibling) to attend Waubonsee next year!

We will be hosting our first Waubonsee Alumni Book Club! So sign up and we'll get you a book! This is a fun way to meet and engage with other alums. Check it out in the Just For Fun section.

In addition to our new Alumni Legacy Scholarship, we are introducing our Alumni Sock Campaign....who doesn't want a pair of these cool Waubonsified Socks!!! There is a limited supply, so jump on your chance to get a pair so you can wear them for the holidays.

Where Are They Now?



Alumni Joins Lane Community College

We're excited to share with you the journey of an alum who is an IT leader and DEI Advocate. Brent Muñoz was appointed as the next Vice President of Information Technology at Lane Community College, Eurene, Oregon.

On his appointment, Muñoz said, "I am incredibly excited to join the team at LCC and look forward to contributing to its mission of providing an accessible, quality education. My journey in education has taught me the importance of community colleges and the opportunities they can provide, and I can't wait to bring my passion for DEI and technology to LCC."

As a student at Waubonsee Muñoz was recognized on the fall 2014, spring 2015, fall 2015, and spring 2016 President's Lists. He was awarded an Associate of Science in 2016.

His journey continued at Waubonsee as a Data Warehouse Analyst in Enterprise Systems Support Services.

Learn more about Muñoz.



Recipient of Waubonsee's Gustafson Scholarship Seeks to Make a Difference in Students' Lives 30 Years Later

Kevin Pennington, a member of the Waubonsee Community College Foundation Board of Directors, knows firsthand the impact a scholarship can have on a student's education and future.

"It was a great start and the right decision for me," Pennington said. "Out of all the education I have received, it was Waubonsee that put me in the best educational position. It helped me decide where I wanted to go in life."

He encourages alumni, or anyone looking to pay-it-forward, to find a way to get involved.

"The world needs more people who are passionate about ways to give back," Pennington said. "Anywhere you can make a positive impact is important. Waubonsee is top of the line for me because of what they did for me."

Learn more about **Pennington** and Foundation scholarships.

Faces and Places



Waubonsee Announces 2023-2024 Student Government

Waubonsee Community College announced the names of the student government for the current academic year.

Learn more about this student government.

Did You Know?

Alumni Legacy Scholarship and Alumni Sock Campaign

We are excited to share the creation of the new Alumni Legacy Scholarship for students at Waubonsee. The scholarship will be awarded to a student who has an alumni in their immediate family (e.g. parent, sibling) and will be offered along with all of our other **foundation scholarships**.

We hope you'll consider donating to help fund this scholarship.

Learn more about the new <u>Alumni Legacy Scholarship and Alumni Sock Campaign</u>.





The NSLS Learner to Leader Program at Waubonsee Community College

If you were invited to join the Learner to Leader alumni program from The National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS), you have until **November 28, 2023** to enter your invitation code at **NSLS.org/beyond** and get started on a life-changing journey. Membership in the NSLS is proven to have a positive impact on personal and professional growth while elevating your leadership training experience. Boost your resume and change your life with the NSLS.

Learn more about the NSLS alumni program at Waubonsee.

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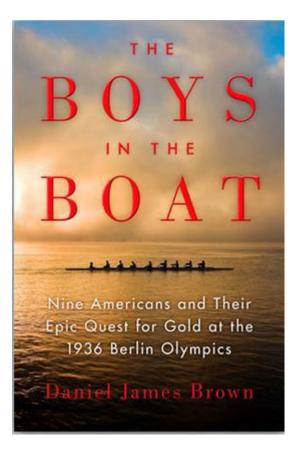
Join the Waubonsee Alumni Book Club

Join us virtually to engage and connect with fellow Waubonsee Community College alumni. Participation is free!

To help foster an impactful conversation, we will begin with the book "The Boys In The Boat" by Daniel James Brown. The #1 New York Times—bestselling story about American Olympic triumph in Nazi Germany and now the inspiration for the PBS documentary "The Boys of '36'."

For readers of *Unbroken*, out of the depths of the Depression comes an irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times—the improbable, intimate account of how nine working-class boys from the American West showed the world at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin what true grit really meant. Learn more about <u>The Boys</u> In The Boat.

To RSVP for the book club, please click here.



native american heritage month 2023

Waubonsee Hosts Film Screening and Pow Wow to Honor Native American Heritage Month

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, Waubonsee Community College is hosting programs to educate and raise awareness about the heritage, culture, traditions, and customs of the First Nations people. Community members are invited to these free events to learn

about Native American tribes; the unique challenges, past and present, that Native people have faced; and how tribal citizens have worked to overcome these challenges.

Learn more about Native American Heritage Month.

We love learning more about our alumni and sharing their inspiring stories with you. If you or someone you know should be highlighted in our next Alumni Newsletter, please email us at alumni@waubonsee.edu.

We hope you enjoyed this edition of our monthly e-newsletter. Remember, if you have a story of news going on about your life - please share it with us. You can do so by submitting it online, giving us a call, or scheduling a visit to allow us to treat you to coffee or lunch in the Waubonsee Cafe and a tour of the Sugar Grove Campus.

May all your days be Waubonsee days!

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