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## ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS NEWSLETTER

Waubonsee is proud to be your alma mater!

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**December 2023**



We hope you have terrific and safe holidays this season! We are delighted to share that we have successfully kicked off our campaign for the Alumni Legacy Scholarship and a \$40 donation or more gets you a pair of these INSANELY AWESOME Waubonsee socks!!! There is a limited supply, so make your donation today.

Thank you to all the alumni that have signed up or considered signing up for the National Society of Leadership and Success's Learner to Leader program for alumni. We are the third community college in the country to partner with them and have over 200 alums that have signed up for it already! We hope you learn a lot and would love to hear your feedback from participation in our partner's event. If financially you are not able to sign up, please email [alumni@waubonsee.edu](mailto:alumni@waubonsee.edu) now, as we have a few tokens for FREE membership.

Lastly, please help promote our call for nominations for Waubonsee's Distinguished Alumni Award and our Athletic Hall of Fame recognition. Both are excellent opportunities to recognize Waubonsee alums who are doing great things!

## Professional Development



### 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), take the opportunity to enter your invitation code at

[NSLS.org/beyond](https://www.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](#).

## Did You Know?

### Help Students Step into Success and Get a Pair of Waubonsee Socks by Supporting the Alumni Legacy Scholarship Today!

We are excited to share the creation of the new Alumni Legacy Scholarship! Students eligible for this award must have a Waubonsee alumnus in their immediate family (e.g. parent, sibling). The Alumni Legacy Scholarship will be offered along with all our other [foundation scholarships](#). Over 300 awards are administered by the Foundation annually, ranging from \$250 to \$3,500.



As a token of our appreciation, donations of \$40 or more in support of the Alumni Legacy Scholarship will receive a pair of Waubonsee socks. We hope you'll consider donating to help fund this scholarship.

Learn more about the new [Alumni Legacy Scholarship and Alumni Sock Campaign](#) and help spread the word by sharing with colleagues and friends!

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## Distinguished Alumnus and Distinguished Contributor Awards

### Accepting Nominations for 2024

Nominations are currently being accepted for Waubonsee Community College's 2024 Distinguished Alumnus and Distinguished Contributor Awards. Nominations must be received by Wednesday, January 31, 2024 to be considered. The nomination process can be found at [Distinguished Alumnus Award](#).

To learn more about last year's Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient, please visit [2023 Distinguished Alumnus](#).



## Nominations being accepted for Waubonsee's Athletic Hall of Fame

Waubonsee Community College is accepting applications for the Chiefs' Athletic Hall of Fame. Inductees will be honored at the school's year-ending Athletic Banquet in May of 2024. Individuals or groups can be nominated for induction. Nomination forms are available online by going to [www.GoChiefs.com](http://www.GoChiefs.com) or through Waubonsee's Athletic Office on the college's Sugar Grove Campus. Nominations for the 2024 class of inductees can be submitted until Dec. 22, 2023.

To read more, please visit [Athletic Hall of Fame 2024](#).

## Upcoming Events

### 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 [The Boys In The Boat](#).

To RSVP for the book club, please [click here](#).



## BIPOC STEM Series

**Save the Date: February 8, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Latinx Resource Center, Aurora Downtown Campus**

Join us for an enlightening event focused on the BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, (and) People of Color) experience in the STEM field featuring keynote speaker Cortez Watkins, a Waubonsee alum and the Senior Workforce Pathways and Partnerships Liaison at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory. This gathering offers valuable insights into diversity, equity, and inclusion within STEM disciplines. Connect with professionals and peers, engage in meaningful discussions, and expand your understanding of the challenges and opportunities in STEM for BIPOC individuals.

Learn more about the [Latinx Resource Center](#).

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](mailto: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 Café](#) and a tour of the [Sugar Grove Campus](#).

May all your days be Waubonsee days!



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