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July 2023

This month, we highlight alumnus Cheyanne Lowery featured in Disney's "Saturdays." Lowery's story is an inspiration to those who work hard and follow their dreams.

Be sure to read the "Faces and Places" section to learn more about the Waubonsee Community College Foundation and its newest member Wamecca Rodriguez.

Check out the "Just For Fun" section to read about the women's and men's soccer alumni games to be held in August. Plus save the date for the Waubonsee Community College Foundation Annual Golf Outing this fall!

Where Are They Now?



Waubonsee Alumnus Featured in Disney's "Saturdays"

Waubonsee alumnus Cheyanne Lowery, of Newark, has been gifted with a natural talent of artistic roller-skating since the age of eight. Her unwavering commitment to the sport has now paid off in an extraordinary way.

After graduating from Waubonsee last year, Lowery was invited to audition for a role in Disney's "Saturdays." The show follows the journey of teenage girls as they strive to improve their skating skills at a local rink in Chicago. Since its premiere in March 2023, the show has gained an impressive viewership of over 85,000.

Read the [inspiring story](#).

Faces and Places



Waubonsee Community College Foundation Board Welcomes New Member

The Waubonsee Community College Foundation recently welcomed a new member to the board of directors, Wamecca Rodriguez of Yorkville.

National Board-Certified Teacher by trade, Rodriguez works as a Library Media Specialist within Community Unit School District 115. Her work in this role allows her to curate print and digital library resources and enables her to lead information literacy and digital citizenship instruction for school programming.

Learn more about [Rodriguez](#) and the Waubonsee Community College Foundation.



"Sunburst"

According to President Emeritus Dr. John Swalec's book *Waubonsee Community College: A History Vol II 1973-2007*, "The largest sculpture -- titled "Sunburst" -- designed by instructor Stuart Swell was installed on the site of the original temporary campus at

Waubonsee. It is a symbol of the explosion of knowledge and the educational mission of the college."

The sculpture "Sunburst" was dedicated in July 1990. It is located at the south entrance of the Sugar Grove Campus.

Did You Know?



Waubonsee Staffer Receives Statewide Recognition

Mary Baccheschi, Executive Administrative Coordinator to the President/Clerk of the Board, of Sycamore, was recognized for her exemplary professional service to an Illinois community college board by the Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA) at the June 2 ICCTA Awards Banquet in Normal.

"I was honored to be nominated by Dr. Brian Knetl, President of Waubonsee Community College, and our board," said Baccheschi. "I'm so grateful to be the recipient of the ICCTA Professional Board Staff Member Award."

Learn more about [Baccheschi](#).

Waubonsee Announces 2023 Support Staff Award Winners

Waubonsee Community College has announced the 2023 Support Staff Awards for Excellence. Awards were presented in each of three categories: Innovation and Creativity, Service and Quality, and Diversity and Inclusion.



Learn more about the [2023 award recipients](#).

Just For Fun



Soccer Alumni Games

August 5, 2023

Waubonsee Community College's women's and men's soccer alumni games will be held on Saturday, August 5, on the Chiefs' soccer pitch. The women's game will begin at 11 a.m. with the men's contest set to start at 1 p.m. on the Sugar Grove Campus. Alumni are asked to bring both a red t-shirt and a white t-shirt to compete in. All the participants will receive a Waubonsee t-shirt, Chiefs' keychain and an alumni card. Current women's head coach Brad Schlemmer and men's head coach Brett Suhayda will both be present.

To register, please [click here](#).



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Register now!

 **Monday, September 25**



JOIN US FORE A GREAT CAUSE: SUPPORTING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Waubonsee Community College Foundation will once again host their annual golf outing in the fall - **September 25, 2023** - at the beautiful Aurora Country Club. This time-honored tradition includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch and a cocktail reception with passed appetizers. All event proceeds benefit the Foundation scholarship program. We hope to see you there!

Register online at Waubonsee.edu/GolfOuting

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For more details, please contact the Foundation at (630) 466-2316 or foundation@waubonsee.edu

Register online at Waubonsee.edu/golfouting. This is a great opportunity for Waubonsee alumni to come together to support current and future Waubonsee students.

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 value you and your experience! We hope you take a moment to share a story of your time at Waubonsee. 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](#).

Best regards!



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