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SAC Event

Waldorf University hosted a Senior sendoff dance Saturday April 30. This event was to honor all the graduating seniors with a slideshow presentation, games and alcohol for those of age. The event was held in the atrium from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

The Senior sendoff was sponsored by the Student Athlete Committee also known as SAC on campus. Matthew Pfaltzgraff is the president of SAC and was a huge reason for this event. Pfaltzgraff pushed for the event to serve alcohol and finally got it approved by president Bob Alsop.

The event was open to all seniors graduating but also open to those who were 21 and over. The school allowed for each student to have 4 drinks during the night and was marked on their wristband that they received after getting their ID checked at the door.

“I thought having this dance was a good opportunity to get everyone together one last time,” Pfaltzgraff said. “It also allowed the students to show they are mature enough to handle alcohol on campus.”

Waldorf is a dry campus, so this means no alcohol on campus is allowed. Some students are hoping that after this event it helped show that it can now become a wet campus.

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Senior Sendoff

This event needed many approvals because of the alcohol. The first channel that they needed approval from was Jason Ramaker. After getting approval from him they went to Bob Alsop who then approved as well. After all the approvals it was time to get a liquor license approved for the school for one night. This is the first-time alcohol has been allowed on campus since the school was established.

At Senior sendoff there were two DJs, both part of the SAC club. Jacob Denney and Landon Watkins were tasked with this position. Both of them are graduating Seniors and tried to make the dance as memorable as they could. They were also in charge of running the slideshow presentation along with Pfaltzgraff.

“This was a really fun event to be a part of,” Watkins said. “It was fun to have one last hoorah with all my friends that have been by my side all four years.”

Along with the presentation and dance the event included cornhole, water pong, alcoholic beverages, chicken nuggets and meatballs, bagged snacks and a photo booth. The photo booth had a leave background with 2022 balloons hanging, along with props for them to hold for the pictures. Kaitlyn Bakke was in charge of the photo booth she was taking pictures with an actual camera and also took other pictures on people’s phones if they wanted to.

“I was really happy to be chosen to be a part of this event,” Bakke said. “A bunch of my good friends graduate this year, so it was a fun time hanging out with them one more time.”

All seniors also submitted sizes for free t-shirts compliments from SAC. Towards the end of the event Watkins and Denney announced for them to pick up the shirts. The shirt said “2022 Waldorf Warrior graduate” on the back and the SAC logo on the front.

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Farewell to Seniors

The presentation consisted of slides of every graduating senior and their accomplishments, involvements and major with some pictures. Some videos of seniors were also mixed in to the presentation where they talked about their experience at Waldorf. These videos were produced by Kaitlyn Bakke.

At the end of the night once most had left, a group of seniors who are good friends stayed for one last song and reminisced about their time at Waldorf.

Kinsey Tweedy, a graduating senior, said. "The last dance was very sentimental; these are some of my best friends and I am going to miss them."

The commencement ceremony will be held May 7 at 10 p.m. for all graduating Seniors in the Bowman Fine Arts Center.