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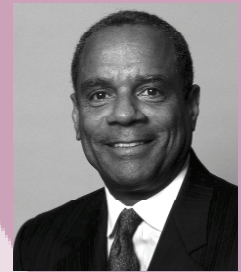


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Famous Waldorf Graduates and Waldorf Families



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It is always encouraging when graduates of Waldorf schools go on to be outstanding in a particular field and achieve a measure of fame. Also, it is interesting to know that many well-known and successful people choose Waldorf Education for their children.

Following is a list of famous Waldorf graduates, most of them from North America, but a few from Europe. Following that is a list of celebrities whose children have attended or are attending a Waldorf school. The names are listed in no particular order, and the two lists are by no means complete. So if you are aware of anyone we have missed, please let us know.

The professions represented on the list of well-known graduates include architecture, science, finance, literature, and sport. There are also a relatively high number of people in the entertainment industry—actors, actresses, musicians, and so on. One editorial board member was concerned that, because of this, the list would

give the impression that most Waldorf students try to become movie stars or musicians. Certainly a number do, and they are no doubt helped by the experiences in drama, music, and the arts that they have had as Waldorf students.

In fact, though, Waldorf graduates go into many different professions. There are uncounted physicians, lawyers, business persons, academics, teachers, farmers, social workers, scientists, artists, and craftspersons among Waldorf graduates. These people may be very successful in their fields, but they have not necessarily achieved the fame that would include them on our list.

We hope that none of those listed here feels that his or her privacy has been compromised. If any do feel intruded upon, we sincerely apologize. We are proud of you and hope that you are not unproud of your connection to Waldorf Education.

Waldorf Graduates

Jennifer Aniston, actress, star of the television serial *Friends*

Kenneth Chenault, CEO of *American Express Corporation*

Michael Ende, writer, author of fantasy novels for children, including *The Neverending Story* and *The Grey Gentleman*

Nastassja Kinski, movie star and supermodel

Rainer Werner Fassbinder, film and stage director

Veronica Webb, supermodel, writer, actress

Barbara Becker, movie star and wife of tennis player *Boris Becker*

William Lee Scott, movie star

Daniel T. Jones, college professor and author of best-selling management books such as *Lean Thinking* and *The Machine that Changed the World*

Julianna Margulies, actress, star of the television serial *ER*

Martin Schenkel, rock musician and actor

Karl Schmidt, Founder of *CONSORS* discount brokerage firm

Juliane Kohler, actress, star of *Aimee* and *Jaguar*

Albert Watson, internationally known photographer

Sandra Bullock, movie star

Douglas Brenner, editor of *Garden Design*, former chief editor of *Martha Stewart Living*

Charles Rose, internationally known architect

Gastao Fraguas Filho, world champion *Renault Formula 1* race car driver

Shana Blake Hill, internationally active opera singer, *Los Angeles Opera*

Victor Navasky, publisher of the magazine *The Nation*

Thomas Kagermann, innovative “New Age” violinist and flutist

Timothy Daly, screen actor in *Diner*, *I Married a Centerfold*, and other films

Zoe Schneider, pop singer of “*My Love is Dangerous*”

Cecilie Brask Thomsen, actress and former “*Bond Girl*,” appeared in *Tomorrow Never Dies*

Dr. Wolf-Christian Dullo, oceanographer

Chris Elliott, screen actor in *FDR* and *Groundhog Day*, also television entertainer

Waldorf Families

Some years ago, an aspiring actor in Los Angeles wanted his children to attend a Waldorf school but couldn't afford the tuition. The actor and the Highland Hall School in Northridge reached a barter agreement in which he worked as a carpenter for the school in exchange for tuition. **Harrison Ford** was later able to put away the hammer and saw when success in his role as *Indiana Jones* changed his financial situation.

Other Waldorf students who have famous parents include:

Children and grandchildren of **Paul Newman**, actor

Daughter of **Mikhail Baryshnikov**, dancer

Son of **Jean-Paul Belmondo**, actor

Children of **Greg Allman**, musician (*Allman Brothers Band*)

Daughter of **Tom Waits**, rock musician

Daughter of **Jessica Lange** and **Sam Shepard**, screen stars

Daughter of **Lenny Kravitz**, rock musician

Son of **Cheech Marin**, screen actor and comedian (*Cheech and Chong*)

Children of **Glen Frey**, singer (*The Eagles*)

Son of **Charles Neville**, musician (*The Neville Brothers*)

Daughter of **Carol Huston**, TV actress (*Matlock*)

Children of **Harvey Keitel**, actor

Children of **George Lucas**, film director

Daughter of **Alan Parsons**, musician (*Alan Parsons Project*)

Children of **Heinz Nixdorf**, computer pioneer

Children of **James Taylor** and **Carly Simon**, musicians

Children of **Clifford Stoll**, codeveloper of the *Internet* and author of *Log Out*

Children of **John Paul Jones**, bass player of *Led Zeppelin*

Son of **Mick Jones**, musician (member of the band *Foreigner*)

Children of **Thomas Moore**, psychologist and author, *Care of the Soul*

Children of **Joe Namath**, football quarterback

Children of **John DeLorean**, automobile designer and manufacturer

Children of **Russell Schweikert**, astronaut

Daughter of **Chubby Checker**, “*King of the Twist*”

Children of **Gilbert Grosvenor**, longtime editor of *National Geographic*