WALDORF SCHOOL
ORANGE COUNTY

A Heartfelt Thank You and Fond Farewell to:

Rebecca Schwarz



As Rebecca Schwarz completes her journey with the Class of 2030 and prepares for a well-deserved sabbatical beginning in the fall of 2026, we pause to celebrate her remarkable contributions to Waldorf School Orange County and the many lives she has touched along the way.

A graduate of WSOC's Waldorf Advanced Studies program, Rebecca brought a rich and unique background to her teaching. With a degree in Biology, a minor in Chemistry, experience as a zookeeper at both the San Diego and Santa Ana Zoos, and a commercial pilot certificate earned through the Sierra Academy of Aeronautics, she has always inspired students with her curiosity, courage, and love of learning.

Rebecca's journey at WSOC began in Early Childhood before she served as a teaching assistant in the grades. She then took up the mantle of Class Teacher, guiding the Class of 2030 through the grades with dedication, creativity, and care. Throughout her years with the class, she fostered a deep appreciation for the natural world, encouraged intellectual curiosity, and helped her students develop confidence, resilience, and a sense of responsibility for the world around them.

As a longtime member of our community and a parent of two WSOC High School students Max (Class of 2026) and Kay (Class of 2029), Rebecca has contributed to school life in countless ways, enriching both the classroom and the broader community with her warmth, humor, and commitment to Waldorf education.

We are deeply grateful for Rebecca's years of service and the devotion she has shown to her students and colleagues. While we will miss her presence on campus, we wish her a restorative and inspiring sabbatical and look forward to seeing where her next adventures may lead.

Please join us in thanking Rebecca for her many contributions to WSOC and wishing her all the best in this next chapter.

Iris Ortiz



With heartfelt gratitude and warm wishes, we honor Iris Ortiz as she retires at the close of the school year.

Born in Mendoza, Argentina, Iris brought to her teaching a rich cultural heritage, a deep love of language, and a lifelong passion for music. After earning degrees in Teaching and in Piano and Theory from the National University of

Cuyo, she moved to California with her family in 1977 and soon discovered Waldorf education—a path that would shape the next three decades of her life.

For more than 30 years, Iris has shared the Spanish language with students across several Waldorf schools, including Highland Hall, Journey, Maple Village, and Waldorf School Orange County. Her teaching has always been infused with warmth, joy, and artistry, often weaving music, rhythm, and song into her lessons to create meaningful and memorable learning experiences.

Since joining the WSOC faculty in 2022, Iris has brought a gentle presence, deep experience, and authentic love for her students and colleagues. Through her dedication, countless children have developed not only language skills, but also an appreciation for the beauty and richness of Spanish-speaking cultures.

As Iris steps into retirement, we celebrate the many lives she has touched through her teaching, her music, and her kindness. We are deeply grateful for the wisdom, enthusiasm, and heart she has shared with our community.

Please join us in thanking Iris for her years of service to Waldorf education and wishing her every joy and blessing in this well-deserved new chapter.

Ximena Schreiner



It is with deep appreciation that we recognize Ximena Schreiner as she concludes her time at Waldorf School Orange County.

Since joining our community in 2023, Ximena has shared her many gifts with warmth, enthusiasm, and a deep commitment to the children in her care. Beginning as an assistant in the grades classrooms, she quickly became a valued member of the faculty, bringing creativity, curiosity, and a genuine love of learning to her work. Most recently, she served as the Class Teacher for Grade 3, the Class of 2035, guiding her students with care, imagination, and dedication.

As Ximena embarks on the next chapter of her journey, we extend our sincere thanks for the energy, creativity, and heart she has shared with our school community. We are grateful for her contributions and the positive impact she has made on the lives of her students and colleagues.

Please join us in wishing Ximena every success, joy, and fulfillment in the years ahead.

Mary Ann Huecker



With sincere gratitude and appreciation, we recognize Mary Ann Huecker as she concludes her time at Waldorf School Orange County.

Since joining WSOC in 2019, Mary Ann has been a dedicated and valued member of our administrative team, serving as Staff Accountant and Accounts Payable Specialist. Behind the scenes, she has played an essential role in

supporting the financial operations of the school with professionalism, accuracy, and unwavering commitment. Her steady presence, attention to detail, and willingness to help wherever needed have made her an indispensable part of the Business Office and the broader school community.

Over the years, Mary Ann's work has touched every corner of the school, helping to ensure the smooth functioning of daily operations while supporting faculty, staff, vendors, and families with care and efficiency. She brought not only expertise to her role, but also a spirit of dedication and reliability that earned the respect and appreciation of all who worked alongside her.

As Mary Ann embarks on her next chapter, we extend our heartfelt thanks for her years of service and the many contributions she has made to WSOC. While she will be greatly missed by her colleagues in the Business Office and throughout the school, we are grateful for the lasting impact she has had on our community.

Please join us in thanking Mary Ann for her dedication and wishing her every success and happiness in the years ahead.

Departing from the WSOC Board of Trustees

Belinda De La Libertad



We offer our deepest thanks to Belinda de La Libertad as she concludes six years of dedicated service on the Waldorf School Orange County Board of Trustees.

Over the course of two three-year terms, Belinda has given generously of her time, wisdom, and care in support of our school. She served as Board Chairperson for two years and most recently held the role of Chair for the Admissions and Marketing Mandate Group, bringing thoughtful leadership, steady commitment, and a deep love for WSOC to each responsibility she carried.

Belinda and her husband, Armando, are devoted members of our school community and proud parents of Angelica, who promoted from Grade 8 in 2024, and Lucas, rising Grade 6 in the Class of 2033. Their family's presence and support have enriched WSOC in many meaningful ways.

We are profoundly grateful for the countless volunteer hours Belinda has offered, the leadership she has shared, and the lasting contributions she has made to the life of our school.

Please join us in thanking Belinda for her extraordinary service and wishing her and her family continued joy in the WSOC community.

Linda Timmons



It is with deep gratitude and heartfelt appreciation that we recognize Linda Timmons for her dedicated service to Waldorf School Orange County and the many ways she has enriched our community over the years.

Linda's connection to WSOC began in 2004 when she arrived as a parent with two young daughters in Playgroup. Over the years, she embraced the school not only as a parent, but as a passionate advocate, staff member, volunteer, and leader. She experienced the full journey of Waldorf education as she watched both of her daughters grow through the grades and ultimately graduate from Waldorf School Orange County High School.

As a former Admissions and Marketing Director, Linda played an important role in welcoming countless families into our community and sharing the story of Waldorf education with warmth, authenticity, and enthusiasm. More recently, she continued her service through leadership on the Board of Trustees, serving as Secretary for the past two school years and as Chair of the Development and Outreach Mandate Group.

Throughout every role she has held, Linda has brought generosity, wisdom, and a deep belief in the mission of our school. Her extensive professional experience in event production, planning, budgeting, and team leadership has been an invaluable gift to WSOC. What stands out most, however, is Linda's enduring love for this school and the people within it. Whether supporting school initiatives, mentoring volunteers, welcoming new families, or helping envision the future of WSOC, she has consistently offered her time, talents, and heart in service of the greater good.

Please join us in thanking Linda for her extraordinary commitment, steadfast leadership, and years of devoted service. Her contributions have touched every corner of our community, and we are deeply grateful for all she has given to help WSOC flourish.