



MCDA

MISSOURI CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

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Christy Elsea, President - moacda.org

Resource Chairs

Rebecca Olivas - Children & Boychoir

Tom Clark - University/College

Carter Datz - World Music

Jordan Cox - Music in Worship

Melanie Soule - TTBB Choirs

Beth St. John - High School

Nadia Maddex - Vocal Jazz

Derrick Bready - Youth /Student Activities

Sara Kurz - Show Choir

Melody Marone - Student Representative



Lauren Tosh - SSAA Choirs

Barb Lamont - Inclusivity

Chris Kindle - 2-Year College

Kenny Kabak - Community Choirs

Arika Winborne - Middle Level

To our new members:

You are now part of a very special family of choral directors: Church, Community, K-12 Public/Private Schools and Higher Education.

PLUG IN TO MCDA

Looking for ways to give back to the organization which has given so much to you?

Time: Offer to help at a conference or an event.

Talent: Share your skill set and find a way to shine!

Donation: Every dollar you donate to the student fund helps defray the conference cost. Please help!

President's Fund: A worthy cause. Supports many of the activities that benefit members.

Nominate: Help MCDA recognize our colleagues!

Lead: Join our leadership team and make your voice count!



Attached in the email!

MMEA 2026

We are looking forward to inspiring performances from choirs led by our MCDA family members!

Member Spotlight
Heather Blackwell



MCDA has been a constant support in my career. I joined MCDA as a college freshman and have been a member ever since. MCDA has brought me lifelong friendships, helped me land my first job out of college, and has provided me with the most meaningful Professional Development I could ask for as a music educator. The members of MCDA are always willing to share an idea or help troubleshoot a problem I may be having in my classroom, even if we don't really know each other. The folks I have connected with through MCDA truly feel like friends and family, no matter how much or little we know about each other. I can honestly say MCDA is the best professional organization a young choral educator can join. You won't regret it!

MCDA State Honor Choirs

Grade Level Choirs

4/5/6, 7/8, 9/10

All State Festival Choir

All State Show Choir

All State Vocal Jazz Ensemble

Church/Community

MCDA 2026

Our summer conference is one of the best in the country. Make plans to attend because you do not want to miss it. Take note of the dates - it is earlier this year!

SAVE THE DATE: July 14-17, 2026

Registration opens in February