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MCDA
MISSOURI CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION
Kevin McBeth, MCDA President

Time to VOTE
Time to AOLE

PRESIDENT-ELECT



Dr. Chris Kindle received his bachelor's and master's degrees in music ed from NWMSU and his doctorate in music ed from the UM-C. He began membership with MCDA in college and was a founding member of the student chapter serving as VP. He taught K-5 for one year and 9-12 for seven years. He has served MCDA as District Representative for the Central and West-Central. Chris has been the Music Program Coordinator at State Fair CC since 2019. In 2023 he received the MCDA award for the Outstanding District Director for the West-Central District. Chris is currently serving as the MCDA Two-Year College R&R Chair, Missouri All-State Show Choir Coordinator, the West-Central MMEA President-Elect and MSHSAA District 14 solo/small ensemble Festival Manager. Chris is truly honored to be a nominee for President of MCDA and looks forward to continuing to serve the MCDA Family.



Blake Richter is in his 10th year of teaching in his hometown of Nixa. Blake directs over 320 seventh and eighth-grade students in various ensembles at Nixa Junior High. His choirs have performed at MMEA four times since 2018. Accolades include being named one of Missouri's 32 Regional Teachers of the Year in 2017, receiving the MCDA Prelude Award in 2019, being a 2020 GRAMMY Music Educator Award Semifinalist, and was selected for the Springfield Business Journal's 40 Under 40 in 2022. Blake served as MMEA General Music VP from 2020-2022 and has led A/V efforts for MCDA since 2018. Additionally, Blake runs Blake Richter Productions, specializing in video production, audio engineering, and music composition. He also co-hosts The Choir Guys Podcast with Daniel Gutierrez. Blake resides in Nixa with his wife, Kaitlyn, and feels privileged to teach in the district that shaped who he is today.

Watch for the eballot in the next couple of days. It will come from the national office. #membershipnumber

CONFERENCE

Mark your calendar: July 22-25. This is a Tuesday-Friday model. There have been so many amazing sessions submitted - Final selection will be released soon. Keep watch on the website for schedule updates in the coming weeks. Registration Open NOW [CLICK HERE!](#)



Sing to me

2025 MCDA SUMMER CONFERENCE
JULY 22-25, 2025
UNIVERSITY PLAZA HOTEL
SPRINGFIELD, MO

RECOGNITION

Have you nominated someone for an award? We need your help to make these awards happen! Click [HERE](#) to access the nomination form for our MCDA awards. Nominations for Outstanding District Director can be made in the email.

LONGEVITY

Ready to celebrate our membership!
Keep watch for milestone groups -
Longevity Levels 1, 2, 3; Legacy Levels
Bronze, Silver, Gold, RoseGold

FOUNDER'S GRANT

Apply today for funds to help sponsor a special performance or event to benefit your program. [APPLICATION](#)