

ALUMNI PROFILE

MUSIC EDUCATION



Gretchen Weber '16

Assistant Director of Choirs, General Music Teacher,
Logan Hocking School District, Logan, OH

"My three years at CWRU were pivotal in my development as an academic, a researcher, an educator, and as a person. Because of my time there, I developed an everlasting need and want for scholarship, musicianship, and personal connections. The relationships that were fostered with mentors, professors, and peers will be cherished for years to come."

Graduate Education:

Case Western Reserve University '16, Master of Arts and Licensure, choral emphasis

Undergraduate Education:

Saint Louis University '13, Bachelor of Arts in Vocal Performance, Minor in Psychology

Student Teaching:

Kenston Middle and High School, Chagrin Falls, OH

First Job:

Assistant Director of Choirs, General Music Teacher,
Logan Hocking School District, Logan, OH

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DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

FOLLOW GRETCHEN'S PATH

COURSEWORK

Gretchen graduated from CWRU in 2016 with her Master of Arts and Licensure with a choral emphasis. In addition to methods classes, she took graduate classes focusing on educational research and philosophy, and did several independent studies focusing on conducting, instrumental and choral arranging, and accompanying. Her capstone was on improvisation in the high school choral classroom.

RESEARCH + TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Gretchen had several field placements around the Cleveland area, ranging from elementary general music to high school choir. She was a Graduate Assistant for CWRU's auditioned and community choral ensembles, and completed her student teaching experience at Kenston Middle and High Schools in the spring of 2016.

LEADERSHIP + CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

In addition to being a section leader and graduate assistant for both of CWRU's choral ensembles, Gretchen assisted with instrumental and vocal music for the CWRU *Footlighters*, a student-run musical theater group on campus.

AWARDS

Before graduating, Gretchen received the Ritvo Teaching Award, awarded to an individual for excellence in pre-service teaching.

LIFE AFTER CWRU

Gretchen currently lives in Logan, OH, the beautiful home of the Hocking Hills. She is the assistant director of choir for the Logan High School Choirs, as well as their accompanist, and a general music teacher at the middle school. Most recently, the Logan High School Choirs' select ensemble was honored to be a part of the last performance on Carnegie Hall Stage in New York City. Outside of school, she enjoys singing in Columbus-area choirs, spending time with friends, and enjoying the beautiful caves and hills with her dog, Dot.

ADVICE FOR A CAREER IN MUSIC EDUCATION

"Be comfortable with the uncomfortable! There will be so many moments, no matter what level of music you teach, that will be uncomfortable, awkward, embarrassing, the list goes on! Take those moments, embrace them, learn from them, and GROW!"

