

Casey Prince

Inducted into the *Hall of Fame* in 2011



Casey Prince grew up in Cedar Rapids, attending Arthur, Franklin and Washington where he was very involved and graduated as valedictorian in 1996. As an athlete he earned 11 sports letters, was a multi-sport team captain and an all-state football selection. In the performing arts Casey was an active thespian and all-state choir selection as both a baritone and tenor. In student government he was both class president and student body president. Strongly believing that his time at Wash had some of the greatest influence on the way he's chosen to live his life, Casey thanks the administrators, coaches, directors and teachers that encouraged and supported him in his efforts to not live life as a singular race or pursuit, but instead as a renaissance decathlon.

Casey attended Drake University where he continued to play football, sing in choir, perform onstage and participate in government. He graduated in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with majors in Information Systems and International Business with a European concentration. Fearing his renaissance decathlon was coming to an end, he went on sabbatical for 2 years in Los Angeles where he lived and worked as an actor, making a living in commercial work and tv/film.

Casey found his next life chapter back in Cedar Rapids, working in the pollution control industry and contracting with the school district to direct theatre productions at 4 area schools, including Franklin and McKinley. He spent his free time performing onstage at Theatre Cedar Rapids (TCR) where he was voted Volunteer of the Year in 2004 and chaired a volunteer board in 2005.

In 2007 he was hired as TCR's Executive Director where he oversaw recovery following the 2008 flood, and increased programming and attendance. In 2009 Casey was honored by the Corridor Business Journal as a top "40 Under 40" and in 2010 he was awarded for Outstanding Direction by the Iowa Community Theatre Association. Casey is honored and humbled by this recognition and sincerely hopes he can someday repay his alma mater for the rich and rewarding experiences he was afforded here.