

Peter Westphalen

Inducted into the *Hall of Fame* in 2025



Peter Westphalen is a 1986 graduate of Washington High School. As a singer at Wash, Peter was a three year All-State tenor, participated in Concert Choir, Momentum, Madrigal Singers and many theatrical productions.

After graduating from Washington High School, Mr. Westphalen attended Ohio Wesleyan University, where he received his BMA in Music Education. Mr. Westphalen went on to teach high school choral music for 34 years, the last 13 of which were as director of choral activities at Washington High School. Prior to teaching at Washington, Mr. Westphalen was the Director of Choirs at Prairie High School and has also taught at Iowa City High School, Mt. Pleasant High School and West Branch High School before retiring at the end of the 2024 school year.

Mr. Westphalen emphasized a well-rounded program as director of choral activities. During his teaching career, over 150 students were selected to the Iowa All State Choir, his choirs received annual Superior I ratings and his show choirs earned national recognition. Mr. Westphalen attributes his success to incredible family support, amazing parents, fabulous students, tremendous administration support and the most dedicated and talented fine arts colleagues and friends.

Mr. Westphalen's pride and joy is his family; his wife, Dr. Melinda Westphalen, who accompanied many Washington choral concerts on the piano; their children Jonah (2015), Emma and Mara (2019) who are also proud WHS graduates and participated in the performing arts.

It's always a great day to be a Warrior!