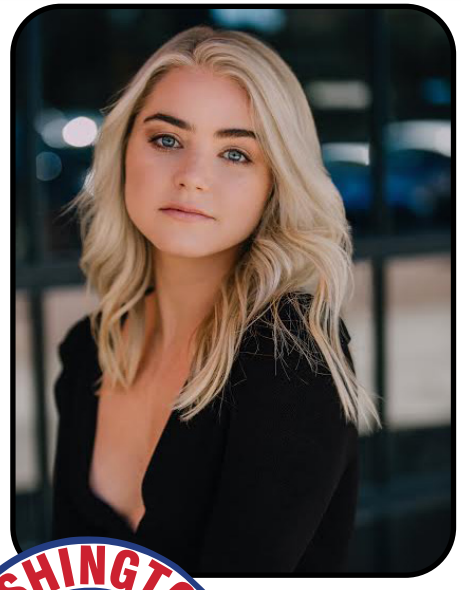
Catherine Blades

Inducted into the *Hall of Fame* in 2026



Catherine Blades (Class of 2010) was very involved in theatre, speech team, and show choir during her time at Wash, with favorite roles including Lucy in You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown and Mary Lennox in The Secret Garden. At the end of her junior year, she auditioned for the Broadway revival of Bye Bye Birdie and was cast, starring alongside John Stamos while completing her senior year from New York City and still being able to graduate with her class (thanks Dr. Plagman!). She spent 10 years on the East Coast performing at regional theatres including Goodspeed Opera House, and appearing in Marvel's Jessica Jones, Blue Bloods, Elementary, and The Loudest Voice. She won Best Actress at the New York Winter Film Festival for her role as Mickey in the independent film Cheerleader. Now back in Cedar Rapids, Catherine co-hosts Everyday Iowa on KCRG-TV9 and performs on stage whenever she can. She is proud to be a Warrior!