# Cory Thompson

Inducted into the *Hall of Fame* in 2026



Cory (Streit) Thompson is a 1998 graduate of Washington High School, where she was a Valedictorian, President of Momentum, Class Secretary, and a member of Madrigals, Concert Choir, Vivace, and Slice of Jazz. Active in theatre since age 10, Cory appeared in more than thirty productions at TCR, Paramount Theatre, and on the WHS stage. Some of her favorite high school memories include playing Polly in Crazy for You, caroling around Cedar Rapids with Madrigals, attending Showstoppers with Momentum, performing at the National Association for Music Education conference in Kansas City, and competing at Walt Disney World with the entire choir program. Following graduation, she earned a degree in vocal performance from Northwestern University and later returned to earn her Master of Music in Music Education.

Cory has served as Choral Director at Mundelein High School since 2006, working to instill a lifelong love and appreciation of music in her students. Her passion stems from her experiences at WHS, especially with Dr. Kreitzer, and the memories made with her peers as the show choir program grew during the mid-1990s. Believing every student deserves the opportunity to participate in music, Cory works to ensure that a student's physical, emotional, socioeconomic, cultural, or sexual orientation does not impede that opportunity. She strives to encourage and lift up the whole child and is honored to pass on the love of music instilled in her at Washington High School to the hundreds of students she has taught during her career.