

Carly Grandner is a passionate music educator, singer, and mentor in the Fargo/Moorhead community. She received her undergraduate degree from Concordia College in Moorhead (BM in Vocal Music Education) and is currently finishing her graduate degree (MM in Music education) at North Dakota State University. She currently serves as the high school choral director at Davies High School in Fargo, ND, as well as the Diamond Choir (7th-12<sup>th</sup> grade) director with the Fargo-Moorhead Youth Choir organization. Her other musical activities include but are not limited to: singing with the Fargo Moorhead Choral Artists, music directing for high school theater programs, teaching private voice/piano/guitar lessons, and mentoring student teachers and clinical students looking to join the profession.

During her 10 years as an educator, her choirs have performed at the ACDA State Conference, they've sang in two collaborative concerts with MSUM, hosted Concordia's Chapel Choir on their tour, two separate choirs have been selected as a featured honor choirs at Concordia College's High School Choral Festival, and she's even had a group that performed on stage with the band Foreigner. She is an active member of ACDA, NDMEA, and served as the local president of Region 6A music educators. Most recently, she served on Concordia College's search committee to select the new Director of Choral Activities. Participating in these extra activities has been a highlight of her teaching career.

She loves teaching music and can't imagine doing anything else. She has quickly found a new home at Davies as the high school choral director, and she has found immense joy in helping inspire young musicians to make music every day.