

Dr. Kimberly Dunn Adams

2025 All-State High School SSAA Honor Choir

Dr. Kimberly Dunn Adams is the Director of Choral Activities and Professor of Music at West Chester University, where she conducts the Concert Choir and Allegro Voices. She also teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in choral conducting and literature. Dr. Adams previously served as the Director of Choral Activities at Western Michigan University for thirteen years; prior to that, she was the Director of Choral Ensembles at Mount Holyoke College.

Dr. Adams has been recognized for her work as a conductor, winning the Director's Prize – given for exceptional conducting – at the 2017 Kaunas Cantat competition. She was named a Conducting Fellow in the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) International Conductors Exchange Program (Sweden, 2015) and authored an article in the Choral Journal about the experience. Choirs under Dr. Adams' direction have won prizes in national and international competitions and been selected for live or virtual performances at the Michigan Music Conference, National Collegiate Choral Organization (NCCO) conference, and multiple ACDA conferences. She maintains an active schedule as a clinician and has been featured at multiple state music conferences as a headliner, lecturer, clinician, and All-State conductor. Additionally, she has presented at the World Choral Symposium, Nordic Choral Conference, NCCO biennial conference, and ACDA Region Conference. She has been invited to lecture and teach at universities throughout the country, giving graduate and undergraduate masterclasses, conducting lessons, lectures, and professional development workshops. Dr. Adams is highly praised for her energetic, positive, and insightful work as an honor choir conductor and is a sought-after guest conductor, clinician, and adjudicator.

Dr. Adams holds a Bachelor of Arts in religion from Oberlin College, a Bachelor of Music in vocal performance from Oberlin Conservatory, and the Master of Music degree in choral conducting from the Yale School of Music. She earned the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in choral conducting with a minor in music theory at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.