

About the Conductor

Nick Engels is in his sixth year as Director of Choirs at Andover Central High School & Middle School. Mr. Engels also leads the praise band and directs the adult choir at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Andover. Under Mr. Engels direction the ACHS choirs, ensembles, and soloists have earned many Superior ratings at Regional and State Music Festival. His choirs have traveled to Chicago, Dallas, and Memphis. The ACHS Choirs earned Superior ratings and the ACHS Men's Choir received the Grand Champion Award at the Blues City Classic in Memphis, TN.

Mr. Engels also serves as a counselor and staff member of the Butler Show Choir Showcase in El Dorado. He was a nominee for the Kansas Choral Director's Young Director Award. Mr. Engels is a member of the Kansas Music Educators Association (current SCKMEA Choral Co-Chair), American Choral Directors Association, and the Knights of Columbus. Nick and Maria Engels are the proud parents of four daughters.

About the Workshop Clinician

Carol Krueger is the Director of Choral Activities at Emporia State University where she teaches conducting and choral methods, and serves as the conductor of several collegiate and community based choral groups. A native of Wisconsin, Krueger received her bachelor's degree in Music Education from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and both an M.M. and D.M.A in Choral Conducting from the University of Miami.

An active clinician, adjudicator and guest conductor, Dr. Krueger has most recently conducted festival and honor choirs at the collegiate, high school and middle school levels in Louisiana, Mississippi, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, Washington, Georgia, South Carolina, Kansas, North Dakota and North Carolina. In addition, Dr. Krueger has also served as the guest conductor of Vivaldi's *Gloria* in Carnegie Hall, the Adult Chancel Choir and Chamber Singers at Montreat Presbyterian Association of Musicians Conference, and multiple performances of Epcot's Candlelight Processional and Massed Choir Program.

Dr. Krueger has presented interest sessions at the both the division and national level for the American Choral Directors Association, the Organization of American Kodaly Educators and Music Educators National Conference as well as interest sessions across the US. Dr. Krueger is also widely recognized for her work with music literacy. Oxford University Press publishes her book, *Progressive Sight Singing*.