

# A Passion Turns Into a Life Calling

Beth Albrecht

By Hayley Bahnemann

Education majors, when asked why they wanted to be a teacher, tend to produce the same answer: the influence of a good teacher. Beth Albrecht, a senior K-12 LCT Vocal Education major, is one of them. She had always known that she wanted to be a teacher but she originally thought she would end up as a history or math teacher. In high school, she met a teacher that would change her ambitions.



Albrecht has been around music her entire life. Both of her parents are musical: her dad was involved in the Blue Stars Drum Corp for seven years and her mom played saxophone and piano as well. Ever since she was young Albrecht's parents had instilled the love of music into her; she was in at least one choir (church, school, or both) since the age of 5, she started piano at age 4, and in third grade she started playing the clarinet. "They made it a priority in my life to get me involved in music one way or another, by allowing me to explore what I was good at musically and pushing me to try new things". So it was no wonder that Albrecht ended up in with a choir teacher who would inspire her like none ever had before.

What made this choir director different from other choir directors? This director was good with people, made choir fun, supported her students, and she knew how to get things done to make the choir program a quality program. She also had a good attitude inside and outside of the program, which inspired her students to do the same. It was this attitude that allowed Albrecht to embrace something she excelled in doing and decide to make it a career.

Albrecht went on to do solo and ensemble throughout high school; in 2005 she was in All State Women's Choir in her home

state of Washington and in 2009 she was the first alternate to state. Since coming to Concordia she has been involved in Jubilate choir her freshman year, Christus chorus for the last three years (they even went to South Korea during summer break for their tour last year), Concert band for two-and-a-half years, voice lessons for four years, piano for three years, recorded music for the world premiere of Germinal last month, performed a junior recital last year, and she has sung and played for Vespers services on Monday nights as well as Holden on Thursday nights.

Outside of school she has played organ at two churches in the area, taught a Wednesday night music lesson to a group of three and four year olds last year, she is involved in church choir when she goes home and she is now a member of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA).

Albrecht is hosting a senior recital on March 16, 2013 at three pm in the Buetow Auditorium, as well as preparing for the band tour to Duluth April 19-21, 2013 and Christus choirs' tour to Washington D.C. during Easter break. Albrecht says, "I enjoy seeing how appreciative other people are when I am performing for God, the people who helped me get there, and for the audience, not just me." I will be one of those people in the audience, look forward to seeing you there.

**Hanging with friends? See something only Concordia people would appreciate (ex. the crazy squirrels)? Get a good action shot at a game or play?**

**Snap a pic of your activities at CSP and tweet it to us @CSPtheSword Your picture could be featured in the next issue of The Sword!**

**follow us on  
twitter @CSPtheSword**