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## CHANGING ROLES *On campus*

I want you to know several key people at Wichita State who often function behind the scenes, but have a great deal to do with our impact as an urban-serving research university:

- **Richard Muma**, Associate Provost, Quality Assurance and Accountability
- **Martha Shawver**, retiring Senior Associate Provost
- **Dexter Woods**, Director, Advanced Education in General Dentistry
- **William Vanderburgh**, Executive Director, Office for Faculty Development and Student Success
- **Annette LeZotte**, Director, Emory Lindquist Honors Program

### Richard Muma



Muma's new duties include university wide responsibility for assessment of student learning, accreditation of academic programs and academic planning, as WSU

focuses on Kansas Board of Regents' strategic goals to align higher education more closely with workforce needs. He assumes his duties in January after 14 years on the faculty, including seven as chair of the physician assistant department and six years as chair of public health sciences. Muma will also lead the university's efforts to meet new standards and processes for quality improvement from the Higher Learning Commission, which oversees accreditation.

### Martha Shawver



Marty is an extraordinary colleague who has made an enormous contribution to the university. Her retirement in January will conclude more than

35 years of service to Wichita State, including assistant professor and chair of nursing, associate dean of the College of Health Professions, and most recently senior associate provost. Her wide-ranging portfolio in the Provost's office included responsibilities for accreditation, assessment, Kansas Board of Regents Program Review and Performance Agreements, student concerns and problems, personnel matters, and overseeing the Ulrich Museum.

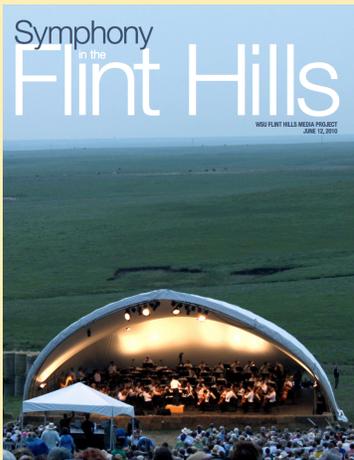
For you at WSU: Spring semester course information,  
<http://reports.wichita.edu/registrar/reqsched.asp>



Producer Laura Kelly, Director Greg Matthias and Videographer Rik Dubiel frame a shot for *Wichita State & The World*

## WSU on Cox Cable 13

Five broadcasts produced by the Media Resources Center will be running on Channel 13 during December and early January. They include the premiere of *Symphony in the Flint Hills*, about an Elliott School of Communication class that provided multimedia coverage of the annual event that drew 7,500 to a pasture near Bazaar.



There will be replays of four recent episodes of *Wichita State & The World* featuring:

- Ninnescah Biology Field Station
- Student success at WSU
- President and Mrs. Beggs
- The Ulrich Museum

The shows are broadcast Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m.; Mondays at 9 a.m.; Tuesdays at 3 p.m. and Fridays at 1 a.m.



Photo by Nate Goold, WSU Foundation

The \$5.7 million facility under construction at the Metroplex, near 29th and Oliver, will house the advanced dentistry program.

## Dexter Woods

A steel infrastructure rising at the Metroplex, north of campus, will become the home of the state's first dental residency program, the WSU Advanced



Education in General Dentistry. Woods, a dentist who directed a similar dental residency program at Howard University, joined the College of Health Professions in 2007 to develop the program and recruit faculty and residents.

The first class of seven residents began their program this fall. Long-term, Woods said, the program would begin to relieve the severe shortage of dentists and provide greater access to care for Kansas residents.

## William Vanderburgh

As executive director of the Office for Faculty Development and Student Success, Vanderburgh is the point person on the university's growing



campus-wide efforts to help students stay in school and graduate. This includes a focus on students' experiences in their first year on campus, which have a major impact on success.

On the faculty development side, he has been sharing best practices for classroom teaching with faculty members and other instructors through seminars and publications.

## Annette LeZotte

LeZotte began work in October as Director of the Emory Lindquist Honors Program.

Her role is to make Wichita State a prime destination and outstanding collegiate experience for the best undergraduate students from Kansas and beyond.

Her immediate tasks are implementing a new Honors curriculum and nurturing the Living-Learning community started in Fairmount Towers dormitory this fall.

LeZotte divides her time between the Honors program, which reports to the Office for Faculty Development and Student Success, and continuing her teaching and research in art history.



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**For you at WSU:** Faculty Biennial opening party, Ulrich Museum, Jan. 22. Information: 978-3664