

## 'The New Look of Health Care' spotlights Webster alumni

Oct. 12 program focuses on how changes in health care affect Southwest Missourians



Jon Swope

Two health care professionals who are also alumni of the Ozarks Regional campus of Webster University will share their perspectives at a community program called "The New Look of Health Care" at 4 p.m. Oct. 12 at Wellington South, 5021 S. National.

Jon Swope, president and CEO of St. John's Health System, and Kevin Gipson, director of the Springfield-Greene County Health Department, will be featured in this conversation-style program, presented by Webster's Ozarks Regional campus.



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Changes in health care are already affecting citizens in the Ozarks region and more changes are coming. This shifting landscape can be confusing. Enter our alumni. Swope, a 2001 Webster graduate, has a background in non-profit health care delivery. Gipson, who graduated in 2002, will bring his perspective rooted in public health.

The program is open to the community, with Webster students, alumni and faculty as special guests. Prize drawings, cookies and beverages are part of the program. Those who bring a prospective student will receive a special gift from Webster.

For more information, call Laura, Ann or Sharon at 417-883-0200. Please RSVP by Oct. 7 to Sharon at [sconner@webster.edu](mailto:sconner@webster.edu).

## We need you for our annual community service day

Every October, Webster University sponsors a campus-wide community service day in partnership with nonprofit organizations. Students, faculty, staff and alumni at more than 100 Webster campuses around the world participate in Webster Works Worldwide.



On Saturday, Oct. 8, students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends will come together to help build a Habitat for Humanity home in north Springfield. (*See calendar, right*)

We need your help to make it happen. Will you be part of this worldwide event? The first 20 participants get a free Webster Works T-shirt.

Past participants will tell you that besides being fun, our community service day is also a great way to get to know other students, faculty and alumni.

Webster's community service day has grown into a worldwide Webster tradition. Since its start 17 years ago, more than 15,000 volunteers have given over 65,000 hours of service. We make a difference in our communities and help those in need.

Sign up by contacting office manager Sharon Conner at 417-883-0200 or [sconner@webster.edu](mailto:sconner@webster.edu).

## When snowflakes start flying . . .

Stay in the know when severe weather causes closures or delay of classes: Sign up for text alerts from Webster.

1. Visit <http://www.webster.edu/technology/websteralerts>
2. Enter a user name and password
3. Check the box next to "MO Ozarks Regional Campus."
4. Enter the phone number and carrier of your cell phone.
5. Click "Create Account"
6. Within a few seconds, you'll receive a text message on your cell phone with a code to validate your account. (*If you don't validate your account, you won't receive the notifications.*)

Webster Alerts is a free service, but text message charges from your phone carrier may apply.

## CALENDAR

**Oct. 8**—Community Service Day: Webster Works, 8:30 am to noon, Habitat for Humanity, Builders' Circle subdivision, 3025 W. Chestnut St. Alumni, students and faculty invited to participate. Contact Sharon: 883-0200 or [sconner@webster.edu](mailto:sconner@webster.edu)



**Oct. 12**—"The New Look of Health Care," A Conversation with Webster Alumni, 4 p.m., Wellington South, 5021 S. National at Weaver Road. Hear how health care changes affect Southwest Missourians. Bring a prospective student and receive a gift. Refreshments. Open to the community. [RSVP](#)



**Right now** — Registration open for Fall 2 term

**Oct. 14**—Fall 1 term ends

## Enrollment up at Ozarks campus

We've seen an increase in new students with our Fall 1 term, particularly in the MBA program. Students from a variety of professions in the Ozarks region have decided on Webster for their advanced degrees.

We expect another increase in Spring 2 term when we'll start our fourth cohort for the Master of Health Administration. Spring 2 begins March 19.

Our campus director, Laura Ward, was quoted in an article about MBA programs in the Sept. 26 edition of the Springfield Business Journal.

Most of our students come to us through a friend or coworker who's a Webster graduate or current student. If you know of a colleague who has been considering a Master's, tell her or him about Webster—  
[and receive a premium gift](#)

If you'd like our friendly staff to follow up with a potential student, contact academic advisor Ann Elwell at 417-883-0200 or [annelwell31@webster.edu](mailto:annelwell31@webster.edu)

## Webster named to two 'best colleges' lists

Webster University is making news. In the just-released "America's Best Colleges" 2012 edition of *U.S. News & World Report*, Webster continues as a Tier 1 institution, ranking 28th in the "Regional University-Midwest" category. For the *U.S. News* ranking, 146 universities are in the Midwest region. Webster has been ranked a Tier 1 institution for more than a decade.

Also, Webster is one of the best colleges to work for, according to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. Webster has received top honors in The Chronicle's annual survey every year since its inception in 2008.