

BRENT DUNN

W. Brent Dunn is currently the Vice President for University Advancement at Missouri State University and also Executive Director of the Missouri State University Foundation. He was appointed Vice President in the summer of 2007. Brent Dunn started his career at Missouri State in 1985 as the Director of Annual Giving. He was later promoted to Associate Director of Development, and in 1995 was appointed Director of Athletic Development and Assistant Director of Athletics.

Dunn is in charge of all development and alumni activities of the University. The Missouri State Foundation has recorded four straight years of record private giving with nearly 17 million dollars donated to various programs within the university in 2010-11.

In November of 2009, Dunn was awarded the "Outstanding Fundraising Executive of the Year" by the Ozarks Chapter of the National Association of Fundraising Executives. In 2011, Dunn received the Excellence in Community Service award at Missouri State University.

Before his career in university administration, Dunn had a six year career in the media. He started in radio news while in high school, and was eventually named News and Public Service Director of radio station KWTO AM and FM. He was instrumental in the on-air production of news.

Dunn, born and raised in Springfield, Missouri, graduated from Central High School and received his BS in Sociology and Master of Arts in Communications from Missouri State University. Dunn is very involved in the local community. He served as President of the Springfield Southeast Rotary in 2003-04 and has been a Rotarian since 1986. He was a member of Leadership Springfield and received the Kenworthy Leadership Award in 2005. Dunn is a graduate of Leadership Missouri class of 2009.

Dunn recently served as Chairman of the Springfield Area Sports Commission, and is currently a member of the Central High School A Plus Advisory Board, and the GYN Cancers Alliance Board. Dunn also served the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce in several leadership positions. Dunn was appointed to the Nixa Board of Education in July 2009 and was elected in April 2010 to fulfill an unexpired term and re-elected in 2011 for a three-year term. Dunn also serves on the board of directors for Twin Oaks Country Club and chaired the 50th anniversary celebration for Twin Oaks in 2005.

Dunn is a member of Wesley United Methodist Church in Springfield and is married to Jennifer Dunn, a speech pathologist in Nixa, MO. They have one son, Dalton, who will be a sixth grader in 2010-11.