Leadership profiles and responsibilities

Marshall Stewart, vice chancellor for extension and engagement

Marshall Stewart has served as vice chancellor for extension and engagement at the University of Missouri since August 2016. Throughout his 30-year career, Stewart has been recognized for his expertise in leadership development, strategic planning, legislative affairs, educational, youth and agricultural education and advocacy.

At Mizzou, Stewart provides leadership for cooperative extension, continuing education and extension field programs. He is committed to inclusive, transparent, participation-driven leadership to help MU build vibrant extension and engagement programs. The Building Our Future Together initiative involves a statewide needs assessment to identify MU Extension’s strengths and opportunities for improvement as a model 21st century extension and engagement organization.

Prior to his tenure at MU, Stewart served 20 plus years at North Carolina State University (NCSU) in a variety of leadership roles, including director of college leadership and strategy in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and director of the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities’ (APLU) Food Systems Leadership Institute.

He has held leadership, management and board positions with various state and national organizations, including North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA).

Stewart has a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural education, a Master of Science degree in agricultural education and a Doctor of Education degree in agricultural and extension education from NCSU. He is an accomplished author, workshop presenter and speaker.

Blake Naughton, associate vice chancellor for extension and engagement

Blake Naughton has served as associate vice chancellor for extension and engagement at the University of Missouri since February 2017. Naughton is recognized for his expertise in education and administrative leadership, partnership development and performance management in higher education — showing in measurable, actionable ways how universities can best serve citizens and communities.

Naughton oversees statewide daily operations as chief program officer, leading the development, implementation and evaluation of research-based educational opportunities and their alignment with Missouri’s needs and priorities.

Previously, Naughton was executive director for the Hook Center for Educational Renewal and on the faculty of MU’s College of Education and Truman School for Public Affairs — charged with reinventing MU’s strategy for engagement and continuing education for Missouri school districts.

Dr. Naughton came to MU in 2012 from the University of Pennsylvania, where he directed executive education for higher education leaders across the nation and overseas. Over a nearly 20-year career in higher education, he has taught at non-degree, associate, bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral levels. He has also served as a policy researcher focused on education quality enhancement and workforce development at state and national levels.

A native of Hannibal, Mo., Dr. Naughton holds a PhD from Stanford University in education administration and policy; an EdM from Harvard University in administration, planning and social policy; and a BS from Stanford in science and technology policy.
Joy Millard, assistant vice chancellor for extension and engagement

Joy Millard has served as assistant vice chancellor for extension and engagement, a role formerly titled assistant vice provost, since February 2013. Previously, Millard was the director of the MU Conference Office, working her way up the leadership ranks of the office since 1983.

As assistant vice chancellor, Millard’s responsibilities include oversight of support units, including extension Human Resources, extension Technology and Computer Services, grant writing and organizational and professional development. She facilitates teams involved in the Building Our Future Together initiative, organization awards and space planning, while also serving as leadership liaison for the MU Extension Summit and handling special projects as assigned.

Millard holds a bachelor’s in marketing and a master’s in public administration from the University of Missouri. She also is a graduate of the 2006 Administrative Leadership Development Program of the UM System President’s Academic Leadership Institute.

She currently serves as the north central regional representative of the National Association of Extension Program and Staff Development Professionals (NAEPSDP), as well as a member of the College and University Professional Association (CUPA) for Human Resources, the Mid-Missouri Higher Education Recruitment Consortium (HERC) and the University Professional Continuing Education Association (UPCEA).

Mark Stewart, director of off-campus operations

Mark Stewart serves as MU Extension’s director of off-campus operations. In this new position created in 2017, Stewart’s responsibilities include:

- Supervision of regional directors
- Responsibility for MU Extension’s off-campus operations
- Administrative liaison and training coordinator for state, regional and county councils

Stewart began his extension career more than 30 years ago as a livestock specialist. In addition to his previous roles as interim associate vice chancellor for extension and engagement and East Central regional director, Stewart has served as interim regional director, county program director, new regional faculty cohort coordinator and annual program review co-coordinator. He has also had leadership roles with the Water Quality Focus Team, Program Integration Development Team, the Missouri Extension Leadership Development (MELD) and National Extension Leadership Development (NELD) programs, and the National Association of County Agricultural Agents board of directors.

Stewart received bachelor’s and master’s degrees in animal sciences and a master’s degree in public administration from MU.
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