



Scott Wituk

Dr. Scott Wituk is a three time graduate from Wichita State, having earned his Bachelor (1996), Master (1999) and Doctorate (2001) degrees in Psychology as a part of Shocker Nation.

He has spent the last 25 years simultaneously helping grown the WSU Community Engagement Institute and driving the university mission through service to Kansans, near and far. As the Executive Director CEI, Scott oversees all activities, services, and operations including the \$8.0 million annual budget and 85 full and part-time staff.

Scott began his career as a research assistant at Stanford University School of Medicine and after a short stint as an Associate at the University of North Carolina, he took a similar position at Wichita State in 1996. He was named the Executive Director in 2009 and has been with the enterprise under different names and locations. He has a twenty-five year history with the Institute where he has brought millions of research dollars to the university while supporting Kansans of all walks of life.

I have had the opportunity to work closely with Scott for the last few years and personally witness his dedication to excellence. His commitment to creating thriving and supportive communities and organizations is evident in both his service to others and his stewardship of CEI. He uses his background in community leadership, organizational capacity building, and applied research and evaluation methods to work with nonprofits, community coalitions, government agencies, health departments, mental health organizations, support groups AND to inspire the team that he leads.

A passion advocate for his team, Scott is innovative with resources, responsive to client needs, and always looking for the next partner or need to address. Scott and his team are often the face of WSU in small, rural communities. He is a great ambassador of all that an urban, research university hopes to be. We are fortunate to have had him on our team for 25 years and we are just one of the beneficiaries of his consistent effort and profound wisdom.

Congratulations, Scott. We thank you for your service and example. Welcome to the Order of the Bender of Twigs!