

Community Spotlight

John A. Martin President, Roberts Wesleyan College & North- eastern Seminary



Roberts Wesleyan College is a leader among liberal arts and professional studies colleges with a Christian worldview. Striving for higher learning with a higher purpose, the College offers more than 50 undergraduate programs taught by high-quality, caring faculty and graduate programs in business, education, health administration, health information administration, marketing, music, nursing, school counseling, and school psychology. Innovative undergraduate degree-completion programs are also available for working adults in health administration, nursing, organizational management and teacher education.

Dr. Martin came to Roberts

Wesleyan College as Provost in 1996, with a wealth of experience in teaching and academic administration. He later served as the Executive Vice President of both the College and the newly-formed Northeastern Seminary, responsible for all academic matters, student life issues, and financial accountability. In October, 2002, he was inaugurated as the tenth President of Roberts Wesleyan College, and the second president of Northeastern Seminary.

Dr. Martin will be returning home to Dallas in January 2014, leaving Roberts to the next generation of leadership. When asked about stepping down from his presidency Dr. Martin replied,

"Kathryn and I feel that now is a good time to wrap up our service at Roberts and Northeastern since I will be finishing my third four-year term as president. Because we have made such great strides, have charted the path forward with a new Strategic Plan, and are well on our way with the Legacy 150 Campaign I feel that there can be a smooth transition for both the College and Seminary. I have been the beneficiary of being able to build on the work of those who had this office before me. I am confident that our next leader will bring new vision and skills to this important task".

Dr. Martin, or John as he often humbly prefers to be addressed, will be missed. In his tenure John would tell you that *"Every year at the commencements of Roberts and Northeastern I marvel at the opportunity that I have to be a part of the process which allows women and men the chance to secure such a fine education. Each year is a highlight. Other highpoints have included the dedications of the Golisano Library, Carpenter Hall, and especially the Hastings Center for Academics"*.

The Town of Chili would like to thank Dr. Martin for his leadership, commitment and friendship, and would like to extend our well wishes upon John and his family as they embark upon the next phase of their lives.