

Richard Van Schoonhoven is the UW-Whitewater Database Administrator for the TMA system (work order management system). He was recruited to UW-Whitewater in 1994 from the largest Heating and Cooling Plant in the world located in Houston, Texas where he performed a similar job.

He is proud of the fact that he was responsible for implementing the entire system. He created the first interface and has been developing mobile apps., which will be in use in the very near future. He has enjoyed being respected both within the state and nationally. He has been an invited speaker at workshops and conferences and is a role model and mentor for other UW System entities starting up their own similar systems.

Family means everything to Richard. He has a wife, two married sons, two beautiful daughter-in-laws and six grandchildren. His sons and their families live in Phoenix and Florida and he visits them as often as he is able, up to 4 or more times per year.

Richards interests include sports, especially Warhawk Football. He has travelled with the team and started a Warhawk Tailgate group.

Another passion is mission work. He has been on many mission trips with his church, Lakeland Community Church in Lake Geneva, WI. These trips have taken him to Buenos Aires, Costa Rica, Cuba, Mexico and many other places. He also works with the youth group at his church.

Richard is originally from Lockport, NY and feels the climate here in Whitewater is pretty similar to what he was used to growing up. He currently makes his home in LaGrange, where he lives with two cats and 15 chickens, although he does not claim to be "owner" of the cats.

When asked what he loves about UW-Whitewater, Richard very enthusiastically stated that he loves his co-workers. "They are an incredibly dedicated staff that cares and continues to do their jobs to the best of their abilities."