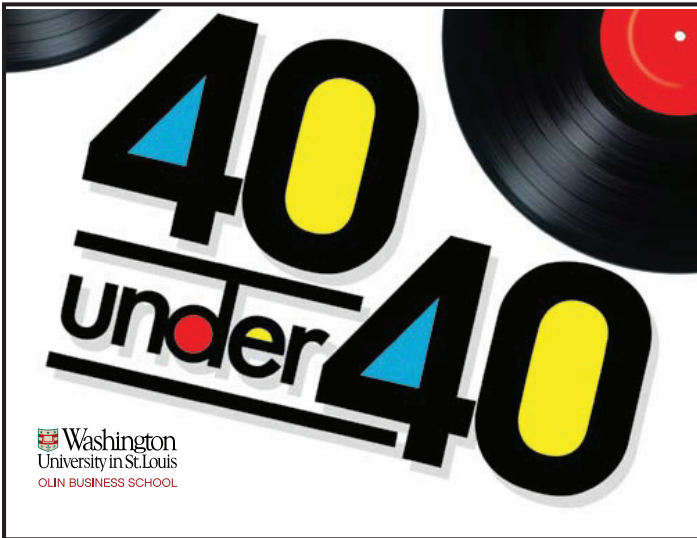


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## Dan Twardowski

Principal, Vice President and Treasurer, Whelan Security

**College:** Rockhurst University,  
bachelor's in finance and economics

When Dan Twardowski started at Whelan Security in 1991, revenue was \$9.5 million.

Thanks to the growth plan that Twardowski, the company's vice president and treasurer, helped develop and oversee, revenue hit \$110 million last year.

Whelan Security began in 1949 as a small security patrol unit on the St. Louis riverfront; it now has locations in 16 states. The family-owned company expanded into Pennsylvania and Wisconsin last year and is planning to move into California, Atlanta and South Florida this year. It has grown from 950 employees in 2000 to more than 3,600 employees in 2008, and it isn't done expanding.

"Based on the success we've had in 2008, we fully expect to continue bringing aboard employees," said Twardowski, 39.



Currently, he is responsible for 1,200 employees in the mid-central region, which includes Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas and parts of Illinois.

Whelan President Greg Twardowski, Dan's brother, said the mid-central region long has been the key driver in the company's growth and credits his brother for the

success.

"His people skills are absolutely phenomenal. He has been instrumental to the growth of this organization."

Whelan has been ranked as one of the top 15 contract security companies in the U.S. by both Security Magazine and Security Letter.

— Carolyn Green