

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES UPDATE

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*From the Heart
FOR THE KINGDOM*

The capital campaign centered on the Strategic Priorities that emerged from the President's 2012 Green Paper closes on June 30. We look forward to sharing the remarkable results with the entire Wheaton College community in July, and to celebrating the grace of God and the generosity of our supporters. While dollars given can be tallied, the impact of this five-year initiative on current and future students cannot be quantified. We truly appreciate the role so many of you played—*From the Heart, For the Kingdom*. Review our progress [here](#).

Strategic Priorities

Globalize a Wheaton Education

Deepen Ethnic Diversity

Promote Liberal Arts Excellence

Enhance Music and the Performing Arts

Complementary Priorities

Strengthen Graduate Education

Expand Center for Vocation and Career

Christ-Centered Community

Extend Affordability

Globalize a Wheaton Education

Since 2012, the GEL office has supported 3,510 international travelers on College-related programming, and 1,674 students have earned academic credit abroad. Wheaton students study abroad for credit at a higher rate than most US colleges and universities, and the Wheaton grant can now be applied to more than 70 programs in more than 30 countries. The number of international students has also grown more than 60% with significant institutional support. Twenty-four new or revised courses with a cross-cultural focus have been added to the curriculum, and in these six years, 36 Wheaton faculty members have received grants to pursue research on topics of global significance.

Deepen Ethnic Diversity

Wheaton's first Chief Intercultural Engagement Officer, Dr. Sheila Caldwell, will provide leadership for meeting campus-wide goals to deepen ethnic diversity, promote racial reconciliation, and advance intercultural understanding. As a member of the Senior Administrative Cabinet, Dr. Caldwell will assist President Ryken with community relations and work with Provost Diddams to provide leadership for faculty development. Formerly Advisor to the President on Diversity and Director of Complete College Georgia at the University

of North Georgia, Sheila brings broad experience in helping students and faculty of color achieve academic goals.

Promote Liberal Arts Excellence

The Christ at the Core Curriculum provides opportunities for faculty to pursue professional development. First Year and Advanced Integrative Seminar teachers met for a seminar in May to learn how Christian belief and theological truths connect to daily life. Led by Wheaton theologians Beth Felker Jones, Keith Johnson, and David Lauber, faculty explored the doctrines of Scripture, the Trinity, creation, Christology, salvation, and ecclesiology. Professor Clint Shaffer says, "This was the best faculty development event I've experienced in 22 years. I'm thankful for the reminder that following Jesus is the most thrilling of journeys, where every believer is summoned 'further up and further in'."

Enhance Music and the Performing Arts

At their May meetings, Wheaton's Trustees formally committed to the construction of the second phase of the Armerding Center for Music and the Fine Arts, to be completed in August 2020. Components of this phase of construction will include a 648-seat concert hall, a choral rehearsal room, and a spacious lobby.

