

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES UPDATE

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The Web Communications team has created new pages on the Wheaton College website to share the value of a Wheaton education. There we communicate the advantages of a Christ-centered education in the liberal arts and why residential learning is foundational to the Wheaton experience. The new web pages will help us communicate to potential students how we can help prepare them for a life dedicated to serving Christ and His Kingdom.

wheaton.edu/About-Wheaton/The-Value-of-a-Wheaton-Education

Strategic Priorities

Globalize a Wheaton Education

Deepen Ethnic Diversity

Promote Liberal Arts Excellence

Enhance Music and the Performing Arts

Complementary Priorities

Refresh Wheaton's Mission Statement Completed August '13

Nurture Vibrant Christian Community

Extend Affordability

Strengthen Graduate Education

Deepen Ethnic Diversity

For decades, Wheaton intentionally has sought to attract and retain faculty of color. Provost Stan Jones is pleased to announce that 5 of 8 newly tenured faculty are colleagues of color. "This encouraging development signifies real progress toward diversifying the faculty and community of Wheaton College," says Dr. Jones. "Seeds in the Desert" by Professor Joonhee Park is one of many outstanding faith and learning projects submitted as part of a candidate's tenure review. Congratulations to all newly tenured faculty!

philmpark.com/#!/videos/ck0q

Promote Liberal Arts Excellence

On January 30, the Art Institute of Chicago hosted "Wheaton College Night." We are in the second year as an institutional partner with the Institute, which recently ranked as the #1 museum in the United States and #3 in the world by TripAdvisor. Our partnership offers all Wheaton undergraduate students unlimited free admission to the museum and its special collections. Several times a year the Museum hosts "Wheaton College Night," when all students, staff and faculty at Wheaton and their families can enjoy the museum.

Wheaton College has been accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association since 1916. The College

will host a visit from the Commission on April 7-9, 2014 to review our ongoing ability to meet their Criteria for Accreditation. Everyone is invited to submit comments on substantive matters related to the quality of the College or its academic programs by March 7, 2014. The comments must be in writing, and can be submitted on the Commission's website at <https://www.hlcommission.org/> or to the following address: Public Comment on Wheaton College, The Higher Learning Commission, 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604-1411.

Strengthen Graduate Education

Many positive changes have taken place in the Grad School since its faculty began meeting to discuss future possibilities for improved organization. Improvements include staffing a Grad School Admissions and Financial Aid Office, adding staff to assist with marketing, and hiring a Grad Student Care Director. Professor Nick Perrin has been named Dean, and Professor Scott Moreau has been named Associate Dean.

Scott Moreau says, "This new structure of the Grad School administrative team will strengthen our ability to share our programs and to recruit and admit national and international students. It will also strengthen our ability to serve the financial needs of Grad students more quickly, and care for all Grad students on a personal level, from helping them process their visas to finding housing and a host of other needs."

