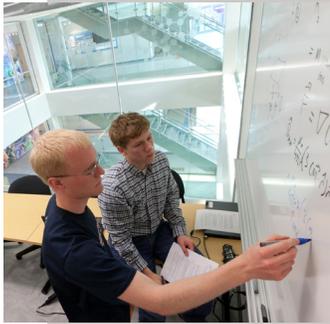


# STRATEGIC PRIORITIES UPDATE

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Senior Matthew McMillan, a double mathematics and physics major, was awarded the prestigious international Marshall Scholarship in December. The first Wheaton student to be awarded this prize, Matthew will study at Cambridge and Oxford for two years following graduation from Wheaton in May. Many Marshall Scholarship recipients achieve national and international distinction in their vocation. Seen here, Matthew and fellow student David Musick are working on a problem in electromagnetism for a course with Professor Darren Craig.

## 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

## Globalize a Wheaton Education

Wheaton has launched its first semester-long study abroad program. Professor Tim Klingler and nine students are based in Querétaro, México, a UN World Heritage Site with colonial roots that is now a bustling, modern metropolis. Students live with host families and take courses in language, literature, history, and art from local university professors. These students began developing their intercultural skills in a required orientation course last fall, and they will hone them throughout the program. Given the deep ties between the United States and México, Querétaro is a strategic location for globalizing a Wheaton education.

## Promote Liberal Arts Excellence

Senior Matthew McMillan has been pursuing excellence in the Liberal Arts with the help of professors Steve Lovett (mathematics) and Darren Craig (physics). Last spring Matthew studied in Budapest, Hungary as one of 70 mathematics majors from North America invited to participate in one of Europe's most prestigious study abroad programs. Professor Lovett says, "Matthew demonstrates an insatiable appetite for the truth about the laws of God's creation, and his continued presence through his Word. Matthew's senior thesis reaches into advanced topics in cutting-edge research mathematics. With his exceptional abilities and the opportunity to study at

Cambridge and Oxford, Matthew has the potential to become a world-class mathematician or mathematical physicist."

In December, President Ryken shared a summary of what liberal arts education means for undergraduates at Wheaton College. His statement included some of the best thinking of faculty, staff, students, and alumni who read and commented on earlier drafts. Dr. Ryken hopes this statement will provide greater consistency in the way that we articulate the purpose and benefits of Christian liberal arts education. <http://www.wheaton.edu/Academics/Liberal-Arts>

## Extend Affordability

Financial Aid Director Karen Belling is pleased to announce that beginning March 15, Wheaton College will offer enrollment in the Yellow Ribbon Program that provides enhanced scholarships for Post 9/11 GI Veterans benefit recipients. Wheaton and the Veterans Administration each will cover 50% of the difference between a student's GI Bill tuition benefit and their actual tuition expenses at Wheaton. Eligibility to receive the Yellow Ribbon benefits is determined by the Veterans Administration. Qualifying criteria include years of service in active duty following 9/11, or being a dependent who receives benefits based on a veteran's service.

