

# STRATEGIC PRIORITIES UPDATE

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Graduate Admissions Director Dusty Di Santo reports that there has been an increase in applications from Asia for the masters and doctoral programs. He attributes this to a trip made by Dean Nick Perrin last May to visit seminaries and universities in Taiwan, Hong Kong, and mainland China to discuss potential academic and ministry partnerships with church leaders and Wheaton alumni. Dean Perrin stands in Freedom Square in Taipei with Professor Li-Tien Wang from Ming Chuan University, the father of Andrew Wang '16.

## 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

President Ryken travels to Korea this month to help globalize a Wheaton education. Invited to Korea to share the Gospel by noted evangelist Dr. Billy Kim, Chairman of the Far East Broadcasting Company, Dr. Ryken will also explore partnerships with the presidents of Handong and Baekseok Universities, meet with faculty and students at leading international Christian high schools, speak to Wheaton alumni, visit with the Korean Minister of Education, preach at nine church services in several cities, and teach at a pastors conference. Conservatory Professor Mary Hopper and BGCE Ethnic Ministries Director Chandler Im will accompany Dr. Ryken, along with musicians Nathaniel Olson '11 and his wife Julianne, who will sing at concerts and church services.

### Deepen Ethnic Diversity

In December, the Senior Administrative Cabinet re-designated \$600,000 from an inactive fund to the Jaffarian-Chavez Family Endowed Scholarship. These resources will cover the cost of room and board for recipients of the Alvaro L. Nieves Scholarship which already provides full funding for tuition. This will provide permanent and ongoing scholarship funding for three students beginning in FY15-16. With this addition, Wheaton achieves the goal of providing eight annual scholarships for tuition,

room and board for select Latino undergraduate students. The College is pleased for this enhancement of a scholarship established by the Jaffarian and Chavez families.

### Nurture Vibrant Christian Community

Five workplace values have been identified as Teamwork and Collegiality, Unity and Diversity, Listening and Communication, Expertise and Learning, and Stewardship and Accountability. "Unity and Diversity" was demonstrated at a Christmas luncheon in December attended by 500 employees when Provost Stan Jones and tradesman Jorge Contreras both shared stories of God's faithfulness in life's struggles. Jorge spoke in Spanish, with his pastor assisting as translator. Heidi Mitchell Daniels, Assistant Director of Human Resources says, "Jorge and Stan demonstrated our common need for Christ, and expressed gratitude that despite the differences in education, culture, and language, we worship the same Lord and Savior."

### Extend Affordability

The College has received an unexpected \$200,000 gift to fund four \$12,500 scholarships for students from the [BRIDGE](#) program. These funds will supplement BRIDGE students' need-based and merit awards, making a Wheaton education more affordable for these highly recruited Chicagoland students.

