

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES UPDATE

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At the invitation of Dr. Billy Kim and the Far East Broadcasting Company, 48 members of Wheaton's Concert Choir traveled with President Ryken and Dean Michael Wilder to South Korea May 10-19. The choir was enthusiastically received by large audiences in schools and churches and witnessed the vibrant 21st century church in Korea. Seen here with the Daejeon Korean Children's Choir, under Professor John Trotter's direction our student musicians shared a program of sacred music rich in American and European repertoire.

Strategic Priorities

Globalize a Wheaton Education

Deepen Ethnic Diversity

Promote Liberal Arts Excellence

Enhance Music and the Performing Arts

Complementary Priorities

Expand Center for Vocation and Career

Nurture Vibrant Christian Community

Extend Affordability

Strengthen Graduate Education

Globalize A Wheaton Education

The Wheaton in Chicago and Urban Studies programs celebrate a 25th anniversary in 2017. This spring, faculty, staff, students and administrators assisted by external advisors completed plans to improve Wheaton's urban engagement. As an outcome of strategic planning, the Center for Urban Engagement (CUE) in partnership with Sunshine Gospel Ministries and with the support of other community organizations will relocate Wheaton's program in 2018 from the Uptown neighborhood on Chicago's north side to the south side in the Woodlawn neighborhood. The relocation and expansion will provide new opportunities for graduate and undergraduate programs that seek "shalom," serving the Woodlawn community through Wheaton College.

Extend Affordability

The Armleder Endowed Scholarship is for students who have attended the Otto Armleder Memorial Education Center (pre-K to 6th grade) in urban Cincinnati, with a preference for under-represented minorities. The first Armleder student enrolled at Wheaton in 2015 with two more that joined her this past year, and possibly another freshman to begin in the Fall of 2017. The scholarship is given with the expectation that Wheaton graduates will return to serve in their urban community after college.

Promote Liberal Arts Excellence

The Advanced Integrative Seminar in the *Christ at the Core* curriculum emphasizes student research and the integration of the Christian faith with a complex topic. Biology Professor Vanya Koo guided her students in a symposium this spring called "The Good in the Great Plagues" that demonstrated the effects of microbiological phenomena on world history, art, socioeconomics and international health. Jillian Dowdy '20 observed, "This semester-long project gave us the chance to delve into one specific disease as we learn how to advocate for better global health standards. The course truly embodies liberal arts education."

Expand Center For Vocation And Career

Many employers of Wheaton College graduates use internships to identify their future employees. As the Center for Vocation and Career seeks to strengthen the internship culture on campus, scholarships were provided this spring for students pursuing unpaid or underpaid internships. A faculty/staff committee selected 24 scholarship awardees from more than 80 applications, with awards ranging from \$1,000-\$3,000 granted on the basis of both financial need and the quality of the application. The CVC is encouraging interested donors to provide additional internship scholarships.

