

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES UPDATE

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In February, the Trustees approved the architectural design for a Welcome Center to be located south of the Beamer Center on College Avenue and Chase Court. The Center will serve as a place for prospective students and their families to explore a Wheaton education, as well as a place to welcome conference guests and alumni. The structure will include building materials reflective of historic buildings on campus, a great hall, and an interactive visual presentation of Wheaton's history, mission, and campus life.

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

Last year Dean Laura Montgomery initiated an annual international faculty enrichment opportunity through the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE). One of the first to benefit, history professor Matt Lundin traveled to Poland and Germany last summer to explore how these countries have remembered and memorialized the Holocaust, World War II, and the Cold War. Dr. Lundin says, "The CIEE seminar was a transformative experience revealing the history of Central and Eastern Europe, and the tragic attempts during World War II to destroy their religious, ethnic, and linguistic diversity. Previously I had not understood the long history of Jewish civilization and culture in Europe. The seminar has changed the way I teach my courses on the Nazi regime and the Holocaust."

Promote Liberal Arts Excellence

Beginning in the fall semester of 2016, students will be offered a new array of general education courses—"Christ at the Core"—to challenge them in their pursuit of Christ-centered academic excellence. Over the past year faculty have developed exciting new courses for Wheaton's incoming class of 2020. Examples include Dr. Christine Colón's history and literature course, "Jane Austen in Her Time and Ours," Dr. Daniel Master and Dr. Steve

Moshier's lab science course on-site at Tel Shimron in Israel, "Archaeological Science," and Dr. Brian Miller's sociology and art course considering "Culture, Media, and Society."

Strengthen Graduate Education

Dean Nick Perrin and Dr. Sally Canning have led the Grad faculty in identifying five criteria for evaluating program success: mission, quality, demand, revenue, and uniqueness. Led by Trustee Jim Goetz and Dr. Gary Larson, the Graduate Initiatives Group (GIG) comprised of faculty, staff, and representatives from the Board of Visitors, the Alumni Board, and the Board of Trustees, has reached out to a broad spectrum of graduate education stakeholders with interviews and a survey. "As we connect with kingdom workers around the world we are gaining an understanding of what people think would meet the pressing needs of the global church and be a great fit with the mission of the Wheaton College Graduate School," Trustee Goetz says.

Extend Affordability

[The Don and Ann Church Scholarship](#), a 4-year renewable award which provides full tuition for up to six African-American students in their freshman year, has now been supplemented with reallocated institutional funds that will add further scholarship money for room and board to five of the total 24 scholarships.

