

# STRATEGIC PRIORITIES UPDATE

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Nine students who were mentored by Professor Tim Klingler and his wife Leslie recently returned from their semester-long study program in the central Mexican colonial city of Queretaro. The students spoke Spanish continually as they lived with host families and took classes. They acquired new skills and knowledge leading to intercultural competency, and reflected on their faith as they explored Mexican culture. The students pose here at the ruins of Tancama in the Sierra Gorda, along with the three Klingler children.

## 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

Since 1995 the European Summer Study Program has welcomed 245 seminary administrators and faculty, along with pastors and lay leaders from 23 Central and Eastern European nations. Hosted on the Wheaton College campus by a volunteer Leadership Team composed of retired and current Wheaton faculty and administrators, the six-week summer program provides a mini-sabbatical for European Christian leaders to study with Wheaton faculty mentors, enjoy weekend events together, and experience a Christ-centered learning community. The program is funded by a charitable foundation.

### Deepen Ethnic Diversity

On May 22 President Ryken with Wheaton faculty and staff hosted a day-long summit for 20 Latino Christian leaders from ministry, education, and the professions, including alumni, parents, and several current students. Latino Leadership Summit guests shared insights for the recruitment, spiritual care, and whole-person development of their students at Wheaton College. "The Summit connected us with pastors and leaders who influence Latino high school students, and in addition to learning what Latino families are looking for in a college education, we were able to share our hope to add top students from their constituencies to the Wheaton student body," commented Admissions Director Shawn Leftwich.

### Promote Liberal Arts Excellence

Faculty representatives, deans, and administrators from across the disciplines met for a two-day summit on May 19 and 20 to make progress toward consensus on the parameters, thematic core, and possible models for a revised General Education curriculum. While striving to retain the strengths of the current General Education model, including our historic commitment to the Christian liberal arts, the group seeks to enhance our articulation of the value of Christ-centered liberal arts, better understand and respond to human diversity, and advance intercultural competency and global learning. The discussion will resume in July.

### Strengthen Graduate Education

HoneyRock, Wheaton's Outdoor Center for Leadership Development, was recently licensed by the Higher Learning Commission to provide a residential program leading to a master's degree. The program is led by Dr. Muhiah Karianjahi, a global leader in camp ministry from Kenya, who will immerse students in the adventure-based camp and youth ministry life of HoneyRock as they pursue a graduate degree in Christian Formation and Ministry. Current and emerging leaders from 21 nations have studied at HoneyRock over the last two years, and next year 15 graduate students will be enrolled at Wheaton's Northwoods Campus.

