

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES UPDATE

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Since 1976 the Human Needs and Global Resources program has provided experiential learning for more than 750 undergraduates in more than 70 countries and partnered with more than 200 organizations. Recently an anonymous donor generously provided the first \$1 million of a \$4 million pledged gift to further endow this program. The aim of the endowment is to encourage more student and faculty scholarship on obstacles to human flourishing such as poverty, suffering, conflict, and injustice.

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

The gift for the 37-year old experiential learning program described above establishes the "John Stott Chair of Human Needs and Global Resources." It is named for Dr. John Stott, the British Christian pastor and teacher who influenced tens of thousands of people around the world for over 65 years with biblical application to human problems.

Dr. Laura Montgomery, Dean of Global and Experiential Learning, will announce details about two new globalization research grants for faculty and students. The Faculty Global Research Award will fund research or creative work in an international or cross-cultural setting and deepen campus engagement with the global community. A Student Global Scholar Award for undergraduates and for one graduate student per year, can be used for research, internships, or creative projects that address issues of global importance.

Deepen Ethnic Diversity

In October the Trustees made a small but significant change to Wheaton's Community Covenant. Now we make a commitment to "pursue unity and embrace ethnic diversity as part of God's design for humanity, and practice racial reconciliation as one of his redemptive purposes in Christ (Isa. 56:6-7; John 17:20-23; Acts 17:26; Eph. 2:11-18; Rev. 7:9-10)." President Ryken stated, "The real test is not what we sign

on a piece of paper or put on our website, but whether we love one another across the barriers that divide us, and do everything in our power to educate leaders who have a vision as wide as the whole family of God." <http://www.wheaton.edu/about-wheaton/community-covenant>.

Enhance Music and the Performing Arts

Earlier this fall President Ryken and Dean Michael Wilder began to share the vision for a new conservatory and performing arts facility with donors in Chicago and Minneapolis. They will meet with eight more groups of Wheaton alumni, parents, and friends throughout the nation this fiscal year. President Ryken observes, "We are very encouraged by the early strong response as friends of Wheaton College hear Dean Wilder explain how a new facility will help us make music to the glory of God."

Strengthen Graduate Education

Kristy McGarvey (MA '06, Intercultural Studies), Upper Class Halls Residence Director, has been appointed Director of Graduate Student Care beginning next July. As an MK from the Philippines, Kristy has a strong interest in learning from and encouraging international students. She draws on her experience in residence life and leadership development at Asbury, Crown, and Wheaton Colleges. Grad students will benefit from this strong new support from the Student Development Division.

