

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES UPDATE

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During Homecoming week in October, Dr. Billy Kim, Chairman of the Far East Broadcasting Company, paid a visit to Wheaton College to help plan a Concert Choir tour to Korea in 2017. Dr. Kim brought with him the 40-voice Busan Children's Choir, which performed traditional Korean music at the Homecoming concert and then joined Wheaton music groups for the final songs. Last January President Ryken visited eleven churches and several universities in Korea with a Wheaton team as guests of Dr. Kim.

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 2010, ten Wheaton students have studied for a semester at Tokyo Christian University's East Asia Institute, being immersed into the life of a Japanese university through an agreement with TCU. A new agreement between the two institutions now makes it easier for Tokyo Christian University students to spend a semester at Wheaton. Dean Laura Montgomery says, "We are excited to provide TCU students with an excellent study abroad experience at Wheaton and look forward to their presence and contributions here toward our global initiative."

Promote Liberal Arts Excellence

Professor Jeff Davis has directed the Interdisciplinary Studies Program at Wheaton for the last decade, redesigning it into a rigorous major for students who want to integrate knowledge from two or three academic disciplines. Recently the IDS major at Wheaton College was ranked second in the nation among the top integrative studies programs, as determined by BestColleges.com in collaboration with University of Redlands. We are grateful for the excellent teaching provided by Professor Davis and other Wheaton faculty members who foster a vision for innovative liberal arts learning among students while grounded in their Christian faith.

Enhance Music and the Performing Arts

Wheaton's celebrated Christmas Festival will be shared with the Chicagoland television viewing audience when PBS station WTTW airs the 2014 program "Love's Pure Light" on December 23 at 7 p.m., and at midnight on Christmas morning. Production and Event Support Manager John Rorvik, along with Festival Producer Brian Porick and Media Relations Director LaTonya Taylor, met with WTTW's Senior VP of Programming last summer and learned that WTTW was very interested in airing Christmas music programs from Chicago area schools.

Nurture Vibrant Christian Community

An exceptionally large cohort of students from China began their graduate studies at Wheaton this fall, including some who heard about study opportunities when Dean Nicholas Perrin visited Asia in May 2014. Old Testament Ph.D. student Franklin Wang and Clinical Mental Health Counseling M.A. student Yong Chen have started a weekly fellowship group at the on-campus "Country House" for Chinese students and their families, and for those who have a passion for God's work in China. Franklin says, "We would like our community to be a place for sharing food, prayer, and service, and a springboard for future service among Chinese."

