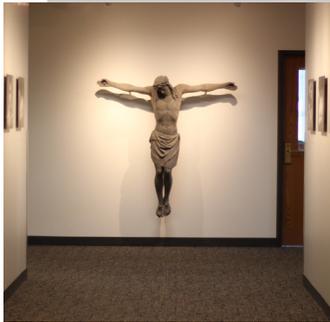


STRATEGIC PRIORITIES UPDATE

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A permanent art collection on the fifth floor of the Billy Graham Center tells the story of salvation in the community where our theologians teach and study every day. The exhibit is the result of collaboration between the Biblical and Theological Studies and Art departments, depicting the broad sweep of biblical and redemptive history. Displayed are works by Old Masters such as Durer and Rembrandt, and newer masters Marc Chagall, Sado Watanabe, and Victor Higgins, in addition to Wheaton College artists Joel Sheesley, David Hooker, Greg Schreck, and John Walford.

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

Nurture Vibrant Christian Community

Extend Affordability

Strengthen Graduate Education

Globalize A Wheaton Education

The Global and Experiential Learning Strategic Planning Committee has produced a five-year plan to achieve the College's priority to "Globalize a Wheaton Education." Highlights of the report's recommendations include improving financial access to study-abroad programs, offering better support for international students, and providing grants to globalize the curriculum through new or revised courses.

Deepen Ethnic Diversity

Construction has begun in the Beamer Center to create space for the Office of Multicultural Development, opening July 2013. The plan includes the construction of new general meeting space for all student organizations, as well as additional space for multicultural student clubs. OMD's new office will replace the former student publications offices, which will be relocated in the former Chicago Room.

Promote Liberal Arts Excellence

The General Education Revision Committee (GERC) is a 12-member team comprised of faculty, staff, and students charged with designing a distinctive educational "signature" for Wheaton College. GERC has collected student input, reviewed proposals for models and courses, and convened faculty conversations. The committee is currently

refining approaches for discussion at Faculty Development Day in August. According to Professor Lynn Cooper, chair of GERC, the plan is to have the new curriculum ready for a faculty vote in September.

Enhance Music and the Performing Arts

A generous gift of more than \$1 million to Wheaton College has been partially designated to underwrite the planning process for new music facilities. The balance of the gift has been earmarked for significant Conservatory music scholarships beginning in autumn 2014 and continuing until the new facilities are completed. Dean of the Conservatory Michael Wilder anticipates this added scholarship resource will attract and encourage gifted musicians to study at Wheaton.

Strengthen Graduate Education

A donor has provided an annual Psy.D. Global Scholarship for an international student from an underserved nation who has a strong Christian commitment and the capacity for leadership in mental health service. Shirin Kazimov, a physician from Azerbaijan with a master's degree in public health, will receive the first \$20,000 scholarship. Dr. Kazimov wants to use his Psy.D. training to "provide soundly biblical psychological care" and influence his nation's mental health field.

