

Executive Summary of the Strategic Plan for Wheaton College

Wheaton 2014: Transforming Lives to Change the World

Mission Statement

Wheaton College provides a transformative liberal arts education for intellectually curious students in a collaborative, academically vibrant residential community that values a diverse world.

Vision 2014: Wheaton College develops global citizens prepared to lead in a complex world. Its transformational learning environment prepares graduates to live purposeful lives, be engaged in their communities, be scientifically and technologically literate, and act effectively to promote change.

Realizing 2014: Wheaton will achieve its 2014 vision by focusing on three strategic priorities supported by three institutional goals. Together they serve as a framework to allocate resources and to inform a major comprehensive campaign.

Strategic Priorities

1. **Leading with Connections:** The Wheaton education embodies a web of connections across disciplines, across academic and experiential learning, and across lines of difference.
2. **Reaching Beyond:** Wheaton is dedicated to extending student opportunity and success and enhancing the College's reach and reputation.
3. **Demonstrating Success:** Wheaton focuses on student learning, development and change, and provides evidence of institutional effectiveness.

Institutional Goals

I. Program: Enhance Intellectual Excellence and Engagement

- 1.1 Wheaton students learn to approach issues and problem solving from a cross-disciplinary perspective. Through an innovative curriculum incorporating intercultural learning, Wheaton students develop the analytical skills, multiple literacies, and habits of mind and character to be effective in a diverse world.
- 1.2 Residence life connects students to peers and faculty, exposes them to diverse ideas, and engages them in collaborative and challenging discourse.
- 1.3 Wheaton students have multiple opportunities to participate in curricular and co-curricular experiences both on and off campus. Students, faculty, and staff

collaborate with members of the surrounding communities and the network of alums to create a rich and thriving environment.

II. Facilities: Develop Select New/Renovated Facilities

- 2.1 The renovated Science Center enables activity across disciplines and will become another locus for student-faculty engagement.
- 2.2 Technology on campus is ubiquitous and flexible, enriching and enhancing the teaching and learning process throughout the college.
- 2.3 New and renovated residence halls provide a variety of physical living and learning environments to enhance the Wheaton experience.

III. People: Support Creativity and Innovation

- 3.1 Wheaton recruits and retains an intellectually curious and broadly diverse student population. The College is committed to increasing need-based financial aid and continuing its merit scholarship program to support enrollment goals.
- 3.2 Wheaton successfully recruits and retains a diverse faculty and staff committed to engaging students in ways that inspire their highest potential. Wheaton faculty will be national leaders in re-discovering and re-defining the relationship between scholarly/creative work and teaching in the liberal arts.
- 3.3 Wheaton alums and an expanding circle of friends are engaged with and support the College with their talents and their resources.

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