

State of the College

President's Remarks
May 26, 2021



Our agenda

- The 2020-2021 academic year
- Recent achievements and initiatives
- Planning for the future
- Q&A



An Academic Year Like No Other

To keep us all safe and healthy, a fabric face covering is required.



*This applies to everyone over the age of two unless there is a medical condition that makes wearing a mask impossible.



Follow the Guidelines

Wash hands often

Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.



Cover your cough or sneeze

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve. Do not sneeze or cough into your hand.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth with unwashed hands. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Stay 6 feet apart at all times

Please practice social distancing



Stay home

If you are sick, stay home. Clean and disinfect commonly touched items and surfaces



The Extended Campus



Virtual Career & Internship Fair

September 29th, 2020 at 3:00pm-6:00pm EST
Completely virtual via Handshake

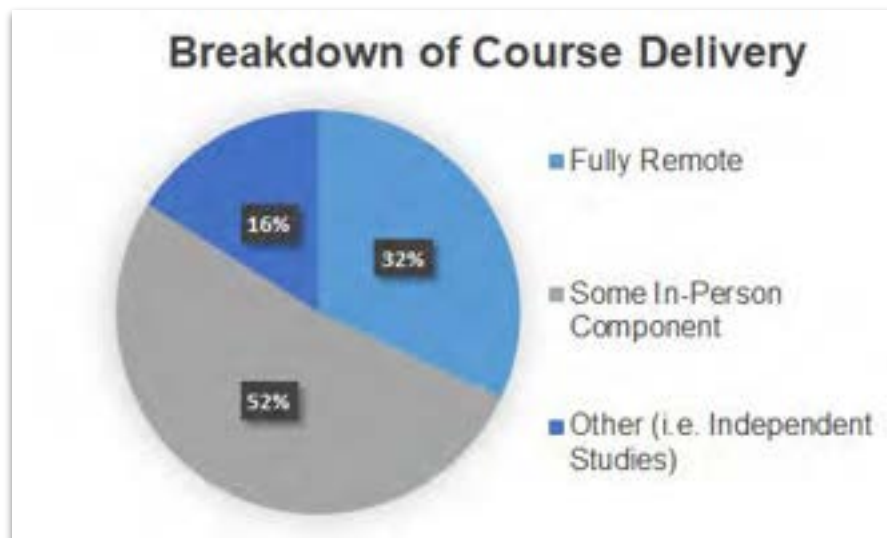
Virtual Career & Internship Fair

VIRTUAL AFROBEATS DANCE CLASS

WITH BRIANLEE MARTINEZ

Join us for a fun night of West African inspired dancing!
All skill levels are welcome to join.

Virtual Afrobeats Dance Class





First year of the Compass curriculum

Key benefits

- Freedom and flexibility for students with high-quality advising
- Personalized pathways from liberal arts to careers and professional life
- Integrates experiential learning throughout four years



Key features

- Connected First-year Experience (FYE)
- Mentored academic pathway (MAP) - first MAP days this year
- Sophomore year experiences
- LEAPs - skills-based certificates and microcredentials with alumni mentorship (i.e. Criminal Justice, Design & Fabrication, Global Fashion, Social Research, etc.)
- Honors programs



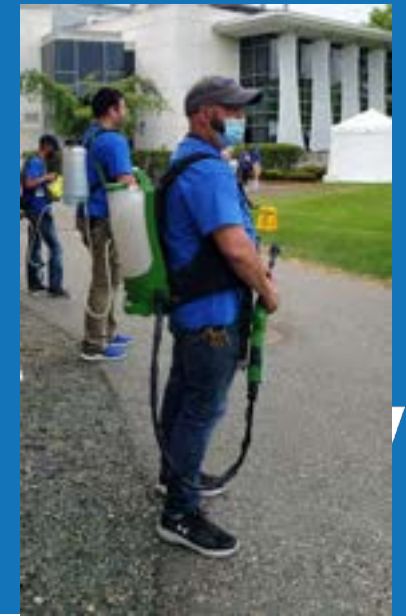
Athletics and Recreation

- Fall athletic competition cancelled but teams were able to practice with masks and social distancing
- Pappas Fitness Center remained open throughout the academic year with limited capacity
- Winter and Spring were allowed protocol-heavy, shortened season as of March 1, 2021





One-of-a-kind Commencement



2021 Honorary Degrees



Recent accolades



2021 National Scholars

Two students win 2021 Projects for Peace award

April 5, 2021 | ACCOLADES COLLABORATION EDUCATION GLOBAL
POLITICAL SCIENCE SOCIOLOGY STUDENT



Juniors collaborate on a proposal to help survivors of wartime sexual trauma in Bosnia

Healing around the world

May 11, 2021 | ACCOLADES GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH STUDENT



Watson Fellowship winner to explore intersection of traditional and modern medicine



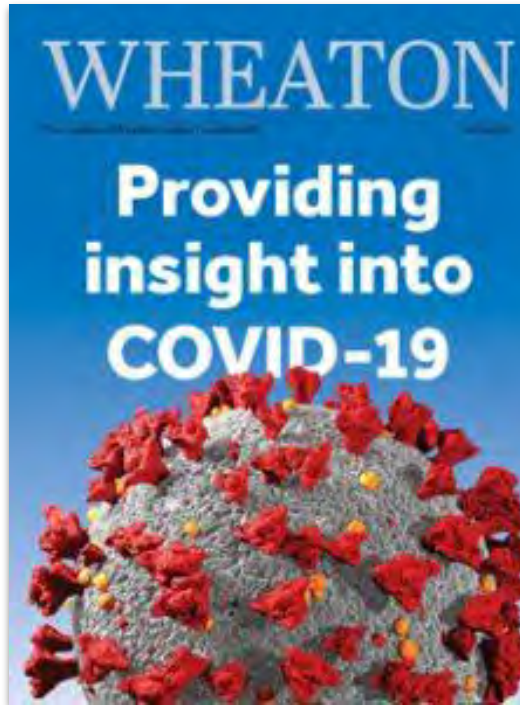
Faculty and student research

Re-examining the slave trade

April 30, 2021 | ACCOLADES FACULTY GLOBAL HISTORY WOMEN GENDER STUDIES



Professor Kim Miller wins prestigious grant for summer research in France



Literature review project offers authentic research experience during pandemic



Helene Mantineo '21



Caitlin Daley '20



Benjamin Hanna '21



Anna Lally '21



Amanda Flanagan '20



Nick Kelly '21



Sydney Murphy '21



Ilyan Lin '23



New college leadership

Solidifying the foundation for equity

May 4, 2021 | [CAMPUS LIFE](#) [STAFF](#)



Shaya Gregory Poku engages personal, institutional mission in new associate vice president role

New Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

April 5, 2021

[PRESIDENT](#), [STUDENT AFFAIRS](#)

Dear Wheaton Community,

I am pleased to share that on July 1 Wheaton will welcome Dr. Darnell T. Parker as its next Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students.

Dr. Parker brings considerable expertise in all aspects of student affairs, diversity and equity, and Title IX compliance within higher education. He joins Wheaton from Case Western Reserve University, where he has served most recently as the Senior Associate Vice President for Equity after four years in the division of Student Affairs. In this newly created office and role, he has overseen the university's efforts and initiatives to address and prevent discrimination and harassment and sustaining and effecting change.

Students, faculty and staff who participated in Wheaton's search process noted Dr. Parker's focus



Dr. Darnell T. Parker



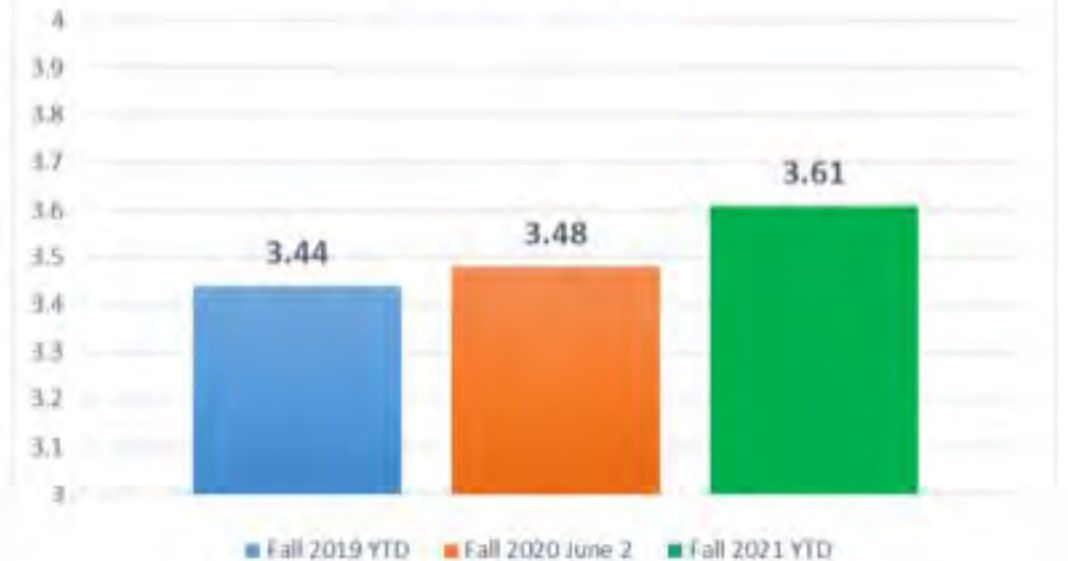
Class of 2025 and New Students

Goal is 495 first-year students and 15 transfer students

First-year Enrollments
(Current and Final)



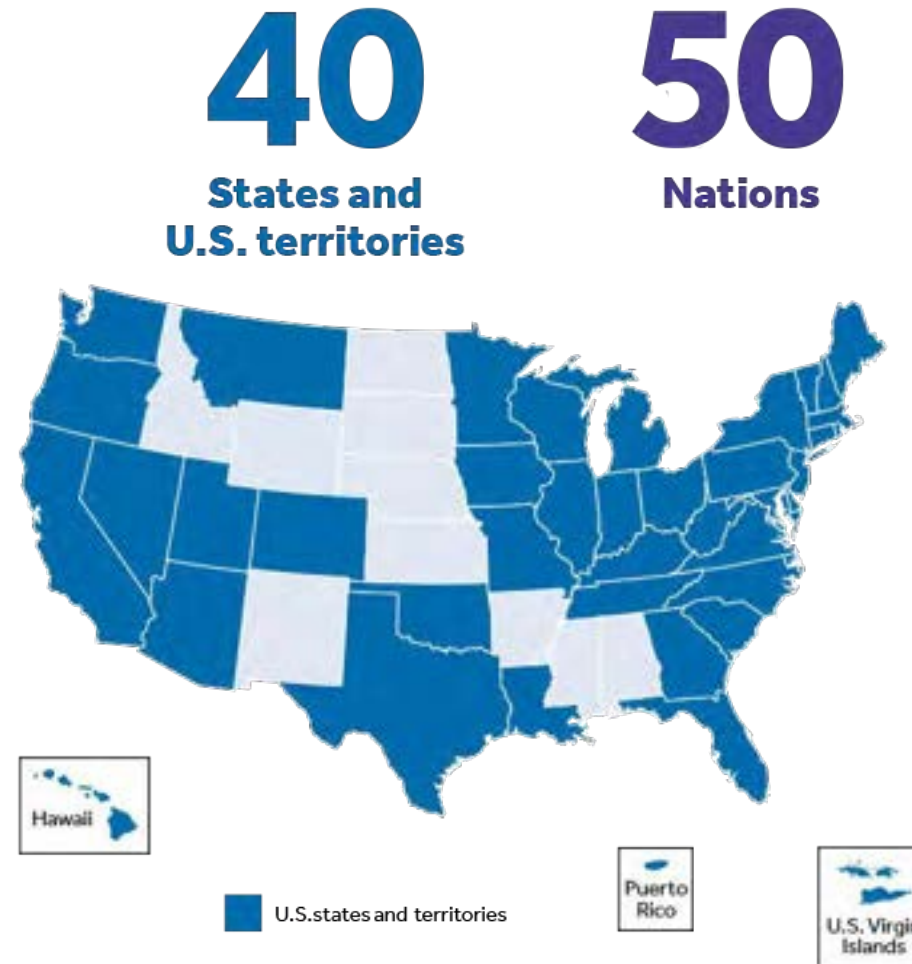
Average HS GPA



Current Student Enrollment

As of Fall 2020

- 1,669 students
- 60% female; 40% male
- 25% U.S. students of color
- 22% first-generation college students
- 6% international students





Campus Enhancements



Transforming the former Science Center



A 64,000-square-foot renovation will create new spaces for Business & Management, Psychology, the Filene Center, programs for social entrepreneurship, and the FabLab Makerspace.



Planning for the future

The overarching strategies that Wheaton has been pursuing to navigate industry challenges:

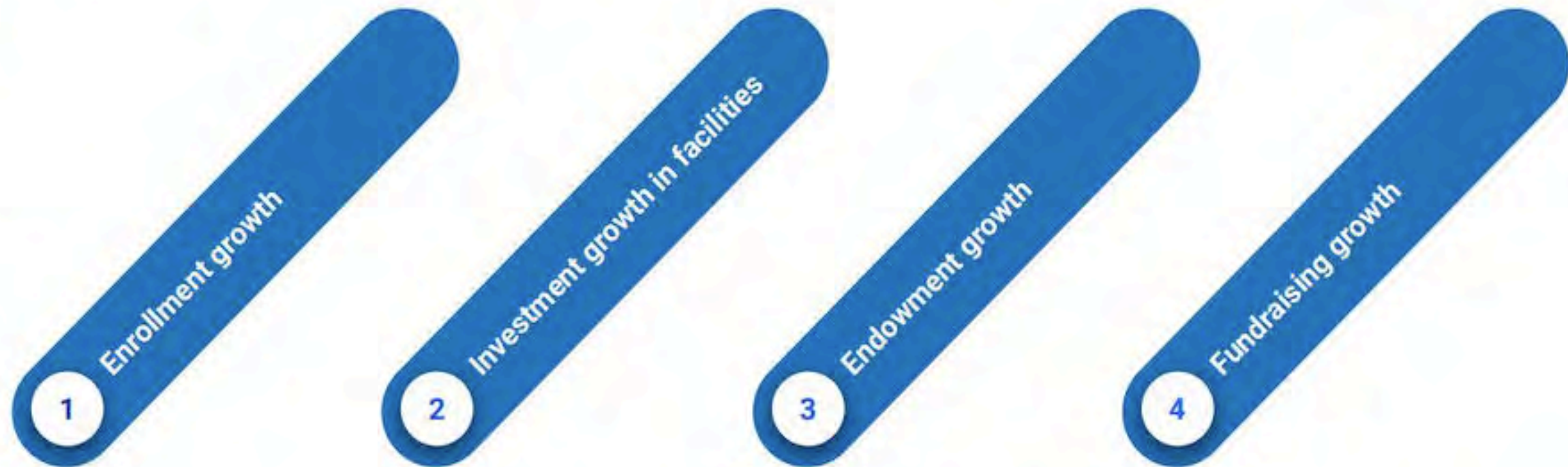
- ❑ Focus on the core liberal arts and experiential learning mission
- ❑ Prudent management of resources
- ❑ Enrollment growth
- ❑ Growing new sources of revenue with mission-driven, market-aware initiatives

The work of the last fourteen months can be divided into three main areas:

- ❑ Maintaining the ongoing work and rhythm of the college as best as possible
- ❑ Adjusting to the current reality and preparing the college for the short-term shocks
- ❑ Repositioning the college to be even stronger for the long-term



Positioned for success



Questions?

