Phillips Academy Strategic Plan

Connecting our Strengths



THE ANDOVER ENDEAVOR • UPDATE AND LOOK AHEAD

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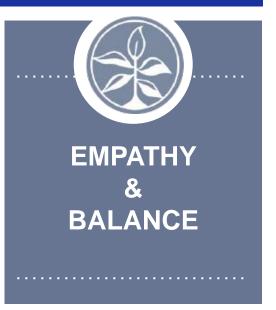




STRATEGIC PLAN

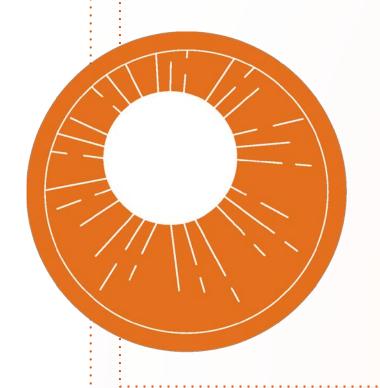






INSTITUTIONAL DIRECTIVES





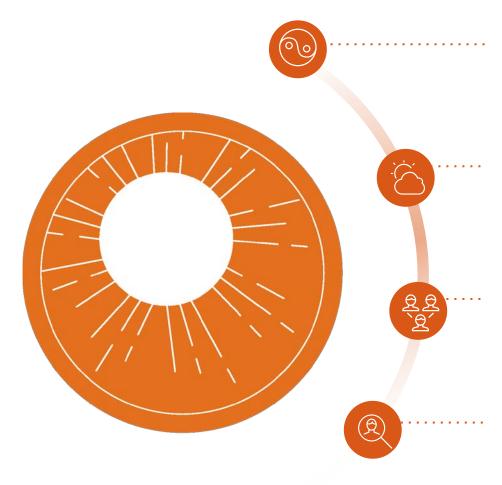
EQUITY & INCLUSION

GOAL

Nurture the academic and personal growth of all students as they navigate a complex, intentionally diverse learning community.



EQUITY & INCLUSION: INITIATIVES



Create and strengthen support structures so all students may access highest levels of our curriculum

- Increased focus on student transitions to Andover.
- PG experience enhanced

Integrate advising, house counseling, and college counseling programs

- CCO working with lowers and advisors
- Moved to dorm-based advising for lowers
- Refined protocol for point-person communication with families

Embed intellectual inquiry related to race, class, gender, and sexual orientation in curriculum and programming

- All departments in conversation about current offerings
- Launched Interdisciplinary Working Group

Hire/retain diverse, highly qualified faculty, administrators, staff committed to upholding core values

• Faculty diversity increased from 22.3% to 27.6% in the past four years





CREATIVITY & INNOVATION

GOAL

Implement new ideas in teaching and learning informed by the global dialogue on education.



CREATIVITY & INNOVATION: INITIATIVES



Launch the Tang Institute, a collaborative effort to test, assess, and share new teaching methods and learning tools

- 17 total fellows to date
- 16 Learning in the World programs and 10 affiliate programs (began with six in 2014)
- 4 hybrid and online courses offered during Summer Session

Devote professional development to the exchange of effective pedagogical practices

Increased sharing of effective pedagogies on and off campus

Develop more experiential, interdisciplinary, and multidisciplinary courses

- Hub for interdisciplinary instruction in development
- Off-campus learning opportunities more closely aligned with on-campus curriculum

Support teachers in integrating appropriate technologies as part of their classroom practice

- Educational Initiatives office supporting faculty in incorporating classroom technologies
- Faculty teaching classes in "The Nest" (OWHL makerspace)





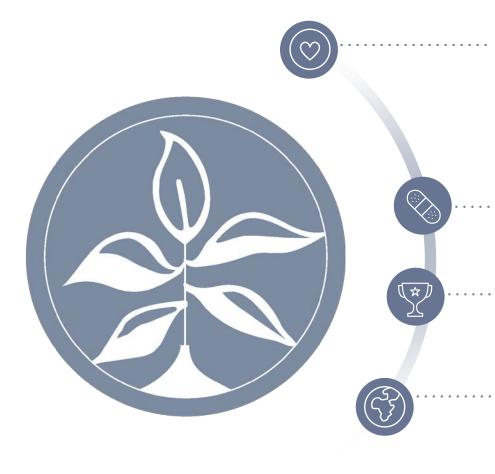
EMPATHY & BALANCE

GOAL

Prioritize mutual understanding and individual well-being as essential to a thriving community.



EMPATHY & BALANCE: INITIATIVES



Create comprehensive, multi-year health curriculum; further incorporate socialemotional learning into our educational program

- "Foundations" pilot launched for 9th graders in 2016–2017 and will continue in 2017–2018
- "Endeavors" pilot for 10th graders will be launched in 2017–2018
- Pilots taught during periods released by other courses to prevent "add-on" for students

Open the Rebecca M. Sykes Wellness Center for health care and education

Opened Fall 2015

Update the scope and philosophy of our athletic program

- Core principals for Andover athletics endorsed by Board
- Expanded activities that count towards athletic requirement

Provide opportunity for every student to study off campus, experience a different culture

219 students participated in Learning in the World in 2016–2017



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GOAL

Our goals, ambitious in scope, depend on the implementation of certain institutional directives. More logistical and operational in nature, they must be considered and carried out with reference to each other.



INSTITUTIONAL DIRECTIVES

- ✓ Communicate our **NEED-BLIND ADMISSION POLICY** widely as a defining characteristic of Phillips Academy
- Build a **STUDENT-CENTERED DAILY SCHEDULE** and annual calendar
- ✓ Develop a **CAMPUS MASTER PLAN** that encompasses renovation of our athletic facilities
- Create a **CLIMATE ACTION PLAN** that advances sustainability on campus
- Compose a succinct and current expression of the ACADEMY'S MISSION AND PURPOSE
- ✓ Perform **REGULAR ASSESSMENTS OF EQUITY AND INCLUSION** on campus, considering the interests of all students, staff, faculty, and administrators



WORKING GROUP PROGRESS

✓ EMBEDDED

- ✓ Postgraduate program
- ✓ Transitions (support structures)
- ✓ Equity & Inclusion assessments
- ✓ Advising/house counseling/college counseling
- ✓ Athletic philosophy
- ✓ Social emotional learning/health
- ✓ Learning in the World
- ✓ Campus Master Plan
- ✓ DELTA

☐ IN PROCESS

- Climate Action Plan
- ☐ Intellectual Inquiry -> Interdisciplinary
- □ Schedule/calendar

FUTURE WORK

Develop current statement of the Academy's mission and purpose



