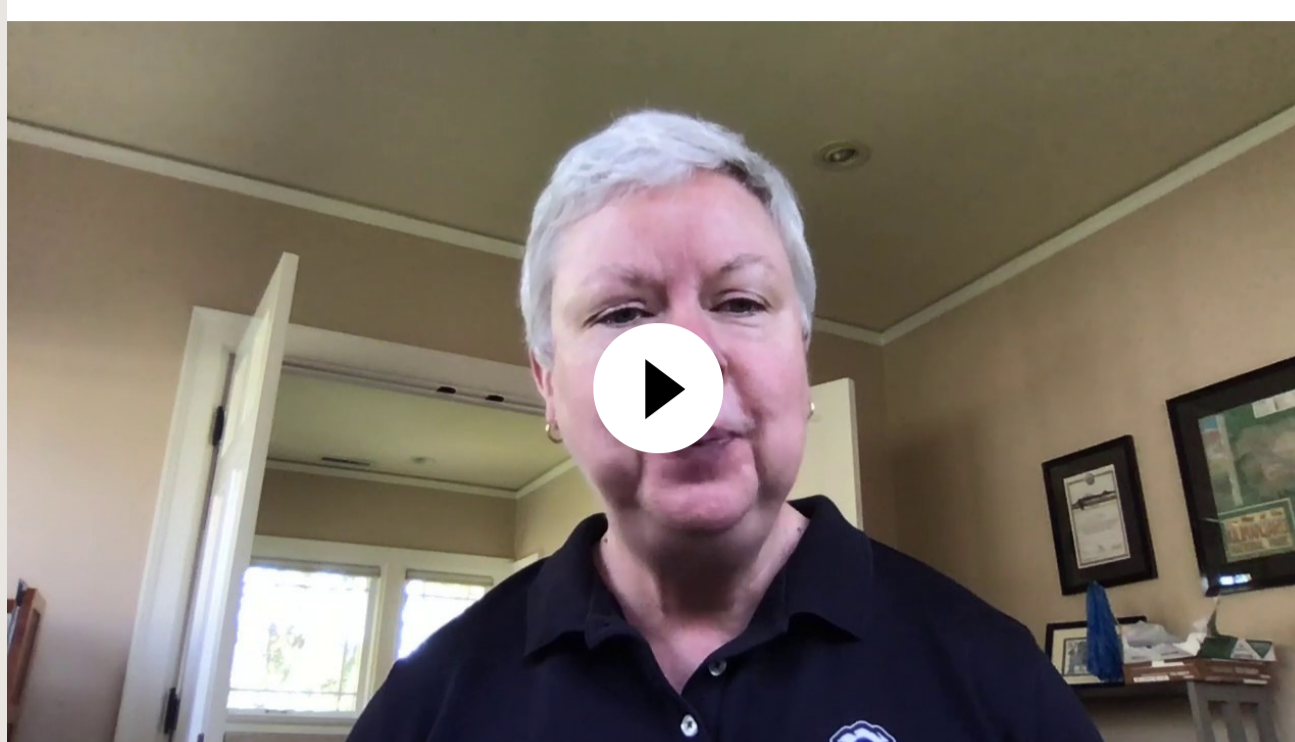




Whitman Today

Monday, April 20, 2020

Weekly Update from the President



Coronavirus News

Walla Walla County had seven new coronavirus cases over the weekend, for a total of 33 confirmed cases. Several cases were reported late Sunday night, after President Kathy Murray recorded her weekly video message. Fifteen local residents have recovered from the virus.

Governors said on Sunday that a shortage of coronavirus tests was among the most significant hurdles to lifting restrictions in their states. The Food and Drug Administration has allowed about 90 companies, many based in China, to sell antibody tests that are intended to indicate whether people may have built immunity to the coronavirus. Other U.S. officials and health experts have questioned the reliability and effectiveness of these rapid-result antibody tests.

Over the weekend protesters gathered in several states, including in Washington, to oppose stay-at-home orders.

[Whitman's Coronavirus Website](#)

Announcements

New FAQ on Room and Board Credits and Tuition

Whitman has received a number of questions regarding the college's room and board credits, as well as the possibility of tuition refunds. In response to these questions, we have posted a Spring 2020 Room and Board Credits and Tuition FAQ on the [college's coronavirus website](#).

#WeAreWhitman Raises Over \$270K

Last week, the Whitman community came together and [raised more than \\$270,000](#) for the Annual Fund, Access Whitman scholarships and the Student Emergency Fund. Thank you to all who participated in this great event celebrating our community!

Archives Collecting COVID-19 Stories

In collaboration with students in Library 160: Documentation and Representation in Archives, the Whitman College and Northwest Archives is creating a digital archive of the Whitman community's experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. As we move classes online, work, teach and learn from home, and practice social distancing, our normal experiences and routines have been displaced and disrupted. We hope to collect the stories, experiences, and evidence of our changed lives, both the painful and difficult, and the unexpectedly beautiful and hopeful. [Learn how to participate](#).

Campus Resources

WCTS Is Standing By to Assist You

Whitman College Technology Service (WCTS) is here to support you in new ways and with extended hours: Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-10 p.m. For assistance, call 509-527-4976, email helpdesk@whitman.edu or chat online at support.whitman.edu. You can also submit a help request ticket at my.whitman.edu/support. For online teaching and learning support, please email canvas_help@whitman.edu. Find other helpful resources in the [WCTS KnowledgeBase](#).

Health Reminder

Are you feeling anxiety related to COVID-19? One tip is to limit the time you spend both on social media and reading and watching constant news reports. Turn to one or two trusted sources if you need updated information. Self-care is so important. Take a break from the news and listen to a funny podcast or find a way to treat yourself. [Find more tips for relieving stress during this time](#).

[Health and Social Distancing Tips](#)

Happening Today and Tomorrow

TODAY

Noon [Student Career Advisor Drop-In Hours](#)
Student Career Advisor Malia Brooks holds virtual drop-in hours at lunchtime every Monday. Call-in with your questions about resumes, internships, cover letters and more, by sending a chat invite using Google Chat to brooksmc@whitman.edu.

TOMORROW

4 p.m. [Yom Hashoah \(Holocaust Remembrance Day\) Speaker](#)
Holocaust survivor Oscar Sladek will share his story and answer questions about his experiences in an virtual event. Email shalom@whitman.edu to receive connection information.

Have a virtual event you'd like to share with campus? Email the details to whitmantoday@whitman.edu.

"Whitman Today" is produced by the Office of Communications and is emailed daily to Whitman College staff, faculty and students. All times are listed in Pacific Daylight Time. Previous newsletters can be found on the [Whitman Today archive website](#).

To submit items, email whitmantoday@whitman.edu. The deadline for newsletter submissions is 4 p.m. the prior business day.

