



Whitman Today

Monday, August 17, 2020

Update from President Murray



Find out about ways to connect with the Whitman community, how to access academic resources and more in the Fall 2020 online information center.

[Fall 2020 Information Center](#)

Announcements

Whitman Today Returns to Daily Publication

Beginning today, [Whitman Today](#) returns to Monday-Friday publication. Submissions are welcome! If you have a professional or personal accomplishment to celebrate, an event to publicize or other content to share with the Whitman community, email whitmantoday@whitman.edu. Submissions should be 125 words or less. The deadline for submissions is noon for the following day's newsletter, though submissions may be held for a later date according to space and editorial needs.

New Director of Security Hired

After a national search for the new director of security, we are pleased to announce that Stephen Davis will join the Whitman community on Aug. 28, 2020. Davis has a long and distinguished career that includes service in the U.S. Coast Guard and other agencies. He holds a bachelor's degree in law and justice from Rowan University and a master's degree in public policy from Fairleigh Dickinson University. He comes to Whitman College from Olympic College where he served in a similar position. Thank you to the search committee of students and employees who diligently interviewed all the candidates.

Deadline to Submit Application for On Campus Housing

Today is the deadline to submit [the application for on campus housing](#) for Fall 2020. There are limited on campus living options for students whose home situations make it extremely difficult to participate in remote learning.

Question of the Week

Every Monday will bring a new question for you to ponder. Click your answer from the options below and then check back next week to see how the community responded. Here's today's question:

It's one week until classes start. Is your study/work space:

1. All set up and ready to go.
2. In need of a little organization, but it'll be fine.
3. Still figuring it out...
4. Going to be a mobile space, depending on the day.

From the Coronavirus Task Force

COVID-19 Testing FAQs

More than 700 members of the Whitman community are signed up for testing this week from a mobile lab coming to campus. Specific details will be sent by email to everyone signed up for testing and general information is available on the [Health and Safety page](#) of the Fall 2020 Information Center.

Child Care Help for the Fall Semester

Walla Walla Public Schools and other local districts' move to online learning creates a heavy burden for parents this semester. Whitman College is committed to helping come up with solutions to ease some of that burden, including looking into different ways that we might help faculty and staff with child care. While coronavirus protocol means on-campus child care is not an option, we are looking at creative ways to leverage using Whitman students who rely on work-study as part of their financial aid package as virtual tutors or teachers, as the campus jobs that many students count on are not available in the numbers they have been in the past. We are still working out the details of what that might look like so stay tuned for more.

Happening This Week

MONDAY, AUG. 17

4 p.m.

[Student Open Office Hour](#)

Have questions about student life this fall? Students are invited to join President Kathy Murray, Dean of Students Kazi Joshua and Vice President for Diversity & Inclusion Thomas Witherspoon for an open office hour on [Zoom](#).

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19-SATURDAY, AUG. 22

8 a.m.-5 p.m.

[COVID-19 Testing on Campus](#)

Pre-registered members of the Whitman community will receive free testing for COVID-19 from a mobile lab outside the Welty Student Health Center.

FRIDAY, AUG. 21

10 a.m.

[Faculty and Staff Coronavirus Task Force Open Office Hours](#)

Each Friday at 10 a.m. through August, join Whitman's Coronavirus Task Force Chair Josh Jensen to ask questions about Whitman's return-to-work and planning for the fall. All faculty and staff are invited to join the [Google Meet](#).

[More Upcoming Events](#)

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

Getting to Know...

PATRICK HWANG '22 (he/him)

Major: biochemistry, biophysics and molecular biology

Extracurricular activities: Ultimate Frisbee, the SOS Health Club, work at Bon Appetit

With support from a [Whitman Internship Grant](#), Hwang spent the summer interning at the SOS Health Clinic, a free clinic that provides healthcare to everyone in the Walla Walla Valley regardless of their insurance, citizenship status or location. He shares about his experience on the [Student Engagement Center blog](#).



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