



# Whitman Today

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

## CLASS OF 2025 BY THE NUMBERS

### It's Move-In Day!

Take a minute today to enjoy the energy of more than 500 amazing new students as many set foot on Whitman's campus for the first time ever. As they unpack suitcases, meet their RAs (residence assistants) and OWLs (orientation week leaders) and start learning all the other Whitman acronyms, make sure to give all our first-year and transfer students a big Whitman welcome!

### Daily COVID Update

#### Baseline COVID-19 Testing

Today's coronavirus testing is for new students, who should come to Cordiner between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. for their Round 1 test. **Remember not to eat, drink, chew gum or brush your teeth for 30 minutes prior to coming for your test or use mouthwash for two hours prior to your test.** Employee and returning student testing will resume tomorrow. [Review the schedule and instructions for more details.](#)

#### Campus Vaccination Update



As of today, 95% of students and 93% of employees have completed the full vaccination course, totaling 95% of our campus community.

### Announcements

A RETELLING OF HOMER'S "THE ODYSSEY"

# THE PENELOPIAD

BY  
MARGARET ATWOOD

BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *THE HANDMAID'S TALE*  
DIRECTED BY LAURA HOPE

#### Student Auditions for Harper Joy Theatre Production

Auditions for Margaret Atwood's "The Penelopiad" are coming up September 8–10.

- Auditions: Wednesday, September 8, 6–10 p.m. at Alexander Stage
- Callbacks: Friday, September 10, 6–10 p.m. at Alexander Stage

Written by Canadian poet and novelist Margaret Atwood (author of "The Handmaid's Tale"), and based on her novel of the same title, "The Penelopiad" is a poetic, feminist re-imagining of Homer's epic poem, "The Odyssey," from the point of view of Odysseus' wife, Penelope, and her 12 maids, whom Odysseus killed in a rage.

Harper Joy Theatre is looking for a diverse ensemble of actors, singers, dancers and performers to bring "The Penelopiad" to life!  
Email [krugerab@whitman.edu](mailto:krugerab@whitman.edu) to find out how you can get involved.

### Move-In Day and Orientation Schedule

There is a lot happening over the next few days as our first-year and transfer students are welcomed into the Whitman community. Highlights for today:

- Residence hall move-ins.
- Campus tours.
- Round-trip shopping shuttles to Walmart, Marshalls and Bed, Bath & Beyond.
- Meeting in OWL groups.
- New student and family welcome.
- Sessions on safety and security at Whitman.
- All-hall meetings.
- Section meetings.

Get the full details for all the Orientation activities from today through Monday in the [Orientation Schedule online.](#)

### Happening Today

all day	<a href="#">Move-in Day and New Student Orientation</a>
8 a.m.–3 p.m.	<a href="#">Baseline COVID-19 Testing</a> <i>For new students. At Cordiner Hall.</i>
12 p.m.	<a href="#">Staff and Faculty Development Program: How to Promote a Healthy Classroom Culture</a> <i>Facilitated by John Johnson, VP for Diversity and Inclusion, and Helen Kim, this session will focus on ways that we can affirm differences among students, model respectful communication, and immediately address problematic behavior in the classroom. Participants will leave with resources and concrete action steps that can be implemented in their courses beginning on the first day. On Zoom.</i>

### Whitman Events Calendar

Have an event you'd like to share with campus? Submit the information to the [Events Calendar.](#)

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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](mailto: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. By submitting to Whitman Today you also authorize use on Whitman's social media unless otherwise specified.

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