



Whitman Today

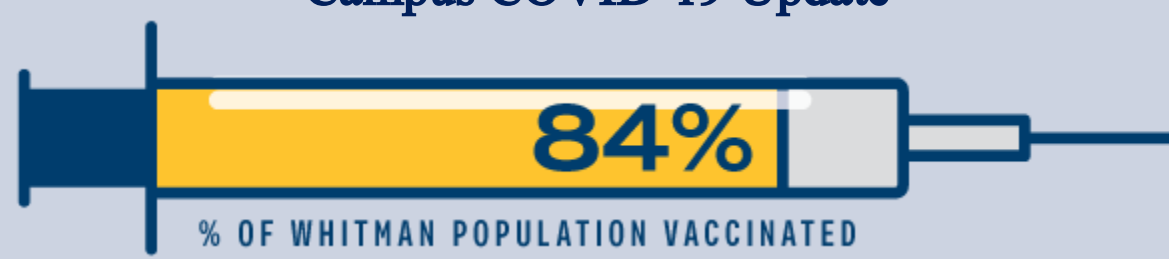
Thursday, August 5, 2021

Take Me to the River



Head west from Wallula Gap, go on past the yacht club and the Northwest Grain Growers grain elevators, and you'll find the Port Kelly access point of the Columbia River. Last week the Office of International Student Support and the Outdoor Program hit the water with a group of international students for an afternoon of kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding. For many of the 10 participants (from 10 different countries!) this was a new experience that they enjoyed immensely and wish to experience again.

Campus COVID-19 Update



Beginning August 1, our campus vaccination statistics includes incoming first-year and transfer students. Currently, 90% of employees and 82% of students have reported being fully vaccinated, totaling 84% of our campus community.

[COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting Form](#)

Any employee or student approved by exemption for campus access must take a coronavirus test every week. This week, 25 people were tested and there were no positive tests.

Campus Mask Requirement

All individuals at Whitman, including those who are fully vaccinated, are currently required to wear face masks when they are indoors in group settings or public spaces. Fully vaccinated individuals alone in a private office do not need to wear masks. Anyone who is not fully vaccinated must be masked at all times when indoors.

Announcements

Student On-Campus Jobs on Handshake

Now that the beginning of the year is right around the corner, make sure to check [Handshake](#) for on-campus student employment positions ready for your application! Here are a few things you can do in Handshake:

- Upload your resume to Handshake to expedite the job application process. ([Take a look at these resume and cover letter templates](#) if you are starting from scratch.)
- [Schedule a resume and cover letter review appointment on Handshake](#) with an SEC staff member.

Campus Power Outage Scheduled for August 10

On Tuesday, August 10, Pacific Power (PPL) will perform an electrical shutdown required for wire repairs, the first of a two-part repair work. This repair work will require a shutdown of all primary power for five to eight hours to the main campus loop affecting all buildings on the north side of Boyer Avenue. The emergency generators are expected to turn on and supply power for life safety and specific equipment connected to the emergency power. The anticipated schedule is for PPL to turn off at 8 a.m. and turn back on at 4 p.m.

This will not impact COVID-19 testing at Welty Student Health Center for employees and students with campus access by exemption. Testing will take place from 8:30 to 10 a.m. as regularly scheduled

Noteworthy

Simon Wins Diversity in Music Production Award

Michael Simon, senior adjunct assistant professor of music, was recently awarded the [Sweetwater Sound Award: Honoring Multicultural Diversity in Music Production from Berklee College of Music](#). Simon, who taught a first-year seminar on exploring the intersection of music, technology, and narrative, says, "Music is such a great nexus for multicultural connections. For those intersections and cross-pollinations to be truly effective, I feel that the voices and intention behind the creation of the project have to be authentic."

[Submit News of a Personal or Professional Achievement](#)

Upcoming Events

TODAY

10:30 a.m.

[Student Employer Workshop](#)

The Student Employment Work Group would like to invite all student employee supervisors to join this brief workshop on student employment. This session will cover a wide variety of helpful information. (This is a repeat of the Tuesday workshop.)

12–1 p.m.

Fall Campus Access Sticker Pop-Up

Head to the front doors of Cordiner with your Summer Campus Access Badge or Fall Campus Access Approval email to get the sticker verifying your fall campus access. Stickers are also available weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. at the WCTS Help Desk (in the Whitman Technology Services building) and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Post Office in Reid Campus Center.

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