



# Whitman Today

Thursday, December 10, 2020

## Inclusion Action Items Update



As the Fall 2020 Semester comes to an end, the Whitman community has begun implementing the action items laid out by the [Inclusion Task Force](#) earlier this year. More than 20 action items were started this fall, and [the December 2020 Inclusion Action Items Update](#) details what steps have been taken and also highlights the action items scheduled to begin in the spring.

## Campus and Community Health



### COVID-19 in Walla Walla

Currently there are 355 active cases of [COVID-19 in Walla Walla County](#). Of these, 339 residents are isolating at home and 16 in the hospital.

Over the past week, no new cases of COVID-19 were confirmed in Whitman students living in Walla Walla, staff or faculty.

Whitman community COVID-19 case numbers appear weekly in Whitman Today and are updated regularly on the [COVID-19 at Whitman webpage](#).

## Announcements

### Adopt-a-Family Update

The SEC would like to express our gratitude to the Whitman community for participating in the Adopt-a-Family program and supporting 25 families identified by BMH2H! During a time where everyone has lost something or someone due to the pandemic, the Adopt-a-Family program is an example of the resilience and generosity that is still present, if not heightened, in our community. [Read more](#) about how the Whitman community is supporting Walla Walla families this holiday season through the Adopt-a-Family Program.

### Staff Employment Opportunities

Whitman is currently hiring for several open staff positions. Position descriptions and applications for staff openings can be found on the [Human Resources website](#). Please share these opportunities with potential candidates.

### Mailing Holiday Packages

If you are planning to mail holiday packages, please remember that the mailing room at Boyer House is only accessible to people who are approved to be on campus. If you are not approved to be on campus, please use the U.S. Postal Service, UPS or FedEx for your shipping needs.

## Noteworthy



### Brueggeman Hired as New SEC Staff

The SEC welcomes Nikki Brueggeman as our New Assistant Director of Career Readiness & Employer Engagement! Raised in Walla Walla, Brueggeman attended Washington State University to study history. She then earned her Masters of International Studies: Japan from the University of Washington. In 2015, she received a Fulbright to teach English in South Korea. Since then, she has lived in Japan, San Francisco and San Diego.

Brueggeman is very excited to work at Whitman College, having fond memories of the school from her childhood. At the SEC, she will be advising students on developing their skills and experiences that will stand out to employers. She will also be working with potential employers, connecting them to Whitman students and the community, creating spaces of engagement and opportunity. She is especially excited to work with students as they craft their career goals and look for opportunities.

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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.



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