



# Whitman Today

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

## WTTM Presents the People of the Civil Rights Movement



Yesterday was the 65th anniversary of the day Rosa Parks acted to resist racially discriminatory rules in public transportation, setting off the Montgomery Bus Boycott. That's a special event for Whitman Teaches The Movement (WTTM) because, as one former student volunteer wrote for the [Teaching Tolerance magazine in 2014](#):

"We need to teach the history of MLK and Rosa Parks and Ruby Bridges. But when this is the only story of civil rights we tell, we foreclose the path to progress."

As one way of keeping open that path to progress, WTTM created a [Facebook page](#) where they share stories expanding the understanding of the Civil Rights Movement and the people who were part of it. As we head into winter break, make time to follow WTTM on Facebook and peruse the curated articles covering historic actions, biographies of people who played essential but often unsung roles in the freedom movement and reflections on what it means to participate in the movement today.

## Announcements

**Employee Assistance Program: Substance Abuse Prevention**  
This holiday season is unlike any other we've experienced in recent history. We're navigating a global pandemic, changes in what is normal and additional stress, all of which can lead to feelings of emotional difficulty and isolation. The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is here to support you and your family this holiday season.

Contact the EAP if you're struggling to cope or need help managing your alcohol or substance use. Counselors are available 24/7 to offer free, confidential help. For assistance:

- call: 800-433-2320
- text: 503-850-7721
- email: [info@cascadecenters.com](mailto:info@cascadecenters.com)

For additional tips on how to reduce stress, stay sober and celebrate the holidays safely this year, [log onto the EAP Member Site](#).

## Campus and Community Health

### Contact Tracing and the Everbridge App

Contact tracing is one of the most important processes we have to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. When a member of the Whitman community is diagnosed with COVID-19, the Everbridge Contact Tracing app is one of the tools we use to identify anyone who may have been exposed. Every member of the Whitman community who has a smartphone should set up the app and leave it open so that the contact tracing technology can run in the background.

[iOS Instructions](#)

[Android Instructions](#)

[Everbridge FAQs](#)

## Happening Today and Tomorrow

TODAY

### Final Exams

Finals exams for Fall 2020 will take place through Dec. 5. See [the exam schedule](#) on the registrar's website.

TOMORROW

4 p.m.

### [The Meanings of The Mayflower at 400](#)

400 years ago this fall, a group of radical Christian separatists found England too intolerable and set sail upon the Speedwell for a life in Virginia. But the Speedwell almost sank, and they couldn't find Virginia in time—thus, New England was born and American history was irreversibly set on a new course. Professor of English Chris Leise will talk about who this band of misfit zealots were, what they did and did not do and how their memory is taken up throughout stages of US history.

[More Upcoming Events](#)

Have a virtual event you'd like to share with campus? Email the details to [whitmantoday@whitman.edu](mailto:whitmantoday@whitman.edu).

## Fall 2020 Whitman Magazine



Have you had a chance to read through the Fall issue of Whitman Magazine? If not, you can [read its stories of heroes, hope and community online now](#).

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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.

