



Whitman Today

Friday, February 26, 2021

They're In! Whitman Welcomes Admitted Students for the Class of 2025!



At 3 p.m. yesterday, the Office of Admission released decisions to thousands of potential new Whitties for the class of 2025! Despite all the challenges of recruiting in the era of COVID-19 we saw an increase in applications this year and were able to release decisions earlier than ever, hopefully giving us an advantage in the minds of these students.

Here are some fun facts by the numbers:

- There were 2,752 regular decision admitted students.
- As of 8 a.m. today, 80% of them had checked their admission decisions.
- Within 20 minutes of decisions being released online we received our first enrollment commitment, from a student in Spokane! That puts us at over 200 students who have committed to Whitman for next year (including Early Decision and students on a gap year).
- 14 students are already registered for our first virtual admitted student celebration on Saturday, March 6.

The Office of Admission can't wait for the rest of the Whitman community to meet our admitted students. There will be many opportunities for faculty, staff and students to connect virtually with the Class of 2025.

In-person events will look a lot different this year, but the Office of Admission is planning small admitted student events on Saturdays starting in mid-March. These events will involve small groups, outdoor/socially-distanced activities, and COVID-19 testing of visitors before and after they arrive on campus.

And of course, in early March each admitted student will get their welcome box with Whitman swag and more information.

Thanks to everyone on campus who helped recruit this class and who will continue to do so in the coming months!

Q: Who does the Daily Wellness Check notify if I answer that I have symptoms or have possibly been exposed to COVID-19?

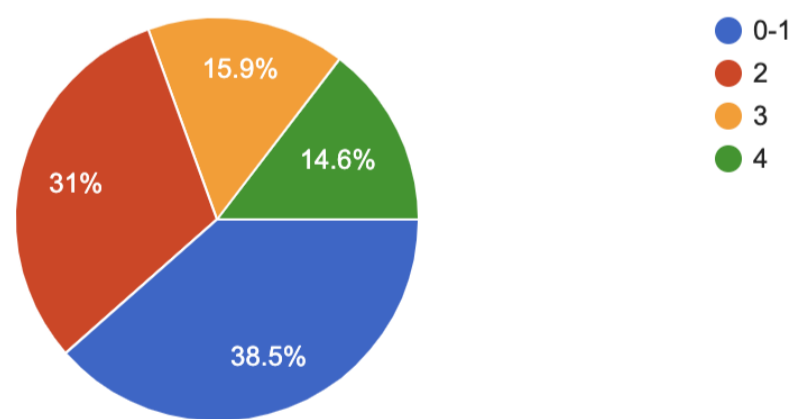
A: To this point, it has been a very small group of staff from Human Resources and the Welty Student Health Center. However, beginning on Monday, we are thankful to have a new Wellness Team of people from departments across the college who are taking on the additional work of doing the initial wellness check follow-up. Though not medical clinicians, these staff will phone, text or email to ask for a limited amount of necessary information that allows them to identify the appropriate next steps and provide referrals for anyone who may need to be tested or enter quarantine or isolation.

Announcements

SEC is Now Hiring Community Engagement Leadership

The SEC Community Engagement (CE) team is looking to hire students for three areas of CE leadership. [Executive CE Leaders](#) serve as members of the CE student leader team and work collaboratively to support all aspects of community engagement at Whitman. [CE Program Leaders](#) serve as the management for a specific CE program (Adopt-A-Grandparent, Artful Connections, Bilingual United, the Buddy Program, the Friends Mentor Program, StoryTime, Whitman Teaches the Movement, and a new food security focused program). And [CE Student Leader for Community Partnerships](#) support programming that is involved with nonprofit and community partnerships, including K-12 educational partnerships. All of these positions are open until at 11:59 p.m. on March 8. [Apply on Handshake](#). For questions, contact [Abby Juhasz](#) or [Susan Prudente](#).

Question of the Week: Answer Edition



This week, we asked how many times you have taken one of our random pooled surveillance tests over the past four weeks. We got 226 responses demonstrating that there is a wide variety in how many tests people have been assigned. Pooled surveillance testing remains an important tool in our campus COVID-19 safety protocols, so thank you to everyone who participates!

Happening This Weekend

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[Whitman Athletics Competitions](#)

Watch livestreams as Whitman's soccer, basketball, tennis, volleyball and baseball teams compete against Whitworth and Willamette this weekend.

[Whitman Events Calendar](#)

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

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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. 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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