



Whitman Today

Thursday, January 21, 2021

Important Reminders for the Semester

A message from President Kathy Murray.

Dear students,

Welcome, and welcome back. Like many of you, my heart is warmed by the many signs of activity on campus. Students have mostly all arrived in cars and planes, lights in the residence halls are glowing, packages are being retrieved from the campus post office and Cleveland is serving meals.

But there are some new, unfamiliar signs of activity. Cordiner is full of students, faculty and staff getting COVID tests. Masks are being worn. Students are quarantining. It is about these markers that I need to offer some reminders.

Whether you are living on or off campus, you are in week one of a two week campus-wide quarantine. This means some important things:

1. You must stay in your house or residence hall at all times, except for a few activities: getting food, packages and books; participating in outdoor individual exercise or supervised outdoor Quarientation activity, and COVID testing or attending to medical needs.
2. When you are in your home or residence hall, you must wear a mask and distance six feet from others at all times, except when you are in your room or the bathroom.
3. If you go to get food at Cleveland, remember to stay six feet apart at all times. We are working to make this easier to do, but we need your help.

Following these rules is the only way we are going to have a successful, safe semester. We're all in this together and relying on each other to keep everyone safe.

Announcements



Quarientation Tote Raffle Winners

If you live in a campus residence hall, the bag you received when you checked in contains two raffle tickets. Each day at selected orientation sessions we will draw tickets for fun prize packs. Read Whitman Today to see the winning tickets and attend sessions to increase your odds of winning!

Today's winners:
Green 1147271
Red 204727
Green 1147775
Red 204952
Green 1147339
Red 205105

Winners should [contact Juli Dunn](#) to claim their prize.

Quarientation Photo Contest

Show us a slice of your Whittie life during quarantine for a chance to win some Whitman swag. Creativity is welcome!

Send your submissions to photocontest@whitman.edu by Jan. 30 and include your name, class year and IG handle (optional). We'll be posting top submissions throughout the contest on the Whitman College Instagram so stay connected that way and follow the hashtags #wcphotocontest and #whittielife.

Visit the [Spring Orientation webpage](#) for more info on the contest rules.

Pick up Packages and Bookstore Orders at Reid

Make sure you have what you need for the first day of classes! [See the pickup schedule](#) for mail, packages and bookstore orders for today and tomorrow, based on the first letter of your last name.

Noteworthy

Zalloua Book Published

[Being Posthuman: Ontologies of the Future](#) is the latest book from Zahi Zalloua, professor of French and interdisciplinary studies. Published by Bloomsbury, Zalloua's work interrogates the narrative of humanity and shows that "post-" does not necessarily mean "after" or that what comes after is more advanced than what has gone before. He pursues this line of inquiry across four distinct, yet interrelated, figures: cyborgs, animals, objects, and racialized and excluded 'others'.

Pietrantonio Art Acquired by State Arts Commission

The Washington State Arts Commission has acquired *Sunset Strips*, an artwork by Associate Professor of Art Nicole Pietrantonio, for its permanent collection. Professor Pietrantonio's art will become part of the state's Art in Public Places Program.



Sunset Strips, inkjet on Japanese paper handbound into 11 accordion books, spraypaint, 36" x 52" x 4", 2016.

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

Happening Today

- 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. [COVID-19 Testing](#)
The second round of COVID-19 testing for Whitman employees and students.
- 10 a.m. [Finding a Campus Job](#)
The SEC will be hosting two on-campus job information sessions. There will be different campus employers at each session. Learn how to find jobs using Handshake and how to check your work eligibility at Whitman.
- 10 a.m. [Outdoor Program \(OP\) Slideshow and Q&A](#)
Get a virtual tour of what the OP has to offer every student, regardless of their previous outdoor experience. Learn about all of the programs offered by the OP and the funding sources that are available to help each student pay for them.
- 11 a.m. [All About Internships](#)
If you are considering internships, but don't know where to begin, join us to explore different platforms and resources to get your hunt started. Learn about the Whitman Internship Grant, which can help fund unpaid internships.
- 11 a.m. [For Us, By Us \(FUBU\) Meet & Greet](#)
A casual gathering for Whitman's Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) to meet and get to know each other. All BIPOC students, staff and faculty are invited.
- 11 a.m. [Painting & Wellness Sessions](#)
Join the Mental Health Awareness Club (MHAC) and the Associated Students of Whitman College (ASWC) Wellness Team as they introduce themselves, explain what their groups do and how students can get involved. After introductions, you'll have a fun paint-by-number activity.
- 1 p.m. ["Got Time?" With the Student Academic Advisors](#)
Canvas? Syllabi? Google calendar? Planners? Email? Academic evaluations? There are so many tools to organize. Your Student Academic Advisors will share the top strategies and tactics for using them. Learn how these tools can help you optimize your time here at Whitman and create a road map for your first week of classes.
- 1 p.m. [Chat with Whitties Who Love Walla Walla](#)
Connect with current students and learn how to get involved in community programs. Get to know Walla Walla and build meaningful relationships through these programs and many other volunteer opportunities.
- 1 p.m. [Outdoor Fun with the OP](#)
Join us outside and around campus! The Outdoor Program (OP) staff will help you find a hike to a nearby park, get you started with a GeoCache challenge or set you up for a game of disc golf. Meet in front of the library and dress warm.
- 3:30 p.m. [Open Mic](#)
Share a poem, song, story or another special talent of yours! [Sign up here](#) to perform.
- 3:30 p.m. [Understanding & Keeping Up With Your Student Account](#)
Learn how to read your Whitman Student Account statement, how financial aid is applied to costs like tuition and room and board and how to stay up to date on your account status throughout the semester.
- 7 p.m. [Film Screening of "The Other Walla"](#)
Explore the many aspects of your new home, Walla Walla, through a film screening, followed by a discussion with Whitman alum and writer/director, Ethan Graham '16. The short film, "The Other Walla," explores the journey of two local students on their path to college.
- 7 p.m. [Virtual Escape Room](#)
With a group of 5-10 students, you'll be tasked with finding clues to solve the mystery and escape from the "virtual" room!

[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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