



# Whitman Today

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## Life After Whitman: Steve Hammond '79



As museums around the country open, the Robert E. Lee Memorial at Arlington House in Washington, D.C., has undergone significant changes. Whitman Board of Trustees Emeritus Steve Hammond '79 is a member of the Charles Syphax family, whose ancestors were enslaved and then freed by Robert E. Lee. He and others have worked with Lee's descendants and the National Park Service to create new displays that tell a more inclusive history, including stories and information on people who were enslaved at Arlington House and were recently featured on "CBS This Morning."

[Watch video on CBS](#)

## Campus COVID-19 Update

Any employee who has not provided proof of being vaccinated against COVID-19 must take a coronavirus test every week in order to receive a campus access badge valid for seven days. This testing is offered at Welty Student Health Center on Tuesdays from 8:30–10 a.m. This week, 29 employees were tested and there were no positive tests.

Students in Walla Walla who wish to have summer access to campus must provide proof of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine and complete the request form in order to receive their access badge.

Current campus vaccination statistics:  
Employees: 85.5%  
Students (classes of 2022, 2023 and 2024): 74%  
Combined total: 77.7%

[COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting Form](#)

[Student Summer Access Request Form](#)

## Announcements

**EAP July Webinars: Respect at Work and Protecting Kids' Identities**  
Cascade Centers, Whitman's Employee Assistance Program (EAP), has two webinars coming up in the month of July:

### Respect at Work

Feeling respected in the workplace is of paramount importance. In this seminar, we will discuss how to make sure your workplace is respectful of all employees, troubleshoot how to spot and address impediments, and go over strategies for both managers and employees to earn and maintain the respect we all want and deserve.

*This seminar is available on-demand on the [EAP website](#).*

### Safeguarding Kids' Identity & Online Privacy

Today's youth generation is tech-savvy and connected online. However, parents still play an important role in helping them avoid online hazards such as identity theft, privacy and cyberbullying. This workshop covers important issues including online privacy tips, managing computer settings, smartphone apps, and positive online behavior.

*This seminar takes place at 10:30 a.m. on July 13 and 5:30 p.m. on July 22.*

[Register here](#)

### Fire Alarm Testing Tomorrow and Tuesday

The annual testing of Whitman's fire alarms is scheduled for Friday, July 2, and Tuesday, July 6. During testing, alarms will briefly sound several times. Please see the attached schedule for specific times and days. Every attempt will be made to stay on schedule, but delays often occur due to unforeseen problems found during inspection. Individuals with sensitivity to noise should contact their supervisors to arrange for accommodation on the day(s) their buildings are impacted. If you have an event that may be interrupted by the testing, please contact Fred Miller at [millerfl@whitman.edu](mailto:millerfl@whitman.edu) or 527-5966 for assistance.

### Escape Room Team-Building Exercise Next Wednesday

Student Activities is hosting an Escape Room from 3–4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7, for administrative and departmental offices that are looking for a summer team-building activity. The event will occur virtually, and participants will work in teams of 6–8 to solve a series of puzzles related to the theme National Parks. If you and/or your office are interested, contact Juli Dunn ([dunnjl@whitman.edu](mailto:dunnjl@whitman.edu)). Don't worry if you are new to campus and don't have a team to participate with, we will find you one!

### Contribute to New Student Welcome Bags

The Student Activities Office is packing welcome bags for every one one of our new students. If your office or department would like to include something in the bag, please contact Juli Dunn ([dunnjl@whitman.edu](mailto:dunnjl@whitman.edu)). Items must be received by the Student Activities Office no later than August 1.

## Upcoming Events

FRIDAY, JULY 2, and MONDAY, JULY 5

all day

### Campus Offices Closed

*Campus offices will be closed for the Independence Day holiday. Regular office hours will resume Tuesday, July 6.*

TUESDAY, JULY 6

8:30–10 a.m.

### Employee COVID-19 Testing

*Any employee who has not submitted proof of COVID-19 vaccination must be tested in order to receive the weekly campus access badge. Testing will take place at Welty Student Health Center.*

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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. By submitting to Whitman Today you also authorize use on Whitman's social media unless otherwise specified.

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