



Whitman Today

Thursday, July 15, 2021

Where the Sky's the Limit



Liam Dubai '21 chose Whitman to pursue two unrelated passions: music and astronomy. See how he beautifully composed his own unique Whitman experience, exploring music throughout his four years and studying astronomy, his professional aspiration, majoring and graduating with honors in both. A duet of sorts, like the video duet he filmed of himself on the cello during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 week, 25 employees were tested and there were no positive tests.

Current campus vaccination statistics:
Employees: 86%
Returning Students (classes of 2022, 2023 and 2024): 79%
Combined total: 81%

Additionally, anyone not fully vaccinated must still wear a face mask in all indoor spaces and maintain 3 ft. physical distancing while on campus. A person is fully vaccinated when it has been at least two weeks since receiving the final required vaccine dose.

[COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting Form](#)

Announcements

On the Blog: Whitman Internship Grant Summer Experiences

Visit the [Student Engagement Center Blog](#) to read about student's summer experiences funded by the Whitman Internship Grant. From [Biofilm engineering](#) to [translating children's books into Spanish](#), Whitties are learning, thriving and exploring during their summer internships near and far. This year, nearly half of all WIG summer experiences are based in the Walla Walla Valley. More stories are published every month so check back for future additions.

Noteworthy

Blues Land 95 Selections On NWC All-Academic Team

More than 80 Whitman College student-athletes, representing each of the college's 17 sports, have been named to the [2020-21 Northwest Conference \(NWC\) All-Academic Team](#). For the purposes of this year's all-academic team for Whitman, distance track was included in the cross country selections, bringing the final count to 95 selections.

A record total of 1,643 NWC student-athletes were recognized for their performance in the classroom and on the field of play. To be eligible, a student-athlete must achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or higher at the end of the academic year, and must have participated throughout the entire varsity season.

Lewellyn Schlegel Interviews RHV Presenter Chavez

In an [article published by The Rumpus](#), Associate Professor of English Kisha Lewellyn Schlegel interviewed Felicia Rose Chavez, who virtually visited Whitman last fall to deliver a workshop on anti-racist writing as part of the Race, Violence and Health academic theme. Their conversation, held over a shared .doc while still in the middle of a pandemic, discusses the challenges and joys of implementing anti-racist practices.

Janning Cited in Article on Bedroom Privacy

Professor of Sociology Michelle Janning and her research on students' study locations during the COVID-19 pandemic was featured in [The myth of bedroom privacy](#) on Vox. In a time when work, school and home became more intertwined than normal, the bedroom became a focal point as a newly "public" area.

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

Upcoming Events

TODAY

9 a.m.

[FAO Schwarz Fellowship in Social Impact Info Session](#)

The FAO Schwarz Fellowship is a paid, two-year placement program with leading nonprofit organizations. In this info session, hear directly from current FAO Schwarz Fellows, alumni Fellows and Executive Director Priscilla Cohen about how participants use this experience to launch a career in social impact and ask questions about direct service and strategic projects.

FRIDAY, JULY 16

9 a.m.

[How to Use Handshake Student Workshop](#)

Are you new to Handshake? Do you want to know how to use it to find jobs, internships and other opportunities? This quick info session will cover job searches, Handshake events and how you can utilize this platform to build for your future.

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

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