



Whitman Today

Friday, March 19, 2021

Admitted Students Saturdays



A group of admitted students participate in a mini class with Professor of Psychology Melissa Clearfield during last Saturday's event.

Last Saturday, Whitman held the first Admitted Students Saturday of the spring season. Many current students highlight visiting campus as a wonderful and defining moment in their college decisions process, and we are glad to be able to make this possible for the next class of students.

This spring's visits have been carefully crafted following social distancing protocols to keep both our campus community and our visitors safe.

- A limited number of admitted students are able to visit each Saturday, bringing one guest each.
- Participants take rapid antigen COVID tests upon arrival and will only be able to proceed if they have a negative test result.
- Students and their guests are organized into small cohorts with whom they participate in a primarily outdoor program, including a student-led campus tour, hearing from an RA about the different residence halls, eating at Cleveland Commons and participating in a Whitman experience led by a faculty, staff or student.

Admitted Students Saturdays will take place through May 15, so if you see these potential Whitties around campus give them a big welcome wave!

Q: Why are there white tents on Ankeny and by Cleveland?

A: These tents have been put up primarily to provide outdoor classroom space. There is not a scheduling or reservation process, but priority for tent use is given to faculty for holding classes. Others may use a tent if it is unoccupied. As with all campus public spaces, masks must be worn and six feet of distance must be maintained between all occupants.

Announcements



Welcome Home, Candy!

As reported in the March 11 issue of Whitman Today, Candy the corn snake was at the Washington State University animal hospital for treatment of an infected portion of her tail. We are pleased to report that following a successful surgery, Candy returned to Whitman on Wednesday and is happily continuing her recovery at home in the Hall of Science.

Question of the Week: Answer Edition

This week, we asked for [your advice for high school and college seniors](#) making choices about their next steps. Here's one bit of wisdom that applies no matter what stage of life you're in:

Manage your expectations. Life has this super-awesome habit of not going the way we plan, so give yourself some grace. Your life goals will change over time, so don't be too hard on yourself if things don't go the way you hoped ... if you don't get those straight A's, if you aren't chosen for that dream internship/job, if you find you're not as happy with your major as you thought you would be.

Happening This Weekend

TODAY

3 p.m.

[PRISM Elections and Membership Meeting](#)

Whitman's PRISM Affinity Group is a space for and by LGBTQIA+ students seeking an affirming and understanding environment. If you are a student who identifies as LGBTQIA+ and are looking for community and an organization to join, you're invited.

SATURDAY

noon

[Biking and Meditation](#)

Bike to a local park and spend some time learning about mindfulness. Beginning biking skills needed. Pre-registration required; free through student BCOF funds.

2 p.m.

[Journaling and Reflection](#)

Join the Mental Health Awareness Club (MHAC) in front of the Community Service Interest House to take some time out of the day for journaling and reflection!

4:30 p.m.

[Pre-PT/OT Club Meeting](#)

Meet other students interested in PT/OT and discuss a handful of PT/OT-themed articles in a beautiful outdoor setting.

SUNDAY

1 p.m.

[Beginning Mountain Biking](#)

Learn the basics of mountain biking on a casual ride up the Mill Creek Trail to ride at Bennington Lake. No previous experience necessary; mountain bike, helmet, and rental clothing included. Pre-registration is required; free through student BCOF funds.

1 p.m.

[Geocaching](#)

Use your puzzle-solving skills to complete the Geocaching course linking landmarks around campus. Pre-registration is required; free through student BCOF funds.

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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