



Whitman Today

Monday, March 22, 2021

Hope and Vigilance



What are you looking forward to these days? President Kathy Murray ruminates on commencement, nice weather and maintaining the careful balance necessary to remain hopeful and vigilant as we move through the spring.

Q: If there are unclaimed appointments at a Walla Walla County vaccine clinic, can I walk-in to get a vaccine?

A: No! Walla Walla County is working very diligently to follow the state's process for vaccine distribution, which includes vaccinating only people who are eligible in the current phases and who have registered appointments. If the county does not follow the state process, it may result in lowered vaccine allocations sent to the county, which will make it more difficult to get everyone vaccinated.

Do not show up at a vaccine clinic unless you have verified your eligibility through the [Phase Finder tool](#) and scheduled an appointment ahead of time.

If you receive a communication claiming that anyone can walk-in to a clinic due to unclaimed appointments, please call the Walla Walla County COVID Helpline (509-524-2647) or contact covidtesting@whitman.edu to verify if it is true before you share it with anyone.

Announcements

Campus Closed and No Classes Tomorrow

Tomorrow, March 23 there are no classes and campus offices, including Penrose Library, will be closed. Additionally, there will not be an issue of Whitman Today published. Submissions for the Wednesday, March 24 edition of Whitman Today should be sent by noon today.

COVID-19 Surveillance Testing Today and Tomorrow

Our weekly COVID-19 pooled surveillance testing is happening today and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cordiner Hall. If you are assigned to be tested this week and will not be on campus tomorrow due to the day off, please go and get tested today. We will not have any other surveillance testing available this week.

Now Hiring Campus Tour Guides

Applications are now open for the position of tour guide in the Office of Admission. Students from all areas of campus are encouraged to [apply via Handshake](#). For more information about the position, please contact ateammanager@whitman.edu.

Pan Asian Club Raising Awareness and Funds

COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on all communities, especially Asian Americans who have been hit particularly hard as the pandemic has led to viruses of hate, racism and violence.

Over 3,000 incidents of Asians being harassed, spit on and stabbed were reported nationwide last year. Attacks on the Asian community have risen by 1,900 percent. Read more about the rise in anti-Asian hate crimes below:

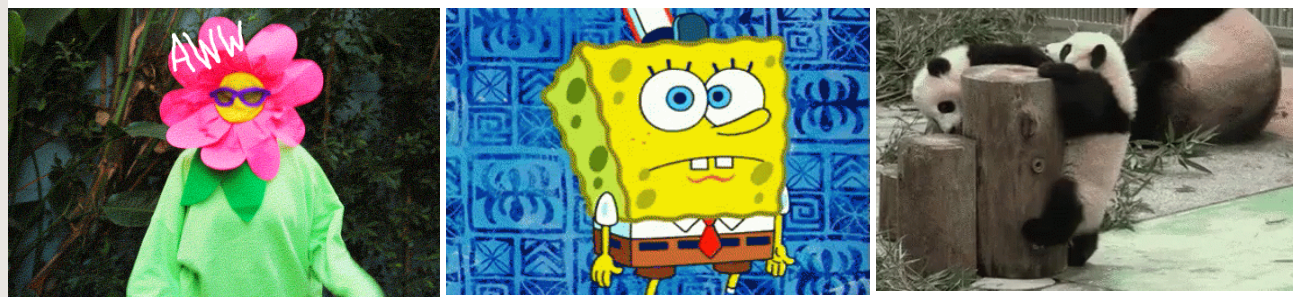
- ['Nobody came, nobody helped': Fears of anti-Asian violence rattle the community](#)
- [Attacks on Asian-Americans in New York Stoke Fear, Anxiety and Anger](#)

Along with raising awareness, Whitman's Pan Asian Club (PAC) will be raising funds to donate to two organizations: [The Asian Pacific Fund](#), which is centered in the Bay Area, and [Asian Americans for Equality](#), based in New York City.

The fundraiser will end on March 27. Visit [PAC's social media](#) for more information.

Question of the Week

We're midway through the semester, and this week we want to know: What's your current mood?



Happening This Week

MONDAY

9 a.m.–2 p.m. **COVID-19 Testing**
COVID-19 testing at Cordiner Hall for those in this week's random sample surveillance testing.

TUESDAY

all day **Spring Break Day**
No classes and campus offices will be closed.

9 a.m.–2 p.m. **COVID-19 Testing**
COVID-19 testing at Cordiner Hall for those in this week's random sample surveillance testing.

1 p.m. **Yoga & Birding**
Take a walk to Pioneer Park to do some guided yoga and take a look at some of the interesting bird species in the Aviary. Pre-registration is required, free through student BCOF funds.

WEDNESDAY

Noon **Off-Campus Studies First Step Meeting**
Important information for second-year students interested in off-campus studies, covering options and next steps.

4:30 p.m. **Craft Your Future: Interview Prep With the Experts**
Join Victoria Wolff, Cara Setchell, Jack Buettner, Andrew Johnson '09, and Al-Rahim Merali '13 to learn how to practice the skills that will improve confidence and performance in any professional interview in this interactive workshop.

THURSDAY

4 p.m. **Craft Your Future: Excel Formulas and Functions**
Join Rich Hinz from WCTS for the second of three workshops on the most common spreadsheet platform, Microsoft Excel. Take your knowledge a step further by learning on to build functions and formulas into your spreadsheet to easily build simple and complex calculations.

FRIDAY

1 p.m. **Relational Leadership Model Workshop**
Come Learn about the Relational Leadership Model, which is dedicated to a group's positive social development and advancement. Each of five components can be explored through the Knowing-Being-Doing framework.

5:30 p.m. **Reel Rock 15**
Reel Rock 15 is a climbing-centric film festival free to all Whitman students. This year's films feature Lonnie Kauk, as he connects with his indigenous roots and his father through repeating his iconic climbs; Melissa Le Nevé, on her seven-year journey to climb Action Directe, the most revered sport route on earth; Hazley Findlay and Maddy Cope, on their search for new trad routes in Mongolia; and climbers from the Memphis Rox gym, as they travel to Montana to learn to ice climb.

[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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