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## What's Next for the FSR



As President Kathy Murray noted in the [Financial Sustainability Review \(FSR\) update](#) yesterday, the FSR working groups have provided their final reports in consideration of all the community feedback. President Murray and the Cabinet will now spend two weeks reviewing all three reports and then provide them, along with their recommendations, to the Board of Trustees. The board will be the final decision-makers in this process. Their final decisions will happen later this month in order to inform preparations for the annual budget, which must be approved in May.

## Surveillance Testing Protocol

During campus surveillance testing this week there were a small number of tests (fewer than 10 that we know of) that were mislabeled, likely because of test subjects with similar names. This resulted in some participants having their access to campus revoked for not showing up when they were, in fact, tested. When we learned of this mistake, we immediately granted campus access back to those affected. In response, we are tightening up our protocols to ensure that every ID is checked and every individual is asked to confirm that their ID matches the name pulled up on the computer. Moving forward, the testing check-out person will ask you to confirm that your name is correct on the computer screen before your sample is scanned every time you are tested, and even if they already know who you are. This will help us avoid misidentified test samples in the future.

## Announcements

### Introducing Next Steps 2021: Senior Programming

The transition from college to post-college is one of the most transformative experiences. As a class graduating in the midst of this pandemic, the Student Engagement Center (SEC) is committed to supporting you. They are partnering with other departments and off-campus organizations to create specialized programming driven to strengthen your preparedness for leaving Whitman. The SEC will be offering and coordinating senior-focused programming, [NEXT STEPS 2021](#), that will last into early summer.

March will focus on reflection and creating space for mental preparation with workshops led by the Counseling Center, webinars from alumni who also graduated in difficult economic times and discussions on how to best incorporate your college accomplishments into your job search.

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### Register for “Signing While Black” Documentary Screening

Members of the Whitman community are invited to screen the documentary film “Signing Black in America” with associate producers [Ceil Lucas '73](#), [Carolyn McCaskill](#), [Joseph Hill](#) and video producer [Danica Cullinan](#). “Signing Black in America” is the first documentary to highlight the development of Black American Sign Language. Based on extensive interviews with Black signers, linguistic

experts, interpreters, natural conversations and artistic performances by Black ASL users, it documents the development and description of this unique variety of ASL. [Register online](#) by March 8.

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### Now Hiring: Senior Admission Interns

Calling all juniors! Have you ever wanted to learn more about how Whitman's admission process actually works? Conduct interviews with prospective students or even read their applications? The Office of Admission is hiring for the Senior Admission Intern position for the 2021–2022 academic year. Interns get an in-depth look at the inner workings of Whitman's recruitment cycle, while carrying out interviews, participating in presentations, reading applications, utilizing our recruitment technology, and coordinating events.

Interested students are encouraged to attend an informational session at [noon on Friday, March 5](#), or at [4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10](#). If you are unable to attend either of these sessions, please reach out to Intern Manager Jack Buettner ([buettjnr@whitman.edu](mailto:buettjnr@whitman.edu)). More information is available on [Handshake](#).

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## Noteworthy



### Whitman Receives Award for Campus Trees

Whitman has again earned Tree Campus Higher Education® recognition from the Arbor Day Foundation. The Tree Campus Higher Education program honors colleges and universities for effective campus forest management and for engaging staff and students in conservation goals. Whitman achieved this status by meeting Tree Campus Higher Education's five standards, which include maintaining a tree



advisory committee, a campus tree-care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, an Arbor Day observance and student service-learning project. Whitman has received this award every year since 2017.

## Nakamura Earns NWC Weekly Honors

On the heels of a solid opening weekend, Whitman infielder Kevin Nakamura has been named this year's first Northwest Conference Baseball Student-Athlete of the Week. Nakamura had a quality weekend which saw the Blues (2–2) earn a four-game split at Willamette. He batted .500 (7–14) for the weekend which included a three-run home run in game three of the series. He had two multi-hit performances including a three-hit performance in game two.

Submit News of a Person or Professional Achievement

## Happening Today

- 4 p.m. **Tableau Virtual Career Trek**  
*As part of the online career series from Whitman College and Mountain Pacific Association of Colleges & Employers, hear from current Tableau Software employees about company culture, career paths, internship and job opportunities and how to apply.*
- 5 p.m. **The Visiting Writers Reading Series with Dujie Tahat**  
*A Zoom event with Whitman alum and poet Dujie Tahat, a Filipino-Jordanian immigrant living in Washington state.*
- 6 p.m. **DISCO Affinity Group Meeting**  
*Come and join the conversation, share your experiences, or just enjoy the company of fellow students with disabilities! This event is exclusively for students with disabilities.*
- 7 p.m. **Do You Think About Me, Too?**  
*A Senior Project world premiere and a Paranormal Zoom Production developed by Oriana Golden, Eva Sullivan, Emily Krause and Christopher Petit. Performances will also take place at 7 p.m. on March 5 and 6 and at 2 p.m. on March 7.*

**Whitman Events Calendar**

Have a virtual event you'd like to share with campus? Email the details to [whitmantoday@whitman.edu](mailto: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,

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