

Whitman Today

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

Join: Adopt-a-Family Program



Each year, Whitman's Adopt-A-Family program supports local families living at or below the poverty level. The families this year have been identified by <u>Blue Mountain Heart to Heart</u> (BMH2H).

We are ready to match these families with groups in the Whitman community who wish to make the holiday season a little warmer and brighter for them. So, get a group of people from your residence, office, department, club, Greek group, sports team, etc. to commit to supporting a family.

You can support a family in five easy steps:

1. Collect money and determine what size family you are able to support. We have families that range in size from 1-7 people.

2. Contact Abby Juhasz (juhasza@whitman.edu) by Thursday, Dec. 3 to be matched with a family and receive your family's information sheet and wish lists.

- 3. Go shopping (in person or online).
- 4. Wrap and label the gifts.

5. Deliver (or ship / mail) wrapped and labeled gifts to the BMH2H office. Drop off of gifts will begin Monday, Nov. 30 and continue until the final drop-off date, Monday, Dec. 7 at 5p.m.

Helpful Hints:

- Budget \$40 per family member. To decide what size family your group can support, plan on \$15 per family member for a food certificate and roughly \$25 dollars per family member for gifts (for example, you should budget \$200 for a family of 5).
- This is a unique year for this program due to COVID-19. Shopping inperson may be more difficult or undesirable, and many of you may not be in Walla Walla. Amazon has Safeway and Albertsons grocery store gift certificates and the ability to wrap and ship your donated gifts directly to BMH2H. Please just make sure everything is clearly labeled for each family member with a gift message and that all gifts for a family are grouped together in one shipment.

This year's Adopt-a-Family program is planned and supported by Devon Player '23, the events and reflections community engagement program leader in the Student Engagement Center, and Abby Juhasz, SEC staff. Please do not hesitate to contact them if you have further questions. Thank you in advance for lending your support to the families of Walla Walla!

Announcements

Fellowship and Grants Joining SEC

The Office of Fellowships and Grants has joined the Student Engagement Center. Integrating the expertise, resources and opportunities available through the two offices will be an effective way to open up more options for students as they move through their years at Whitman and build a future after graduation. Over the next few weeks they'll begin to share information about fellowships and grants through some of the SEC communications channels, including Handshake and social media.

Baker Center Parking Closed Tomorrow

The Baker Center parking area will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 25 while tree maintenance is performed. Please do not park in that parking lot.

Preserving Stories of the Pandemic

As this unusual semester winds down, please remember that the Archives is collecting digital materials that document the experiences of the Whitman and Walla Walla Communities during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Our work is divided into two projects: the <u>Whitman College Coronavirus Stories Project</u> and the <u>Walla Walla Coronavirus Stories Project</u>. Submissions have included photographs, short audio or video recordings, interviews, creative works, diaries and more. You can also write short reflections to a few short prompts using our submission forms. Please also consider sharing the Walla Walla project with other friends, relatives, or Walla Walla community members.

How to Participate:

- Submit digital files to the Whitman Coronavirus Stories Project.
- <u>Fill out the quick response form</u> for the Whitman Coronavirus Stories Project. You can submit as much or as little as you would like to five brief prompts.
- <u>Contribute to the Walla Walla Coronavirus Stories Project</u>. You will have the option to upload files OR fill out a quick response form.
- El formulario de envío para el proyecto de "Walla Walla Coronavirus Stories" también está disponible en español.

Black Friday Bookstore Sale

Look no further than the Whitman College Bookstore to fill your upcoming holiday gift needs. Head to the online store from Nov. 25-30 for 30% off all the things! (Except textbooks, which are not very good presents, and Hydroflasks, which are 25% off.)



Shop safely online and the bookstore will deliver orders via the post office.

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Happening Today and Tomorrow

TODAY	
5 p.m.	Whitman Internship Grant Information Session Jen Lopez, WIG Program Coordinator, will cover key programming requirements, provide a timeline for applications, share tips and reveal the new application deadline.
TOMORROW	<u>Thanksgiving Break</u> Thanksgiving Break will take place November 25-27, 2020.
	More Upcoming Events

Have a virtual event you'd like to share with campus? Email the details to whitmantoday@whitman.edu.





Whitman Assistant Coach Treinen Wins World Series Whitman Baseball Assistant Coach Blake Treinen and the Los Angeles Dodgers won the 2020 Major League Baseball World Series this October. Treinen, who calls Walla Walla his home in the offseason and has been a member of the Blues coaching staff for the past six seasons, recorded two strikeouts in a scoreless ninth inning to preserve the game five win for the Dodgers. The save for the all-pro set Los Angeles up for the World Series clinching win two days later to edge the Tampa Bay Rays in six games.

Submit News of a Personal or Professional Accomplishment

"Whitman Today" is produced by the Office of Communications and is emailed Monday-Friday to Whitman College staff, faculty and students. All times are listed in Pacific Daylight Time.

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 <u>whitmantoday@whitman.edu</u>. 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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