



Whitman Today

Thursday, October 1, 2020

What We Do: Enterprise Technology



The Enterprise Technology group of Technology Services supports Colleague (the system used for payroll, student accounts, accounts payable, and financial aid), myWhitman, and a number of identity systems and integrations used throughout Whitman's technology. They keep systems running and communicating with each other, and work with various parts of the campus to help find the best technology to suit the work they need to do.

In non-pandemic times, they would go out for a celebratory breakfast after the semester was underway to recognize all the work they do behind the scenes to get the semester started (see photo above). They're still looking for a remote replacement for this, but to compensate for the general lack of in person connection, they set up a standing virtual "water cooler" that anyone can join to check in with their teammates about family and pets, favorite recipes, music and movies, and (of course) technology.

Team meetings are often full of tons of film, TV and music references woven throughout the conversation, followed by a fair amount of time spent explaining those references to the rest of this multi-generational team.

Announcements

Fundraiser for Black Women in Latin America

Join [Club LatinX](#), [Whitman African Student Association](#), [Black Student Union](#) and [Women of Color Voices](#) in fundraising for [Vida Afro Latina](#) to provide resources for Black women affected by COVID-19 in Latin America. Please donate between now and Oct. 5 to @latinxwhitman on Venmo. Follow [Club LatinX on Instagram](#) to receive updates on this and other upcoming events!

Open Climbing at the Whitman Climbing Center

The Climbing Center will be open to in-town Whitman students for two one-hour climbing sessions per day during the fall semester. Hours: Monday-Thursday 6-8:15 p.m. and Friday-Sunday 2-4:15 p.m. Any student wishing to access the climbing center must first complete [this application](#) and wait to receive a notice of approval before being granted access to the reservation system to enter the facility. Students granted access will follow all campus health and safety procedures, including wearing a face covering, maintaining social distance and completing the Daily Wellness Check prior to entering the Climbing Center.

Time to Make a Plan

How will you vote?

When we take the time to plan not just what, but how we will do something, we are more likely to follow through on our commitments.

Voting is no different.

Click the image on the right to find [three great resources](#) for planning your vote, learning about the election laws in your state and seeing great artwork encouraging voter turnout.



Noteworthy

Pogue Petition for American Viticultural Area Approved

Kevin Pogue, professor of geology, [wrote a successful petition](#) resulting in the approval of Candy Mountain as Washington state's newest American Viticultural Area.

Library Inspires National Digitization Efforts

Penrose Library is delighted to announce that one of their collections was the impetus for a national digitization effort. Ben Murphy, archivist and head of digital services, and Roger Stelk, head of collection management, brought the collection of newspapers from the Washington State Penitentiary to the attention of the [Reveal Digital Project](#). Reveal Digital is a library crowd-publishing model whereby libraries pool funds from their acquisitions budgets to develop open access curated primary source collections, especially those that document diverse points of view, marginalized individuals, and voices of dissent. When completed, American Prison Newspapers, 1800-2019: Voices from the Inside, will include newspapers from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The collection will become open access upon completion of Reveal Digital's fundraising goal for digitization cost recovery of approximately \$561,000. The Whitman community will have early access because of our financial and content contributions.

Jackson Featured on Current Affairs Podcast

Jack Jackson, professor of politics, recently joined Vanessa Bee and Oren Nimni of the [Current Affairs legal series podcast](#). They discussed the legacy of Bush v. Gore, Guantanamo, whether what's happening in Portland is 'colonialism brought home', and more.

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Happening This Week

TODAY & TOMORROW

all day

[October Break](#)

There will be no classes Thursday and Friday this week. Whitman offices will be open and staff will be working regular business hours.

SATURDAY, OCT. 3

5 p.m.

[The Virtual Moment Work Intensive](#)

In this two-weekend intensive, guest artist Gleason Bauer will lead Whitman students through the philosophy and methodology of Moment Work. Using "Concord Floral," the play by Jordan Tannahill, participants will explore how this script and any narrative presentation might be explored and enhanced by Virtual Moment Work.

[More Upcoming Events](#)

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

Coronavirus in Walla Walla



In the month of September, Walla Walla County confirmed 161 total cases of COVID-19. Currently there are 68 residents isolating at home and one in the hospital.

There were no new cases of COVID-19 reported in the Whitman community over the past week.

In this [Sept. 28 video update](#), Walla Walla City Manager Nabel Shawa shared recent COVID-19 numbers and discussed how essential it is to continue to take the steps necessary to preserve the health of yourself and others so our students can return to school and our businesses can stay open. Additionally, the city has more than 200 yard signs promoting mask-wearing that they want to give away! If you would like one of these signs to put in your yard, please call the city manager's office at 509-527-4522.

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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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