



# Whitman Today

Monday, October 12, 2020

## Indigenous People's Day Town Hall



The Indigenous People's Education and Culture Club (IPECC) and Pacific Islander's Club (PIC) invite you to the Indigenous People's Day town hall happening today at 5 p.m. on [Zoom](#).

We will briefly talk about the history of Indigenous People's Day (formerly Columbus Day), which will lead to the facilitation of discussions on the importance of recognizing Indigenous People's Day and future actions that we can take to acknowledge Indigenous Peoples both at and beyond Whitman College. We strongly encourage faculty, staff and students to take time to reflect on what Indigenous People's Day means to them, whether it be in classes, in the office, outside and/or at home.

It is important to remember that although we are the ones facilitating the space for these discussions, we do not speak for all Indigenous peoples, only from our own perspectives, nor do we consider ourselves authorities on these issues. Our goal with this event is to hold a space for these conversations on a day that is steeped in controversial significance.

Kindest regards,  
The IPECC and PIC leaders

## Announcements

**A Special Indigenous People's Day 'Continuing the Conversation'**  
Continuing the Conversation (CTC) is a discussion series open to everyone at Whitman – students, faculty and staff – where we take up issues of justice, identity, equity and inclusion in our community. Join us today at noon on [Zoom](#) for a special CTC in honor of Indigenous People's Day. A student panel organized by this year's Power and Privilege leadership team will facilitate this important conversation.

### The United Way Seeks Our Support

The United Way of the Blue Mountains seeks our support again this year to help members of our community. Learn what the United Way of the Blue Mountains is doing in our region this year and how you can help by viewing this [brief virtual presentation](#). The United Way makes it easy to make a [single donation online](#), or you can even do a [multiple pay period payroll deduction](#). If you elect to donate via payroll deduction and would like your contribution to begin for this month, please submit it by Oct. 15. Contact Human Resources at [hr@whitman.edu](mailto:hr@whitman.edu) with questions.

## Coping with Coronavirus



Halloween this year doesn't have to be cancelled by coronavirus, but it does have to be different. Even without trick-or-treating in the dorms, haunted houses or moonlit midnight parties, there are plenty of opportunities to show off your costume creativity and build a candy stash that will last until 2021. Check out these ideas (candy cannon! creepy Zoom backgrounds!) for a safe and healthy Halloween from [USA Today](#), [Delish](#) and [RetailMeNot](#).

## Question of the Week

This week, we want to know: have you decided who will get your vote for U.S. president?

Yes	No	I'm not eligible to vote in the U.S.
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## Happening Today

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4 p.m.

#### [Slow Violence and Our Political Moment](#)

*When media interest, public policy and electoral campaigns are shaped around perceived immediate need, how can we convert into image and narrative those disasters that are slow-moving and long in the making? Rob Nixon will discuss slow violence in relation to the most urgent issues of our time, including climate breakdown, Black Lives Matter, COVID-19, and the future of fracking.*

5 p.m.

#### [Craft Your Future: A Professional Development Series Presents: Honing your presentation skills with Juli Dunn](#)

*Create engaging, informative, presentations (virtually and in person) with tips and tricks taught by Senior Associate Dean of Students Juli Dunn. This workshop is about figuring out which technology/medium will be most appropriate for the type of presentation, presentation styles & platforms, and public speaking.*

### More Upcoming Events

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

## Getting to Know...

ELI BAEZ '21 (she/her)

Major: English

**Extracurricular activities:** True to English major form, I like to read and write creatively in my ever-dwindling spare time. Less true to form, I also try to sneak in time to draw. Video games are also cool. But above all, I love music! It's top on my bucket list to one day hit the Spotify playlist song limit.

**Why are you part of the Anime Club?**  
Since I was wee youngin, I loved anime. Although I knew a handful of other people who liked it, too, I'd never really shared my interests with them directly. So, it was great to find a club at Whitman where I could share some of my favorite anime with others, discover new titles and make new friends with similar interests!



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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](mailto: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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