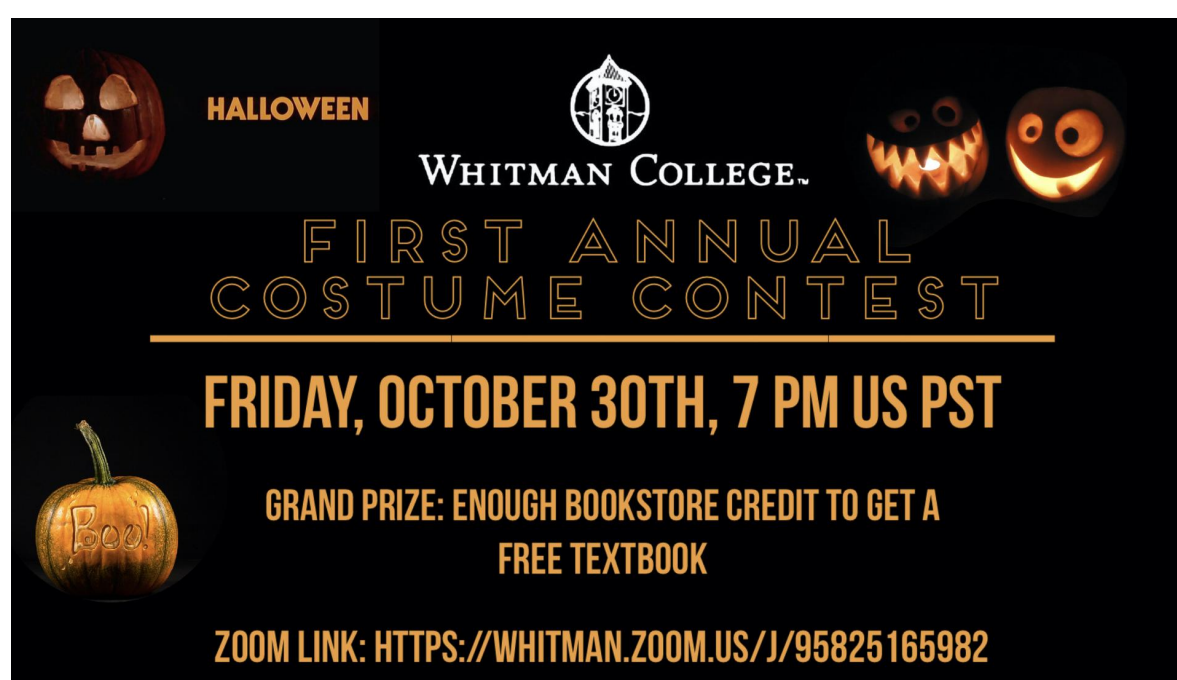




Whitman Today

Monday, October 19, 2020

Halloween Costume Contest



Halloween this year doesn't have to be cancelled because of coronavirus, but it does have to be different. Community health guidelines continue to limit social gatherings to five people or less, so while there won't be haunted houses or in-person parties, you can start planning now for your participation in the first ever Whitman College Costume Contest!

The Whitman Events Board invites students, staff and faculty to join the party on Zoom from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30 and show off their best costumes in these categories:

- Fiction
- Non-fiction
- Group or pair

(And while you're putting together a fabulous costume, don't forget to find an appropriately coordinated [Halloween-themed Zoom background](#).)

Announcements

Student Voting Ballots Arriving at Whitman

Many students have their absentee or mail-in ballots sent to them at Whitman, and these will begin arriving shortly. Any student whose ballot arrives at the campus post office will receive an email from post office staff. If you are in Walla Walla you may arrange to pick up your ballot. Students not in Walla Walla can provide a forwarding address to which the ballot will be mailed.

Today: Deadline to Apply for Spring Living & Learning Pods

As President Kathy Murray noted in her [Oct. 9 email](#) about the spring semester, we continue to plan to bring everyone back on campus this spring for in-person hybrid learning that would consist of both in-person and online classes. If national and local conditions mean it is unsafe to bring all students back to campus, Whitman will welcome a limited number of first and second year students in-person to be part of Living & Learning Pods for the Spring 2021 semester. Students eligible to apply for a pod received an [email on Wednesday, Oct. 14](#) with information and a link to the pod request form, which must be completed by 11:59 p.m. tonight.

Quarterlife Receiving Submissions for Next Issue: SUNROOM

A sunroom brings to mind the sunshine, coziness, tea parties, and cuddly kittens. Quarterlife literary magazine tries to capture this general essence in their next issue! Submission deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 28. Send any creative writing, art and even audio/multimedia art pieces [by email](#) or to [their website](#)! Everyone is encouraged to submit their unwavering creativity, and all pieces reviewed anonymously.

Question of the Week

This week we want to know: For the eligible voters in our community, will you be voting in-person or by mail/drop-off ballot this year?



In-person



By Mail

Happening This Week

TUESDAY, OCT. 21

11 a.m. [Virtual Career Fair](#)
This career fair offers group presentations and one-on-one time with employers! Build your own schedule and attend for as long as you are able. Go to the [Virtual Career Fair website](#) to register, view the wide range of industries represented and claim your spot with employers!

4 p.m. [Anti-Racist Writing Workshop with Felicia Rose Chavez](#)
Faculty and staff workshop to learn anti-racist practices that can be used in writing classrooms and creative spaces across disciplines; participants will also have an opportunity to workshop their own writing.

FRIDAY, OCT. 23

9 a.m. [Crook County: Racism and Injustice in America's Largest Criminal Courts](#)
Presentation by Nicole Gonzalez Van Cleve, Ph.D., a writer, sociologist and legal scholar whose research examines how the criminal justice system reproduces racism despite due process protections.

[More Upcoming Events](#)

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

Getting to Know...

SILE SURMAN '23 (she/her)

Major: Undecided, but likely Psychology

Extracurricular activities: [Pre-PT/OT Club](#), [Adopt-A-Grandparent](#), [Mental Health Awareness Club \(MHAC\)](#), [Whitman Wire](#), [KnitWhits](#)

What is something new you've done during the coronavirus pandemic?
Painting, though I'm awful at it. It's a wonderful form of stress relief.

What is your favorite aspect of the Whitman community? I've found the Whitman community to be supportive and caring. People here are passionate and want to connect, and I love being a part of that.



Why are you part of the Pre-PT/OT club? Currently, I'm considering going to graduate school for Occupational Therapy. I love how OT has broad applications in a variety of settings and it helps people exercise independence in their daily lives. I hope to help students interested in the therapy field connect and learn more (and I'll be learning along the way!)

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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.



