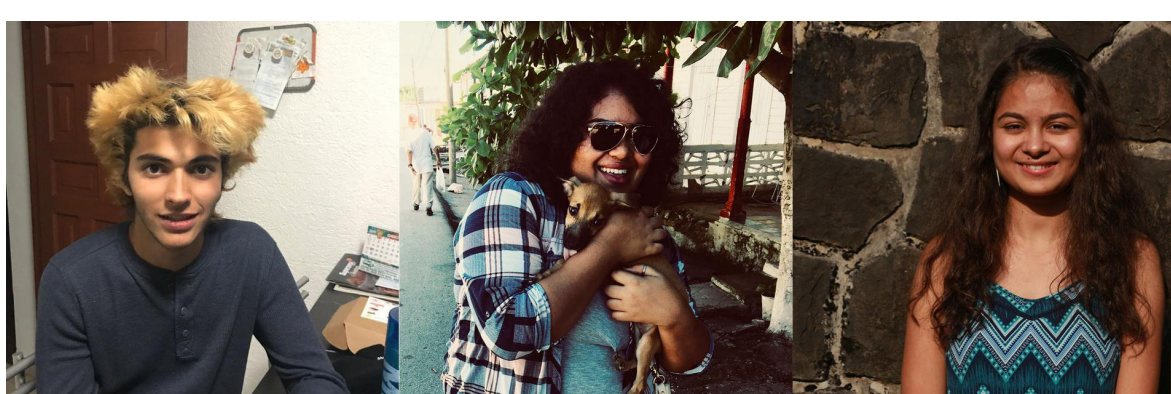




Whitman Today

Friday, October 23, 2020

Whitties in America's Best College Poet Competition



In September, WEB facilitated the first round of the America's Best College Poet (ABCP) competition. This event highlighted student talent and created an opportunity for students to compete with poets from other colleges across the country. From the preliminary round, WEB would like to congratulate Sunshine Alvarez '22, Maria Martinez '23 and Tejashree Jadhav '24 for moving on to the semi-finals, which took place the past two weeks.

One of the ABCP semi-finalists, Tejashree, is a first year student competing from India. She states that representing Whitman at the ABCP competition has made her feel more connected to Whitman despite being so far away. She has been writing poetry since middle school and loves how it creates a space for people to express themselves and connect with one another.

Another semi-finalist, Sunshine, decided to compete in order to challenge himself and do some creative work. While he loves poetry, it was his first time performing in this setting. Sunshine says this experience has helped him understand the power of words and encourages other students to put themselves out there!

Please tune in to see Maria and Tejashree represent Whitman in the finals round this Sunday at 5 p.m. on [Youtube Live!](#)

Announcements

Staff Advisory Council Open Positions

The [Staff Advisory Council](#) (SAC) has four open positions for representatives to join the council's work with various departments, including Human Resources, and regularly meet with President Murray. To ensure representation across all aspects of the college, they are looking for persons in the following areas:

- Chief Financial Officer, under Peter Harvey
- President's Office and Multicultural Affairs, under Kathy Murray and Thomas Witherspoon
- Development & Alumni, under Steven Setchell
- Student Affairs, under Kazi Joshua

If you are interested please contact the SAC [via email](#), send a letter of interest to them via the campus mail, or contact a council member by the end of the day Wednesday, Oct. 28.

Post Office Closing Early Today

The Whitman College Post Office will be closing at 3 p.m. today. Regular operating hours will resume on Monday, Oct. 26.



Accessories Sale at Whitman Bookstore

Just in time for the cold weather! Now through Nov. 20, get 30% off all accessories (caps, knit hats, scarves, gloves, socks).

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

[Visit the Whitman Bookstore Online](#)

Campus and Community Health



Flu Shots Available at Welty Student Health Center

This fall and winter, flu viruses and the coronavirus may both spread. Wearing a mask, washing hands often and getting a flu vaccine are three simple actions that everyone, especially people at higher risk of developing serious flu complications, should take to help reduce the spread of flu and save medical resources needed to care for people with COVID-19.

Welty Student Health Center has flu shots available for employees and students, including the high dosage vaccination for people age 65 and over. Make an appointment to get your flu shot by calling the health center at 509-527-5295.

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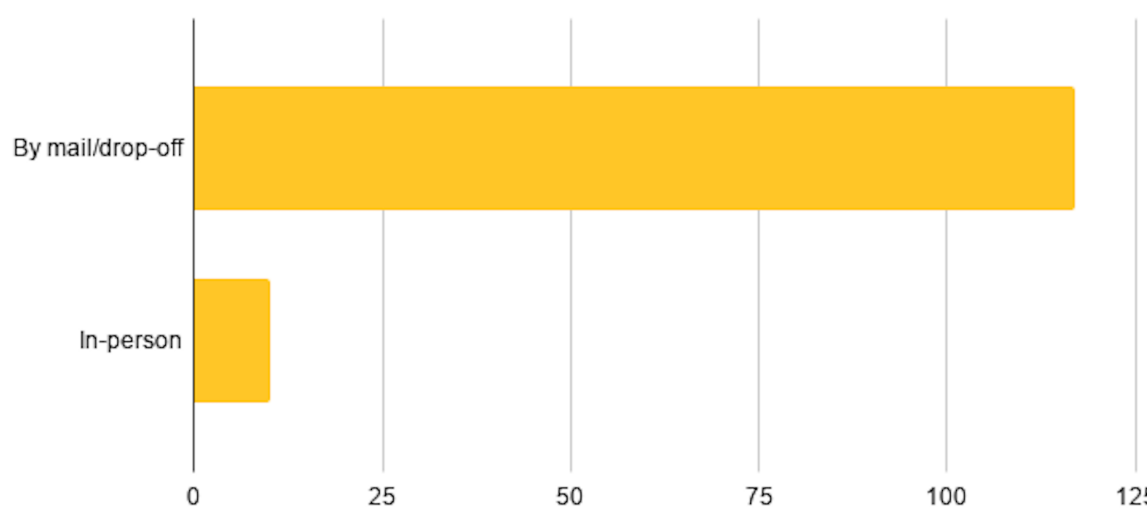
[Speak Out: Whitewashing and Diverse Representation in the Outdoor Industry](#)

Student-led discussion on the role that diversity in media plays in inclusivity in outdoor communities, touching on the impact of years of whitewashing in the advertising of outdoor equipment companies. Conversation will also cover the role that social media plays in shaping what the outdoor community is and who belongs to it.

[More Upcoming Events](#)

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

Question of the Week: Answer Edition



Whether it's because voting by mail is a long-established practice in Washington state or due to coronavirus-inspired health precautions, most of our respondents to this week's question on voting plan to vote by mail or through ballot drop-offs. As a reminder, the U.S. Postal Service strongly recommends that ballots be mailed by Oct. 26. In Walla Walla, you can also turn your ballot in at drop boxes located at the County Elections Center, the Walla Walla County Courthouse, Fire Station #2 or in person at the County Auditor's Office. More information is available through the [Walla Walla County Elections Department](#).

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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.



