



Whitman Today

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Join: Buddy Program



The Buddy Program connects Whitman students with intellectually or developmentally disabled adults in Walla Walla to build friendships. In past years they have carried out fun events like bowling or arts and crafts, and this semester they continue focusing on creating quality connections.

Initially, students are matched with a buddy, aiming to meet virtually or communicate for about 30 minutes a week one-on-one. This communication could be over email, letter writing, text, Zoom, phone call or other methods depending on what works best for students and their buddies. Knowing how valuable your time is right now and how much you are looking at a screen for classes, Buddy Program leaders wanted to give you a range of different options for how to connect.

[Learn more about the Buddy Program.](#)

Announcements

Join the President's Sustainability Advisory Committee

Interested in advancing environmental, social and economic sustainability at Whitman? Please join the President's Sustainability Advisory Committee (PSAC) for our first meeting of the academic year on Monday, Oct. 12 from 12-1 p.m. PSAC meets monthly to develop a direction for an increased commitment to sustainability campus-wide. Our work will be guided in part by the [STARS Comparative Report](#) developed by Rosa Woolsey '23 during her summer internship with the [Office of Sustainability](#). The report positions us to better understand how Whitman's sustainability efforts compare to those of our peer institutions while providing concrete ideas for how to improve in each area. All Whitman community members are welcome! [Please RSVP](#) and add this event to your calendar.

Academic Theme Events

There are two events this week offered as part of the Race, Violence, and Health academic theme:

- [Trauma, adversity and the epigenome: Looking within and between generations in two African ancestry populations](#). With Monica Uddin, professor at the University of South Florida College of Public Health, where she is a member of the Genomics Program housed within the Center for Global Health and Infectious Disease. Today at 4 p.m.
- [Decolonizing Activism](#). A roundtable discussion of decolonization and its goals with Özge Serin, visiting assistant professor of politics and anthropology, Lydia McDermott, associate professor of rhetoric, writing, and public discourse, and Zahi Zalloua, professor of French and interdisciplinary studies. Thursday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.

Coping With Coronavirus



The flu and COVID-19 share many of the same symptoms, and this year more than ever it is important that we do all we can to keep ourselves, our households and our community safe and healthy. It is our expectation that all students will get the flu shot unless it is medically inadvisable.

To support our students in accessing this important preventative care, Whitman will provide free flu vaccinations to all students in Walla Walla. Flu shots will be available at the Welty Student Health Center today, tomorrow and Thursday between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and no appointment is necessary.

If you are a student living outside Walla Walla, flu shots are generally paid for by insurance and are often available without appointment in grocery store and drugstore pharmacies.

Happening This Week

TODAY

2:30 p.m.

[Reclaiming a Sense of Common Humanity: An Ethical Vision of Classical Confucianism for Today's World](#)
This talk will demonstrate how the moral sentiment of a common humanity should and can be reclaimed.

TOMORROW

[Last Day to Drop a Class Without Record](#)
To drop a class: log into your portal, select the "registration" tab, scroll down to view your schedule, and select the "-" sign next to the course you wish to drop. Remember to select "apply change."

[More Upcoming Events](#)

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

Getting to Know...

ELISSA BROWN (she/her or they/them)

Describe your job or area of focus/expertise: I manage the Office of Sustainability and serve as the primary resource to collaborate on, implement, and advance sustainability initiatives at Whitman. Much of our work over the last year has been building a solid foundation for understanding our resource consumption and the state of sustainability across the institution, so that together we can effectively catalyze progress. Learn more through our new interactive dashboards at whit.mn/sustainabilityviz.

What are you most passionate about?
Vegan cooking, gardening at the Rees & Sumach Community Garden, and working toward a better future for all.



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Happening Now: All In for Whitman!

All In for Whitman is today, Tuesday Oct. 6. For the first time, gifts can go to the newly created [Whitman Fund](#). Formerly known as the Annual Fund, the Whitman Fund offers donors more choices to support today's students. You can designate a gift to what's most meaningful to you, including:

- Greatest Need
- Scholarship & Student Aid
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- Academic Excellence
- Internships

Check out the [All In for Whitman giving site](#) to see some familiar alumni and student faces—and to follow our collective progress throughout the day.

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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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