



Whitman Today

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'We Are in This Together': First Year Students Reflect on Their Virtual Start



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FOMO — the Fear of Missing Out.

Whitman College's decision to hold fall semester via remote learning left some students feeling FOMO about what is popularly referred to as the "freshman experience." First years can usually look forward to the fall as a period for self-growth, forging friendships and other experiences while on an exciting new campus.

[Four first years shared their experiences suffering from FOMO on the "Freshman Experience."](#)

Announcements

Flu Shots Available for Employees

The Welty Student Health Center has flu vaccinations available to current employees by appointment only on Wednesday, Oct. 14. The reservation link will be sent today to faculty and staff authorized to be on campus. On Tuesday, Oct. 13 all employees will receive access to any remaining appointment times. There are a very limited number of vaccinations available for employees age 65 and older.

Whitman's employee health insurance covers the flu vaccination at no cost to employees. The vaccination is available through primary care physicians as well as at pharmacies at Safeway, Albertsons, Walgreens, Bi-Mart and Walmart.

First-Ever Virtual Career Fair

Mark your calendars! Whitman's first-ever Virtual Career Fair is on Oct. 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and registration is open! Register for group presentations, sign up for one-on-one time with employers, build your own schedule and attend for as long as you are able. There will be a wide range of industries represented. Check out [the Virtual Career Fair website](#) to see them all and claim your spot!

This Weekend with WEB

The Whitman Events Board (WEB) has a number of activities happening this weekend:

- [WEB Virtual Open Mic Night](#). Today, 6-7 p.m. *Join the WEB Music Directors as they facilitate WEB's first ever Virtual Open Mic Night! Listen to fellow Whitties perform a poem, a song, a story or another special talent of theirs!*
- [America's Best College Poet Competition Semi-Final Rounds](#). Sunday, Oct. 11 at 5 p.m. *Come watch two of Whitman's Round One contestants as they compete against poets from other colleges and universities! Show some love and support as Maria Martinez ('23) and Sunshine Alvarez de Silva ('22) perform their original poems and fight for a spot in the finals.*
- [Virtual Fall Festival](#). *Students who are in Walla Walla can come pick up a free pumpkin and carving tools outside of Cordiner Hall between 3-5 p.m. today or 12-2 p.m. tomorrow. Please be sure to wear a mask and social distance yourselves as you pick up these items! Then join one of our WEB Directors on Zoom Sunday at 7:30 p.m. as she teaches you how to carve a pumpkin and make an amazing design!*

Coping with Coronavirus



We care - keeping the community healthy.

Please remember that campus buildings remain open only to employees and students who have completed the approval process. No unauthorized visitors are allowed in campus buildings. Family members, including children, are not permitted in campus buildings.

Happening Today

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Noon [Speak Out: Indigenous History and Outdoor Recreation](#)
A student-led discussion of treaty history, brief introduction about first food and storytellings, followed by open conversation on what kind of questions and things to keep in mind when we are in outdoor spaces in the Walla Walla Valley and elsewhere.

Noon [Mental Health Intergroup Dialogue: Perspectives + Approaches](#)
Everyone has a different set of experiences that have shaped their perspectives and approaches to mental health. Using the method of Intergroup Dialogue, we will unpack these experiences to understand they impact our relationship with mental health!

[More Upcoming Events](#)

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

Noteworthy

Whitman is fortunate to have several students and staff participating in the new Student Civic Leader Fellowship initiative through [Washington Campus Compact](#) and made possible thanks to significant funding from the Washington State legislature. The program recognizes and supports students who are working hard to solve critical issues in our communities in five priority areas: food and housing insecurity, mental health, the opioid epidemic, the school-to-prison pipeline, and K-16 civic education/engagement.

These student program leaders are Whitman's Civic Fellows for the 20-21 academic year and are among the 100 students from 30 colleges and universities across Washington State selected:

- Beck Williams '22 (Adopt A Grandparent)
- Geraint Webb '22 (Buddy Program)
- Nomonde Nyathi '23 (Buddy Program)
- Yordena Meyerhoff '22 (Bilingual United)
- Devon Player '23 (Events and Reflection initiatives)

In addition, Abby Juhasz and Susan Prudente, who oversee Whitman's community and school-based student programs in the SEC, were selected to be cohort facilitators for this initiative (they are two of the 11 cohort facilitators for the 100 Fellows). In that capacity they will be able to share their expertise with students from across the state focusing on one of five critical issue areas throughout the year. Their first meeting of facilitators is this Saturday.

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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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