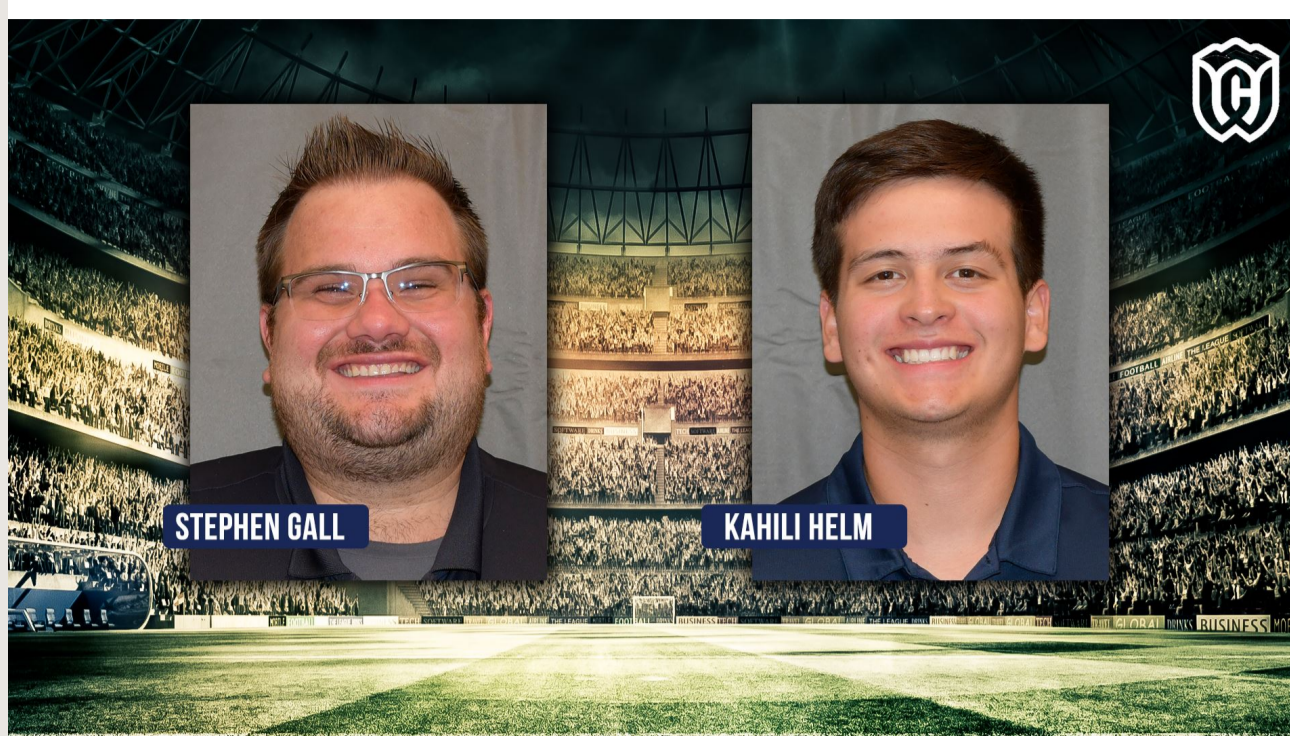




# Whitman Today

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

## Who Works Here: Athletics Events and Facilities



Whitman Athletics has bolstered its facilities and events personnel, elevating Stephen Gall to director of facilities and events and hiring Kahili Helm as assistant event and facility management. Helm will also serve as Whitman's club sports coordinator.

Gall was hired in 2017 as assistant director of event management and sport communication. In addition to overseeing the maintenance and improvement of all Whitman's athletics facilities, he heads up game operations for all Whitman home athletics contests. Whitman has hosted several postseason events under his watch including the NCAA West Region Cross Country Championships and NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament in the same year.

Helm was hired in the fall of 2021 and will work closely with Gall on the staffing for and running of events. Helm graduated from Walla Walla High School, where he lettered in football, baseball and swimming. Helm attended Linfield University, where he was on the swim team and graduated with a degree in sport management.

## Announcements

### Cascade Centers (Whitman's Employee Assistance Program) Offers Eldercare Services Assistance

Cascade's Eldercare Services provides assistance in finding solutions to the needs of older adults and the family members caring for them such as housing, alternative living, home health, community services, legal concerns and medical issues. They can help families through the often confusing maze of services associated with aging, sudden chronic illness or disability.

Connect with Cascade Centers by phone (800-433-2320), text (503-850-7721) or [access the Member Site](#) to learn more.



### First-Years: Sign Up for Career Coaching Starts This Month

Many first-year students met with their career coach this summer before even arriving on campus, and now all first-years have received an invitation to sign-up for their first formal coaching session this month. This team of coaches (pictured above) is ready to share resources and information to assist students as they explore, discover and dive in to programs and experiences that can help shape their futures. If you're a first-year student, check your email for your personal invitation and find a coaching session that works for you.

## COVID-19 Case on Campus

Positive COVID-19 cases in our campus community are noted in *Whitman Today* in compliance with state regulations. We also update the data in our [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) every Monday.

In accordance with Washington state Labor & Industries employer requirements, we are notifying the campus community that in the past 24 hours, a person with Whitman access was confirmed positive for COVID-19. This person is now in isolation for 10 days in accordance with our campus and CDC guidelines. Though the likelihood of transmission is low due to our [campus COVID-19 protocols](#), it is possible that others may have been exposed to COVID-19. There is nothing you need to do at this time aside from following our campus COVID-19 protocols. Anyone identified through the contact tracing process as a close contact (within 6 ft. for at least 15 minutes over 24 hours) will be personally notified.

## Happening Today

- 8:30–10 a.m. **Weekly Required COVID-19 Testing for Vaccine-Exemption Students and Employees**
- 9 a.m. **All Staff Coffee Break**  
*Enjoy a warm beverage, visit with campus colleagues and learn about the history of Memorial Building. Coffee, tea and light refreshments provided. Staff are encouraged to bring your own cup or mug to support campus sustainability efforts.*
- noon **[Craft Your Future: Building Your Professional Network](#)**  
*Curious how to build strong professional relationships through online resources and virtual or in-person interactions? Learn how building relationships can help you access information and opportunity while keeping you connected to Whitman.*
- 5 p.m. **[Judd D. Kimball Lecture in Classics: "Hateful Classicism: Greco-Roman Antiquity in the White Ethnonationalist Imagination."](#)**  
*Curt Dozier is assistant professor of Greek and Roman studies at Vassar College, and is working on a book describing the challenge that white supremacist appropriations of antiquity pose to the discipline of Classical studies.*
- 6 p.m. **[Melanin, Estrogen, and Electrons at the End of the Earth](#)**  
*Dr. Adina Scott is part of the Full Circle Everest Expedition, a group of climbers seeking to be the first all-Black group to climb the highest mountain on Earth, and provides support for expeditions promoting diversity in mountaineering. Professionally, Adina is a Marine Instrumentation and Computer Specialist for the U.S. Antarctic program.*

### Whitman Events Calendar

Have an event you'd like to share with campus? Submit the information to the [Events Calendar](#).

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