



Whitman Today

Friday, October 15, 2021

Fall Visitors Day



Tomorrow, Whitman's Office of Admission team, with participation from individuals and offices across campus, will host 71 prospective students and their family members for Fall Visitors Day. The event offers possible future Whitties a glimpse of what makes this college so remarkable.

In line with carefully established COVID-19 protocols, including proof of vaccination, visitors will explore campus, attend one of six different classes for a sample of Whitman-style learning, and interact with professors, staff and students about the variety of opportunities to learn and grow in our supportive community.

If you happen to meet a prospective student tomorrow during brunch in Cleveland or walking one of the many paths criss-crossing campus, please give them a warm welcome!

The Crossroads Project: Rising Tide



Monday, Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Cordiner Hall

An interdisciplinary collaboration joining science and art, [The Crossroads Project](#) aims to inspire reflection, foster engagement and incite action at a pivotal moment for our environment. In the live performance experience, and now on the album, the [Fry Street Quartet](#) brings together commissioned works by Grammy winner Libby Larsen and Pulitzer Prize nominee Laura Kaminsky to create a thought-provoking, viscerally affecting exploration of global sustainability.

Proof of vaccination is required and audience size will be limited. Visit the [Academic Theme website](#) for event details.

Two student chamber music ensembles will perform with the Fry Street Quartet at 4 p.m. Monday in Chism Hall, which is open only to the Whitman campus community.

Announcements

Nominations Open for Pete & Hedda Reid Award

This Pete & Hedda Reid Award recognizes one Whitman staff or faculty member each year for their exceptional volunteer work and outstanding service to the local community. The winner will be recognized at the Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Ceremony (held virtually, date TBD) and will receive a \$1,000 prize.

Please assist this long-standing tradition by nominating a Whitman faculty or staff member [using this online form](#). Candidates must have worked at Whitman for three years and past nominees may be re-nominated. Nominations are due by Thursday, Oct 28 at 5 p.m.

[View a list of previous award winners.](#)

COVID-19 Case on Campus

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 This Weekend

TODAY

- 1:30 p.m. [International Students and BIPOC Outdoor Club Open Kayak Event @ Harvey Pool](#)
Friday open kayak session for the BIPOC Outdoor Club community and international students from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Harvey Pool. Free, with instruction and equipment provided. All you need is a swimsuit.
- 3 p.m. [IFSA Oxford Info Session](#)
OCS Adviser Barbara Hoffman and two IFSA Oxford alums will host a discussion about IFSA Oxford University —academics, the application process, and more.
- 4 p.m. [Fridays at Four featuring Roger McVey](#)
The Fridays at Four recital series presents Roger McVey, American pianist and associate professor of piano at the Lionel Hampton School of Music, University of Idaho.
- 4 p.m. [Unmaking Whitman, Unlearning the Myth: Community Panel Discussion](#)
Panel discussion with authors Sarah Koenig and Blaine Harden and members of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and Whitman communities.
- 7 p.m. [LatinXcellence Night](#)
Today marks the end of National Hispanic Heritage Month, but the Intercultural Center's Inclusion Fellows invite you to come share in their culture. From 7-10 pm in the basement of Reid there will be food, games, and music curated by you!

SATURDAY

- 10 a.m. [Birding Hike](#)
Spend the day at McNary Wildlife Refuge birdwatching and exploring plant life.
- 10:30 a.m. [Start Smart Salary Negotiation workshop \(AAUW\) - Next Steps Series](#)
Register on Handshake to attend this salary negotiation workshop designed for seniors that will teach you four simple steps to getting what you're worth. Brunch will be provided at 10:30 a.m. The workshop will begin at 11 a.m.
- noon [Whitman College Women's Soccer vs University of Puget Sound](#)
- 2 p.m. [Unmaking Whitman, Unlearning the Myth: Book Talk and Signing](#)
Book talk and signing event with Sarah Koenig and Blaine Harden. Live event at The Museum Store at Tamastlikt Cultural Institute.
- 4 p.m. [Oktoberfest](#)
Das Deutsche Haus will be hosting Oktoberfest outside the German House! Come for food, fun and some traditional drinking songs.
- 8 p.m. [Rocky Horror Picture Show](#)
Literally the funnest COVID-safe event of the spooky season. Audience capacity is limited to those who RSVP'd.

SUNDAY

- 10 a.m. [Beginning Mountain Biking](#)
Spend the afternoon mountain biking around Bennington Lake. No prior mountain bike experience is necessary.
- noon [Whitman College Women's Soccer vs Pacific Lutheran University](#)
- 2 p.m. [Just Dance Party](#)
Come and play interactive dance video games in the Reid Ballroom. Hosted by the Whitman Events Board.

Whitman Events Calendar

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

"Whitman Today" is produced by the Office of Communications and is emailed Monday through Friday to Whitman College staff, faculty and students. All times are listed in Pacific Daylight Time.

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. By submitting to Whitman Today you also authorize use on Whitman's social media unless otherwise specified.

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