



Whitman Today

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Introducing the Career and Community Engagement Center



For many years the Student Engagement Center (SEC) has played a significant role in providing opportunities and resources that encourage Whitties to become involved on-campus and off-campus throughout the Walla Walla Valley and in their own communities, both as students and after graduation. Now, in recognition of ongoing program development and [new resources dedicated to these efforts](#) by friends of Whitman as well as [Mellon grants](#) the college received for community engaged learning, the SEC is changing its name to the Career and Community Engagement Center.

The time a student spends at Whitman is a special season of life, full of the learning about themselves and the world that is an inherent part of a liberal arts education. The center's career coaching, internship programs, volunteer opportunities and other offerings provide pathways for students to integrate their academic passions with professional skills development that prepares them for meaningful employment and civic engagement long after graduation.

Whitties are people looking to make the world a better place, and the Career and Community Engagement Center is one part of the college's commitment to help students prepare for their callings and careers as successful, productive members of society. You can learn more about everything the Center offers on [Whitman's website](#) or by reaching out to any of the [center's staff members](#).

Noteworthy

Zindel '20 and Cordner Co-Author Paper on PFAS

Helena Zindel '20 has lead-authored a [paper on PFAS chemicals](#) in the journal *Environmental Communication*, the official journal of the International Environmental Communication Association. The paper examines how the risks of PFAS chemicals are presented on state government websites and finds significant discrepancies in the type and availability of information presented that could negatively impact the public's ability to make informed decisions about their health. Analysis in this paper was begun during Zindel's [Louis B. Perry Research Scholarship-funded summer research](#) with paper co-author Alissa Cordner, associate professor of sociology.

Wind-Up Birds Release Debut Album

Student band Wind-Up Birds has released their debut album "Sweet Dreams, Goodnight" featuring junior music composition major Mo Dow on bass, guitar and lead vocals, and junior film major Zac Bentz on piano, synth and backing vocals. The album is an exploration of sonic storytelling, which combines jazz, indie rock and psychedelic rock influences to create a bold new sound. Available on streaming services everywhere, listening to the album on Spotify provides a unique mixed media experience, where the music is combined with short stop motion animations directed by Zac Bentz. [Check out the Wind-Up Birds and their album Sweet Dreams, Goodnight on Spotify.](#)

Osborne Publishes Chapter on Qur'an

Lauren E. Osborne, associate professor of religion and South Asian and Middle Eastern studies, has published a peer-reviewed chapter, "The Relationship of the Oral and the Written," in ["The Routledge Companion to the Qur'an"](#) edited by Daniel Madigan, Maria Massi Dakake and George Archer. In the chapter, Osborne focuses on how the text of the Qur'an can be read as directing and discussing recitation—its own recitation, most specifically. Taking as a starting point the importance of Qur'an recitation in Islamic ritual practice, Osborne turns to the text to uncover the semantic field surrounding the Qur'an's own notions of orality and religious practice.

Hunt Earns Student-Athletes of the Week Award

On the heels of scoring the biggest goal of the Whitman College women's soccer season, first year forward Virginia Hunt has been selected as the Northwest Conference's Women's Soccer Offensive Student-Athlete of the Week. Hunt scored her first collegiate goal on Sunday and it proved to be an enormous one for the program in a 1-0 win over Pacific Lutheran. The lone and game-winning goal came with the game not even four minutes old. With Whitman already threatening, Hunt capitalized on a loose ball in the box and slotted her shot just under the crossbar. Hunt and the Blues kept a clean sheet to pull off the upset.

[Submit a Noteworthy Announcement](#)

Announcements

Flu Vaccine for 65+ at Welty Student Health Center

The Welty Student Health Center has received a limited number of flu vaccine doses for people aged 65 and older. Anyone qualified to receive this vaccine may come to the health center from 1 to 5 p.m. on weekdays, no appointment needed. Doses will be administered until they are gone.

We are still awaiting delivery of flu vaccine doses for students and expect those will arrive very soon.

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

- 4:30 p.m. [From Student to Journalist: A Virtual Panel Discussion](#)
Do you dream of becoming a journalist, but do not know where to begin? This is your chance to learn from two journalists about what it takes to become a journalist, gain insider knowledge of the field, and learn about the connections and distinctions between journalism and creative nonfiction.
- 5 p.m. [German Studies Student Research Spotlight](#)
Are you interested in doing grant-funded research or working closely with faculty on a research project? Come and hear how two senior German Studies majors have done just that.
- 5 p.m. [Recovery and Sobriety with Christine](#)
Are you curious about sobriety and recovery? Join us to learn about discrediting surrounding stigmas about sobriety and recovery with Christine from Trilogy Recovery Community.
- 6:50 p.m. [Sex & Pizza Consent Workshop |CoHo, Prentiss, & IHCI](#)
This interactive workshop, crafted and presented by Residence Life, aims to teach all on-campus residents about consent and bystander intervention.
- 8:30 p.m. [Sex & Pizza Consent Workshop |Lyman & Anderson](#)
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- 9 p.m. [Baby Nordie Debut](#)
Meet Varsity Nordic in Olin from 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. to see the Whitman improv debut of five extremely talented new V-Norders! Like last time, you can come and go at any time. Be sure to wear a mask, bring your Whitman ID and a positive attitude, and be ready to chuckle.

[Whitman Events Calendar](#)

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

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

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