



Whitman Today

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Unhealthy Air Quality Alert

Today we will see more improvement in the air quality in our area. However, it will still be at levels that are considered unhealthy. Please continue to work from your residence today and avoid exposure to the unhealthy air. If you think the air quality in your workspace is superior to the air where you live, you are welcome to work on campus if you have been approved by human resources to do so.

The Reid Campus Center Post Office, Printing and Mailing Services in Boyer House, pickup at Penrose Library and walk-up assistance at the Technology Services Helpdesk will remain unavailable on today.

If the air quality continues to improve as it has throughout the week, we will plan on resuming normal campus operations on Friday, Sept. 18.

What We Do: WEB



The Whitman Events Board (WEB) is a student run event planning organization committed to enhancing the Whitman experience. Funded by ASWC, our mission is to provide and support a diverse array of stimulating events that hold student interests in the highest regard. WEB events are always free and open to the entire Whitman community.

WEB consists of a board of 10 directors who work collaboratively under the WEB Chair to bring events on campus to life. This year we welcome three returning directors and seven new directors, all of whom are excited to take on new positions in WEB!

Co-Sponsorship: Sihan Chen '22
Creative Arts: Nicole Song '22
Cultural Events and Lectures: Wako Soma '23 and Kainat Ansari '23
Marketing: Doris Yu '22 and Nicole Huh '23
Music: Anna Pulscak '21 and Lizzy Gazeley '21
Special Events: Erin Zheng '21 and Ali Rodriguez '22

This year especially, WEB is dedicated to fostering community among students by bringing both new and old events to "campus" in an online format. We are excited to announce our first event of the semester, [America's Best College Poet Competition](#) on Thursday, Sept. 23 from 6-7 p.m.! For more updates and events, check out WEB on our [WhitLife page](#) or on [Instagram](#). We are also always interested in how we can better serve the student body. If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to reach out to the [WEB Chair, Kira Joseph-Lim](#).

Announcements

Constitution Day Quiz

Today is Constitution Day, remembering the 1787 signing of the Constitution. Every educational institution that receives federal funds is required to have some sort of educational program about the US Constitution for its students. Now that we've given you one freebie bit of information, go ahead and take [this Constitution Day quiz!](#) There may or may not be a prize for the person who gets the best score on this quiz, but at the very least you'll have the right to brag about it for the next 365 days and that's already pretty great. (We're trusting you not to look up the answers on Google as you're completing the quiz because that's no fun.)

Here, There, Anywhere: Library Resources for Remote Learning

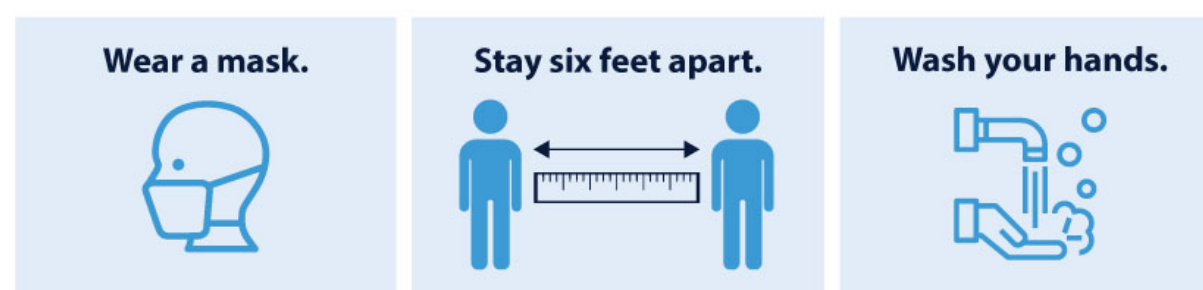
Curious about how to use the library remotely? Unsure how to request books for pickup? Want to make sure you know all the resources you can access no matter where you are? The library offers a [guide](#) to all the different services we are providing this semester! You can also find the [recorded video from our info session](#) last week. Stay tuned for more info on a session just for these coming up!

Coronavirus in Walla Walla

A successful [Safe Start](#) means we all have to do our part.

It's safest to stay home.

BUT IF YOU HEAD OUT:



Prevent the spread by staying local.

In the past 14 days, [Walla Walla County](#), confirmed XX total cases of COVID-19. Currently there are XX residents isolating at home and X in the hospital.

There were no new cases of COVID-19 reported in the Whitman community over the past week.

[Fall 2020 Information Center](#)

Happening Today

TODAY

Noon and 4 p.m. **Off-Campus Studies & Global Studies Info Meeting for New Students**
All first-year and transfer students are warmly invited and highly encouraged to attend one of two virtual Zoom meetings today to learn more about planning for Off-Campus Studies/Study Abroad and the Global Studies Concentration.
[Zoom access link for 12 noon](#)
[Zoom access link for 4 p.m.](#)

4 p.m. **Health Speaker Series: Jane Erb, MD**
The Office of Health Professions Advising invites you to join a conversation with Jane Erb, MD. Erb is a psychiatrist at the Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH), serving since 1999 as the medical director of Brigham Depression Center and psychiatric director for Behavioral Health Integration in Primary Care, and is an assistant professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School.

[More Upcoming Events](#)

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

Chaplain Chat



Order, disorder, re-order. Interfaith Chaplain Adam Kirtley asks how these categories create stopping points for us individually and communally in our journey together as the Whitman community.

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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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