



Whitman Today

Friday, September 25, 2020

Community Engagement and COVID-19: A Time to Step Up, Not Back



Alison Luck '22 was hired last November to lead a Summer Community OutReach Engagement (SCORE) program for students from the class of 2024. When it became clear there would be no SCORE in August, she had to let go of an incredible team of leaders and cancel all of her plans. Her work with the Student Engagement Center (SEC) transformed into a summer internship focused on exploring what it means for Whitman students to remain engaged with the Walla Walla community during COVID-19 restrictions.

Out of Luck's summer research, she developed a set of guidelines for the SEC community engagement programs on best practices for virtual, remote and socially distanced community engagement. But as she shares in a [SEC blog post](#), the most important thing she learned this summer is that prioritizing others and the wellness of the community is not limited by social distancing. Luck writes, "We can continue to do this same work in virtual space. This is not a time to step back, this is an opportunity to be rejuvenated. Our lives will never go 'back to normal.' It is up to us to build a better tomorrow for ourselves and our neighbors and our world, and we will do this remotely and online. There is so much work to be done, and I, for one, am excited to get started."

Announcements

Student Accounts Payments

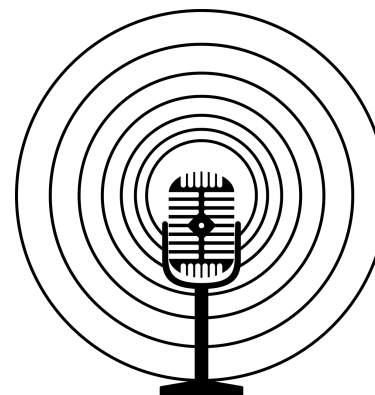
In Walla Walla and need to make a payment to your student account or pay rent for your Whitman-owned rental property? The Student Accounts/Trust Office is currently not accepting in-person payments, but fear not: there is a secure drop box in Reid Campus Center! Whitman post office staff are stationed at the RCC Park St. door to accept payments Monday-Friday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Please put your Whitman ID number on the check and request the post office deposit in the Business Office Drop Box.

Structural Racism in the Workplace Panel Discussion

Racism is deeply ingrained in our society and that includes our places of work. Many organizations are discussing how to tackle systemic racism in the workplace. How is racial bias and discrimination being addressed? What progress can be seen? [Join a panel of alumni](#) at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 29 as they discuss their experiences as professionals of color and what their past and current places of work have – or haven't – done to create anti-racist structures and culture at work.

Question of the Week: Answer Edition

This week we asked for your podcast recommendations. Many of you suggested "Whitman So White." Hosted by students Jasmine Razeghi '22 and Elea Besse '23, this podcast creates space for Black, Indigenous and People of Color at Whitman to talk about their experiences and share their stories.

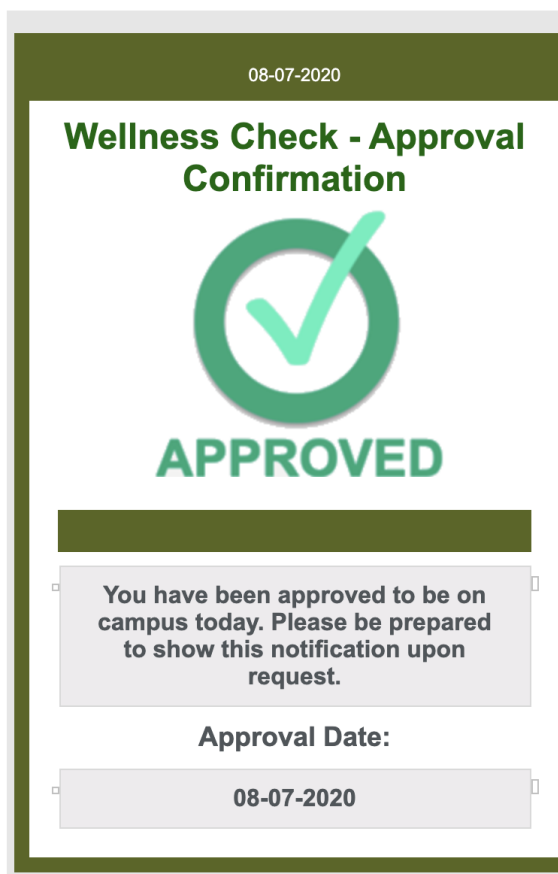


[See All Recommendations](#)

Coping With Coronavirus

If you are a student, staff or faculty member who is authorized to be on campus, please remember to complete your daily wellness check by email or in the Everbridge app every day that you come to campus or that you are scheduled to come to campus. Once you complete the daily wellness check, you will receive the green "Approved to be on campus" badge, which you need to have with you whenever you are on campus.

If you are not authorized to be on campus, you will not receive a notification to complete the daily wellness check. However, as we head into cold, flu and fall allergy season it is still a good opportunity to review the [symptoms of each](#).



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Hispanic Heritage Month Social Media Takeover

Join the IC and Club Latinx in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month 2020 with the Latinx Social Media Takeover! Their social media feeds will be filled with images, video clips, poems, quotes, etc. from your favorite Latinx artist, activist, inventor, entrepreneur or public figure.

[More Upcoming Events](#)

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

Philanthropy Friday: Meet Kelly Sanderson



This month for Philanthropy Friday, the Future Alumni Leadership Council is focusing on an alum who has done inspiring work in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. Kelly Sanderson, an astronomy-physic major and theater minor, is a nurse practitioner at Stanford Health Care in the San Francisco Bay Area. Sanderson has been an active urgent care worker during the pandemic who assess, diagnose, and treat injuries or illnesses. Additionally, Sanderson provides services from clinical visits done remotely, regular check-ins with COVID positive patients, to seeing patients that need urgent in-person evaluation whose COVID status is uncertain.

[Learn more about Sanderson](#) and their life after Whitman, along with some advice they have to offer!

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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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