



Whitman Today

Thursday, September 2, 2021

5 Highlights from Convocation



Senior Salma Anguiano gives her address, "Change is Necessary," at Whitman's 2021 Convocation.

On August 30 students, faculty and staff gathered in front of screens across campus to watch the Convocation ceremony that ushered in the 2021-2022 academic year—held virtually out of an abundance of caution.

A recording of the full ceremony is available on [the Convocation webpage](#); here are some highlights to look out for:

1. Sophomore poet Tejashree Jadhav read "One Thousand Five Hundred Whitties."
2. ASWC president Salma Anguiano said "Change is Necessary"—and it starts from within.
3. Physics Professor Kurt Hoffmann introduced "Climate Reckonings, Climate Justice."
4. Lauren Osborne, associate professor of religion, reminded us to take a "Breath."
5. Senior Leisha Casimiro and Jackie Wood, senior lecturer of music, performed from the heart.

[Read more about these Convocation highlights.](#)

Daily COVID Update

As promised, we have now updated our COVID-19 Dashboard. There are two sections of data: the Round 1 Baseline COVID-19 Testing Results, which details the cases identified through our campus-wide testing, and the Weekly COVID-19 Testing Results for August 23-29, which provides info on other campus coronavirus tests as well as any positive cases in our community identified through local testing.

[Visit the COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

Please remember that if you are tested in a local clinic or urgent care center, you should report that result to the Welty Student Health Center (if you are a student) or Human Resources (if you are an employee) for follow-up information and support.

COVID-19 Cases on Campus

In accordance with new Washington state Labor & Industries employer requirements, we are notifying the campus community that in the past 24 hours, two people with Whitman access were confirmed positive for COVID-19. These people are 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.

Announcements

Whitman Internship Grant Workshops Start This Week

The 2021-22 fall and academic year Whitman Internship Grant (WIG) application is being released soon! Start on the pre-requisites as early as you can. There are three WIG workshops that qualify to meet the pre-req this month; you only need to attend one. The first is a virtual, general information session that outlines the application process this Friday at 12:30 PM. [You can read more and register for the workshops on Handshake.](#)

Show Your Support for our Blues Athletics

As the fall athletic season swings into action, you can pick up Blues-branded shirts, hats, mugs and more in the [Whitman Athletics online store](#). From now through the end of the month, you can get 15% off any order of \$85 or more.

Noteworthy



Whitman Athletics Honors Underclassmen Student-Athletes

Whitman Athletics hosted its annual fall awards picnic Monday to honor the top performers from the first-year, sophomore and junior classes of the 2020-21 academic year.

The picnic, held at the Whitman athletic fields, was the sixth annual gathering that brings together the student-athletes from the Blues' 17 varsity sports, including the new recruiting classes that are joining each program for the 2021-22 academic year. Last year's awards were presented in a virtual format.

Players, coaches and athletic department administrators kicked the night off by enjoying a barbecue cooked by Whitman staff members. The event was emceed by men's basketball coach John Lamanna with words from Athletic Director Kim Chandler.

[View the list of award recipients.](#)

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Happening Today

- 8 a.m.–3 p.m. [Round 2 Baseline COVID-19 Testing](#)
For people whose Round 1 test was on Wednesday, August 25.
- 4 p.m. [Opera Workshop Auditions](#)
Open auditions to join the Whitman College Opera Workshop presents a program of scenes from operas, operettas, and musicals.
- 4 p.m. [Wind Ensemble Auditions](#)
All brass, wind and percussion players are welcome to audition for the Whitman Wind Ensemble. The audition sign-up sheet is located on Professor Gary Gemberling's office door (Hall of Music 12).
- 4:30 p.m. [Community Fellow Program Virtual Fellows Fair](#)
This is an excellent opportunity to learn about participating Walla Walla Community Partners and to ask any questions you may have about the fellowships. Register on Handshake to begin building your schedule.

[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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