



# Whitman Today

Thursday, September 23, 2021

## Happening Tomorrow: William O. Douglas Centennial Conference



This conference celebrates the legacy of Whitman alum (Class of 1920) and Supreme Court Justice, William O Douglas. Douglas served on the Supreme Court from 1935–1975. As a justice, Douglas supported the New Deal, defended civil liberties, expanded civil rights and championed environmental conservation.

This event will take place in person in Hunter Conservatory's Kimball Theatre and will also be [livesreamed via Zoom](#).

### Schedule:

1 p.m. Opening remarks: Jack Jackson, Whitman College Department of Politics

1:15 p.m. Panel 1: Environmental Legacy of Justice Douglas:

- Heather Elliott, University of Alabama School of Law
- Adam Sowards, University of Idaho Department of History
- Renny Acheson, Whitman College senior

2:30 p.m. Panel 2: Civil Rights/Civil Liberties Legacy of Justice Douglas

- Scott Skinner-Thompson, University of Colorado School of Law
- Marc-Tizoc González, University of New Mexico School of Law
- Alice Lesniak, Whitman College senior

4 p.m. Keynote address: Michele Storms, ACLU-WA executive director

This event is sponsored by the Governor Arthur B. Langlie Fund for Northwest History, Politics and Public Service and the Robert and Mabel Groseclose Endowed Lecture Fund and is also part of the Climate Reckonings, Climate Justice 2021–2022 academic theme programming.

## Noteworthy

### Muntanga Awarded for Work Improving Access to Education

First-year Mwamba Muntanga has been awarded the [Mwape Peer Award](#) for his efforts to make education more accessible to students in Sub-Saharan Africa. "As a first-generation, low-income student that grew up in a community where education was considered 'impossible and unnecessary' for people like me, this award is a milestone," said Muntanga, an international student from Zambia. "The award motivates me to continue with my quest of nurturing the next generation of solution-oriented low-income Sub-Saharan Africa leaders through education."

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## Announcements



### Celebrating United World College Day

On Tuesday, September 21, alumni of the United World College (UWC) studying at Whitman gathered for UWC Day. UWC is a global network of schools and educational programs with the shared mission of "making education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future." The organization was founded on the principles of German educationalist Kurt Hahn in 1962 to promote intercultural understanding. Whitman is proud to participate in the [Davis UWC Scholar Program](#), the largest international scholarship program for undergraduates in the world.

UWC Day is an annual event that celebrates the strength and diversity of the UWC movement and their mission for a more peaceful and sustainable future through connecting and mobilizing UWC alumni globally. It serves as a chance to spread the word about UWC, their work and values, and is also an opportunity for the UWC community to reflect on what they do as a movement, to determine how to be more effective changemakers and to continue to challenge themselves.

## Vaccination Update



We are extremely pleased to report that our campus COVID-19 vaccination rate has reached another benchmark. As of today, we have 98.49% of students and 95.07% of employees vaccinated, for a total of 97.63%. We know that number will rise slightly as members of our campus community complete the vaccination process this week and next, and will provide another update the first week of October.

### 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

- 1 p.m. [Breaking Down the Whitman Internship Grant Application](#)  
*Are you applying for the Whitman Internship Grant program? Make your application the strongest it can be by joining this workshop that will include a thorough explanation of the application, what makes a strong application, and some helpful tips.*
- 9 p.m. [Varsity Nordic Improv Auditions](#)  
*Come to the second round of open call V-Nord auditions. Seriously, all you need is a good attitude and your body. That's it! Meet in Olin auditorium and to learn everything you need to know to do improv.*

[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](mailto: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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