Monday, September 6, 2021

Who Works Here: the Registrar's Office



Registrar's Office staff (from left to right): Alexandra Wog, Jennifer McNeil, Aimee Walker, Pam Fowler, Michael Reese

Given the gravity of the work they do supporting students from the first step of class planning through graduation, you may expect the Registrar's Office to be a solemn space. And while the five staff do take their work very seriously, their interactions with students, faculty and other staff members are suffused with a good dose of warmth, laughter and camaraderie.

The Registrar's Office is a nonstop hub of activity. There are students wanting to chart a course to graduation and friendly reminders to send about how to add and drop classes. Since the COVID pandemic started, more Whitman students are taking courses at other colleges and universities, which requires careful evaluation to ensure that those credits transfer toward their Whitman degree needs. And, early though it may seem, the work of consulting with faculty and staff about spring classroom spaces and tracking final graduation requirements for the Class of '22 is already on the to-do list.

Led by Aimee Walker, who joined Whitman as registrar on August 30, staff members include Jennifer McNeil (associate registrar for academic credentials), Michael Reese (curriculum and registration analyst), Pam Fowler (transfer credit evaluator) and Alexandra Wog (registration services assistant). For more information on the Registrar's Office, you can find them in Memorial 212 or learn more on their website pages

Tech Tip: Using the Whitman Events Calendar

Ever wondered if there's anything unusual happening on campus today? Check out our Events Calendar to find upcoming lectures, athletic events, theater and musical performances, academic resource sessions and much more!

Is there an event coming up that you don't want to forget? Click the applicable icon under "subscribe" to add the event to your Google, iCal or Outlook calendar.

If you are organizing a campus activity for students, staff, faculty or even the general public, you can submit the details and have your event added to the calendar. Items on the Events Calendar are included in Whitman Today.

Visit the Whitman Events Calendar

Announcements

Apply to Join the Council on Student Affairs

The Council on Student Affairs is a judicial board with faculty members and students that hear infraction cases of college policies (i.e. Title IX infractions, Sexual Misconduct Policy, plagiarism). This committee is critical to Whitman College and acts as the core of the justice system within the administration. Those hired will work closely with the administration, gain experience in judicial action and receive a stipend of \$375 a semester.

The council is looking for students from all grades. Applications will be evaluated on a rolling basis. Apply ASAP through this online form.

Campus Post Office Temporary Schedule Change

The campus post office window in Reid will close at 3 p.m. this week. Mail pickups and deliveries at academic and administrative buildings will happen once a day after 3 p.m. Staff and faculty are welcome to bring outgoing mail to Boyer House for same-day processing and pick up packages at the post office window prior to 3 p.m.



Upcoming Auditions for "The Penelopiad"

Auditions for Harper Joy Theatre's (HJT) production of Margaret Atwood's "The Penelopiad" are coming up September 8-10.

 Auditions: Wednesday, September 8, 6–10 p.m. at Alexander Stage Callbacks: Friday, September 10, 6–10 p.m. at Alexander Stage

Written by Canadian poet and novelist Margaret Atwood (author of "The Handmaid's Tale) and based on her novel of the same title, "The Penelopiad" is a poetic, feminist re-imagining of Homer's epic poem, "The Odyssey," from the point of view of Odysesus' wife, Penelope, and her twelve maids, whom Odysseus killed in a rage. HJT is looking for a diverse ensemble of actors, singers, dancers, and performers to bring "The Penelopiad" to life! Email stage manager Alyx Kruger to find out how you can get involved.

Daily COVID Update

Round 2 Baseline Testing Update Baseline testing at Cordiner is closed today in observance of Labor Day. The final day of Round 2 testing will take place tomorrow, Tuesday, September 7 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you have not taken your second test yet, please make sure to do it tomorrow or your campus access may be affected.

COVID Case on Campus

Positive COVID cases in our campus community are noted in Whitman Today in compliance with state regulations. We will also update the data in our <u>COVID-19</u> <u>Dashboard</u> on a weekly basis following completion of Round 2 of our campus baseline COVID testing.

In accordance with new Washington state Labor & Industries employer requirements, we are notifying the campus community that in the past 24 hours, one 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 <u>campus COVID-19 protocols</u>, 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.

Upcoming Events

MONDAY

Labor Day

Many campus offices are closed in observance of Labor Day. Classes are in session as regularly scheduled.

Academic Resource Center Workshop: Planning Party 7 p.m. TUESDAY

Round 2 Baseline COVID-19 Testing 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Round 2 testing for anyone who has not taken their second test as well as people required to take a weekly

test due to an approved vaccination exemption.

LinkedIn Headshot Session 11 a.m.

Internship Search Tools and Resources Workshop 4 p.m. WEDNESDAY

noon

Next Steps 2022: So You Want to Go to Graduate School Whitman College Women's Soccer vs. Eastern Oregon 6 p.m.

<u>University</u> Academic Resource Center Workshop: Planning Party 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

11 a.m.

noon

4 p.m.

LinkedIn Headshot Session

FRIDAY

CARE Team

"An Ugly Truth": Campus Talk and Book Signing with 4 p.m. Cecilia Kang '94

Whitman Events Calendar

Have an event you'd like to share with campus? Submit the information to the Events Calendar.

Staff and Faculty Development Workshop: Whitman

Academic Resource Center Workshop: Planning Party

Friday to Whitman College staff, faculty and students. All times are listed in Pacific Daylight

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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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