WHITMAN COLLEGE

EXTREME WEATHER PLAN

COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND 2012

In the event of **Extreme Weather**, the following alternative plan for the Commencement Ceremony will take place. Extreme Weather is defined as conditions which are unsafe, such as severe winds, lightning or hail, as opposed to conditions which are uncomfortable such as rain, heat, or cold.

NOTIFICATION

The clocktower bell in the Memorial Building will start ringing continuously at 10:30 a.m. to signify that the Extreme Weather Plan is being implemented. A notification that the plan is being implemented also will be posted on the Whitman website.

TIME & LOCATION

The Commencement Ceremony will be delayed until 12 p.m. to allow Whitman staff sufficient time to stage the ceremony indoors.

All graduating seniors will participate in a single ceremony in Cordiner Hall, beginning at 12 p.m. Cordiner Hall doors will open at 11:30 a.m.

TICKETS

Each senior will receive two Extreme Weather Plan tickets prior to Commencement, upon completion and submission of his or her senior survey in late April. If your student does not complete and submit the survey, he or she will not receive Extreme Weather Plan tickets.

Due to limited seating, security will redirect family members and guests without Extreme Weather Plan tickets to alternate viewing locations according to the last name of their graduating senior. (see "Viewing Locations" below). Tickets are not required at these venues.

SENIORS

Graduating seniors will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the downstairs multi-purpose gym in the Sherwood Athletics Center to pick up packets from Registrar and take their senior class photo. The Commencement marshal will line up seniors in marching order in SherwoodAthletics Center and instruct them when to process to Cordiner Hall.

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FACULTY

Faculty will arrive at Cordiner Hall at 11:30 a.m. to take their seats onstage. There will NOT be a faculty processional, and seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Faculty must be in academic regalia for admittance to Cordiner Hall without Extreme Weather Plan tickets.

50TH REUNION CLASS

The 50th Reunion Class and their families will transition to Kimball Theatre in Hunter Conservatory to watch the ceremony via webcast.

VIEWING LOCATIONS:

Parents, Families and Guests of Graduating Seniors without Extreme Weather Plan tickets may watch the ceremony via live webcast from the following locations:

- Last names beginning A-G: Young Ballroom in Reid Campus Center
- Last names beginning H-L: Olin 130
- Last names beginning M-S: Maxey Auditorium
- Last names beginning T-Z: Harper Joy Theatre

Additional viewing will be provided in the lower level of Reid Campus Center, in the Coffee House and in classroom GO-2.

ACCESSIBILITY:

A designated seating area in the Young Ballroom in Reid Campus Center will be provided for guests with wheelchairs and walkers to watch the Commencement ceremony via webcast.

A small section of seats will be reserved for hearing-impaired guests near the ASL signer in Cordiner Hall. Hearing-impaired guests should contact Mary Claire Gegen in the Academic Resource Center prior to Commencement to receive Extreme Weather Plan Tickets: (509) 527-5213.

LUNCH RECEPTION

In case of heavy rain or extreme weather, the lunch reception following the Commencement ceremony will take place in the Sherwood Athletics Center across the street from Cordiner Hall. Parents, families, and guests of graduating seniors are welcome to attend this event.

Additional questions about the Extreme Weather Plan? Please contact Commencement Coordinator Mara Sorkin (sorkinml@whitman.edu or 509-527-5133).