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else

# WHITMAN COLLEGE

Walla Walla, Washington

With a strong grounding in the liberal arts, a down-to-earth approach to their lives and interests, and the support of meaningful relationships with faculty and peers, Whitman students are among the highest achieving—and happiest—anywhere.

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As chief operating officer of the Whitman Investment Company—a student-run financial club that invests a \$500,000 fund on behalf of the College—Nick makes use of (and frequently beats) the stock market. He also dances and choreographs, recently taking part in Whitman’s biannual student dance production.

Nicholas Chow  
Port of Spain, Trinidad  
and Tobago  
Economics and geology major,  
Chinese minor



Natalie effectively divides her time between two presidential roles: as co-president of Student Agriculture at Whitman, she helps provide locally grown produce to the College community, and as co-president of Whitman Direct Action, she works to promote sustainable development in marginalized communities. She is also involved in the Campus Greens and Campus Climate Challenge—and captains the women’s Ultimate Frisbee team.

Natalie Jamerson  
Mercer Island, WA  
Environmental  
studies-biology major



Founder of the Adopt-a-Grandparent program, which pairs Whitman students with residents of the nearby Odd Fellows senior home, Matt has interned with an adult literacy NGO in Senegal and with Whitman’s Community Service Office. He is the recipient of a 2011 Princeton in Asia Fellowship.

Matt Manley  
Salem, OR  
English major

## A Unique Combination

At Whitman, you don't have to choose between **academic excellence** and a **down-to-earth culture**. You'll work closely—and informally—with faculty at the top of their fields. And you'll find an **engaging community** that pulls you in, brings out your passions, and provides many opportunities to get involved.





**Whitman attracts those who love academic challenge.** Whitman students want an education that engages them in and out of the classroom. At Whitman, they find a nationally recognized liberal arts college whose uncommonly committed faculty stimulates curiosity and inspires extraordinary effort. Students confront the rigor, the risks, and the excitement of questioning their understanding of the world.

**Whitman students are intellectually curious yet laid-back.** Whitman's community is built on mutual respect. Students accept each other's right to express their views and pursue their own visions—in short, to be themselves. At Whitman, it's more about accomplishments and less about appearance; more about becoming yourself and less about perfection. The Whitman community lacks pretense and provides an environment that fosters support and close friendships among students.



Whitman students develop close relationships with faculty, who become mentors, collaborators, and friends.



The rugged beauty of Whitman's Pacific Northwest location helps define the experience. The access to western mountains, rivers, and open space draws many students to Whitman. The legendary Whitman Outdoor Program not only provides opportunities to explore, but also builds leaders, promotes teamwork, and instills confidence. Whitman's campus and Walla Walla personify a western ethos that is friendly, open, and encouraging.

Whitman students have diverse interests—including, for many, an active interest in environmental and social issues. Whether conducting genetic research, volunteering in a medical outreach program in Kenya, restoring a local habitat, mentoring an elementary student, or serving in the Peace Corps, Whitman students face complex problems with a sensibility that balances human needs and a respect for the environment. They seek ways to make a difference in the world.



**Ranked by The Princeton Review (2015) as one of 75 “Best Value” private colleges, Whitman enrolls 1,470 students from 43 states and 28 nations. With the College’s 8:1 student-to-faculty ratio, classes at Whitman average only 16 students; 68 percent live on campus.**

### **An Authentic Town**

Walla Walla—winner of a recent Great American Main Street award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation—has a rare authenticity. A “pocket of serenity” thriving among the region’s vineyards and farmlands, the 32,000-resident city boasts fine restaurants, one-of-a-kind boutiques, coffee shops galore, and historic homes along tree-lined streets. Walla Walla was recently featured in *Sunset* magazine as one of the top downtowns in the West and ranked in many wine and gourmet magazines as a “hot” location.

Whitman ranked on 11 of The Princeton Review’s 2016 top 20 “Best” lists, including “Their Students Love These Colleges,” “Happiest Students,” “Lots of Race/Class Interaction,” “Best Quality of Life,” “Best Health Services,” “Easiest Campus to Get Around,” and “Most Accessible Professors.”

### **The Back Story**

The College was named after Marcus and Narcissa Whitman, medical missionaries who settled in the Walla Walla area in the 1830s. Whitman began as a college in 1882 with five professors and eight students. Whitman has been coed and independent from its founding.

**“Whitman has been everything I thought college should be—aesthetically and academically.”**

—Jennifer Maples | Palo Alto, CA | Sheehan Gallery Committee, art mentoring, Delta Gamma sorority | art history/studio art double major

### **High-Achieving Students**

Admission to Whitman is highly competitive. Admitted students are selected based on academic achievement, diversity of background, and range of interest. Since 2000, 68 have graduated with Fulbright fellowships; others have won prestigious Rhodes, Watson, Truman, Udall, Beinecke, Trudeau, and National Science Foundation scholarships. Whitman students and teams have also included national champions in skiing, snowboarding, cycling, debate, and classical piano.

### **Distinctive Programs**

Whitman’s Encounters—a two-semester seminar for first-year students—distinguishes the College academically, along with the annual Whitman Undergraduate Conference and required comprehensive projects and oral exams in the senior year. Also of note: Semester in the West, Whitman’s traveling environmental studies program; and a wildly popular outdoor program.

### **An Environmental Ethic**

Whitman students take pride in their role as stewards of their own community. Campus recycling and composting, as well as using ecologically friendly materials and a 25,000 kWh solar array, are among the ways Whitman helps preserve a better tomorrow.

### **What People Say**

*U.S. News & World Report* (2016) ranks Whitman 40th in the nation.

Whitman was also one of only two Northwest institutions to be named a “Top 50 Best Value” school by both *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance* and *The Princeton Review* (2011).

*Forbes* magazine (2015) ranks Whitman 21st among liberal arts colleges and 8th in the West.

In the fall of 2013, Teach For America listed Whitman 5th in the nation among small colleges providing teachers to its program.

In addition, the *Washington Monthly* (2014) ranks Whitman in the top 30 liberal arts colleges in the nation.

Beyond these plaudits, Whitman’s high level of student satisfaction speaks volumes: the College’s graduation rate of 88 percent is among the best in the nation, and the percentage of its alumni who give to the College’s Annual Fund puts Whitman among the top three colleges and universities in the West.

Academic Excellence

# Liberating Perspectives

Start with a rigorous curriculum, devised and brought to life by a faculty of the highest caliber. Add an academic program that ensures students are challenged by classes outside their comfort areas, opportunities for research, and comprehensive senior exams that foster learning in depth. Throw in plenty of academic support, a few all-nighters, and a library open 24/7. The result? An education that liberates the mind, inspires the spirit, and unleashes the imagination.





From the Hall of Science Atrium (left) to Whitman's art studios (above), whether taking a break or in the throes of creation, Whitman students learn to appreciate—and step outside—established molds.

**In their first year, all Whitman students complete Encounters, a two-semester course that provides a foundation for a life of learning.** In Whitman's Encounters seminar, organized around a changing theme, students examine interactions between peoples and cultures, worldviews, and the construction of knowledge across academic fields. Through study, discussion, and writing, students expand their perspectives—and find themselves enriched as human beings.

**Encounters encourages critical thinking.** This course highlights core texts within and beyond the traditional Western canon. As they read and discuss great philosophy, religion, history, and literature, Whitman students develop their intellectual capabilities. As they consider and express ideas, articulate arguments, and question assumptions—in writing as well as in conversation—they increase their ability to understand and communicate.

**In Encounters, students connect—with provocative writing and with each other.** Often as a result of sharing important ideas, students bond with those in their Encounters section. And because they see in later course work how knowledge of these ideas has provided them a common point of reference with other students and faculty, it's no wonder that many choose to take an extension of Encounters. Called Critical Voices, this optional course focuses on the roles played by "others."

The Allen Reading Room in Penrose Library, a favorite study spot, features a fireplace, leather couches, and the painting *Trigo* by artist Roberto Juarez.



**Whitman’s General Studies Program ensures that Whitman students gain broad exposure to diverse areas of study.**

Many students think they know what they want to pursue in college, only to discover a new interest along the way. Distribution requirements (six credits in each of four main academic areas, one course in Quantitative Analysis, and two courses involving cultural pluralism) help Whitman students acquire breadth and perspective—giving them greater insight and exposure to subjects beyond their comfort zone.

**Whitman students immerse themselves in their majors.**

Once students choose a major (or develop their own individually planned major), they devote about a third of their course work to in-depth study in that area. By senior year, they’re ready for Whitman’s written and oral senior assessments—a culmination of projects and comprehensive exams through which students demonstrate how well they’ve assimilated and integrated four years of learning in their chosen major.

**Across the curriculum, students conduct research with their professors.**

Collaborative research exposes students to scholarly work—and can take them to the far reaches of the world. Alongside faculty members, students have examined flower-bee interactions, studied biracial identity, and traveled to destinations from Jordan to Sweden to Mongolia. Whether it’s done in Whitman’s Penrose Library, a science lab, or around the globe, working with a professor on a research project is common here.

The Innovation in Teaching and Learning Fund supports creative approaches to student learning. For example, students interested in cross-cultural psychology and Asian Studies have the opportunity to enroll in a summer course entitled *Shinrigaku: Psychology in Japan*. The course culminates with fieldwork in Japan.



Whitman's wireless network connects all the academic buildings, the library, the campus center, residence halls, interest houses, and Ankeny Field.



Student performers—such as the Aztec dance concheros—make the all-day Whitman Undergraduate Conference a dynamic event.

**Whitman's Undergraduate Conference showcases the results of student research and scholarship.** One day each year, students participate in a campus-wide celebration of student academic research. Students give talks, make poster presentations, exhibit their art, and perform original work. This Whitman tradition, one of the few such conferences in the nation, pulls together the results of course work, theses, summer internships, collaboration with faculty, and study abroad—and provides students an exceptional opportunity to develop their oral presentation skills. Friends crisscross campus all day long to catch each others' presentations.

**Senior comprehensives make a difference.** Nearly a century ago, Whitman was the first college in the nation to require oral comprehensive examinations in the academic major of each student. The challenge of comprehensive exams has led Whitman students to graduate with exceptionally solid knowledge of their fields and a strong sense of intellectual self-confidence. They leave Whitman well prepared for graduate and professional school, as well as for careers.

intimate learning + worldly experience

**Below:** Students on Whitman's Semester in the West program discuss renewable energy sources and climate change at Snowmass Falls Ranch, Aspen, Colorado.

**Right:** The collection at Penrose Library, open 24/7 during the academic year, is enhanced by Whitman's membership in the ORBIS/Cascade Alliance.



Through study abroad, students gain exposure to other cultures. In their junior year, about 40 percent of Whitman students immerse themselves in the life and language of another culture. For such study, Whitman students earn academic credit in programs partnered with or approved by the College. More important, they gain a perspective—consistent with the goals of the liberal arts—that frees them from narrowness, enhances their leadership capabilities, and increases their understanding of other points of view.

Whitman's innovative teaching and learning programs give students valuable field experience. From Whitman College Semester in the West—an interdisciplinary field program in which students confront some of the most pressing issues facing the American West; to Whitman in the Willows—a summer program in which students investigate the natural and human ecologies of Willowa County, Oregon; to the Klamath Field Study Program, in which students gain understanding of issues faced by Native people in the Klamath Mountain region—Whitman exposes students to the world's complexity.



**Domestic off-campus programs combine academic seminars with internships.** Students who want to experience contemporary urban America firsthand can study in one of three semester-long programs: the Eugene O'Neill National Theatre Institute (Connecticut), the Philadelphia Center, and the Washington Semester in the nation's capital. Internships on Capitol Hill or with a nongovernmental organization enrich the experience for students.

**Penrose Library forms the heart of academic life.** A wooden canoe hanging in the library's lobby invites students to explore the many tributaries of knowledge within: more than 500,000 print volumes, 160 online databases, and access to an additional 25 million books through the ORBIS/Cascade Alliance. One of only a handful in the nation open to students 24/7 during the academic year, Penrose Library includes a reading room with a fireplace, wireless connections throughout, computer stations, a café, and plenty of couches and tables to accommodate study sessions.

**The College's Hall of Science brings people and resources together.** Whitman students who enter the Hall's light-filled atrium discover walls of limestone embedded with fossils, walk past display cases of natural treasures, and climb a locustwood staircase (milled from trees that grew at the building's site) before reaching the state-of-the-art labs and advanced instrumentation above. State-of-the-art equipment available for student research includes a Bruker Avance III 400 MHz Ultrashield Plus Spectrometer System and an Oxford Diffraction Xcalibur Nova X-ray Crystallography System.

# Liberating Perspectives

**In an academic setting marked by intellectual vitality and rigor, Whitman offers 44 majors leading to the Bachelor of Arts.**

## Majors

Anthropology\*  
Art\*  
Art History and  
Visual Culture Studies\*  
Asian Studies  
Astronomy\*  
Biochemistry, Biophysics  
and Molecular Biology  
Biology\*  
Biology- Environmental Studies  
Biology- Geology  
Chemistry\*  
Chemistry- Environmental Studies  
Chemistry- Geology  
Classical Studies  
Classics\*  
Economics\*  
Economics- Environmental Studies  
Economics- Mathematics  
English\*  
Environmental Studies  
Film and Media Studies\*  
French\*  
Gender Studies\*  
Geology\*  
Geology- Astronomy  
Geology- Environmental Studies  
Geology- Physics  
German Studies\*  
History\*  
Mathematics\*  
Mathematics- Physics  
Music\*  
Philosophy\*  
Physics\*  
Physics- Astronomy  
Physics- Environmental Studies  
Politics\*  
Politics- Environmental Studies  
Psychology\*

Race and Ethnic Studies\*  
Religion\*  
Rhetoric Studies\*  
Sociology\*  
Sociology- Environmental Studies  
Spanish\*  
Theatre\*

\*Also available as a minor.

## Minors

Chinese  
Japanese  
Latin American Studies  
World Literature

## Individually Planned Majors

A representative sampling:

African American Studies  
Childhood Studies  
Clinical Psychology and Applied  
Theatre  
Continental European  
Cultural Studies  
Environmental Studies-Psychology  
Health, Policy, Science, and Culture  
International Political Economy  
Music Technology  
Neural Networking and Modeling  
Peace and Conflict Studies  
Political Philosophy  
Post-Colonial Studies  
United States Policy Studies  
Writing-Environmental Studies

## Combined Programs

Students may combine a Whitman liberal arts education with a specialized degree from one of the following institutions:

3-2 Engineering and Computer  
Science (BA + BS)

*California Institute of Technology  
Columbia University  
University of Washington  
Washington University*

3-3 Forestry and Environmental  
Management (BA + MF or BA + MEM)  
*Duke University*

3-3 Law (BA + JD)  
*Columbia University*

3-2 Oceanography (BA + BS)  
*University of Washington*

**In 1919, Whitman became the first independent college in the Northwest to be selected for a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa—the nation's oldest and most prestigious academic honor society.**



## Summer Reading

In a tradition that embodies Whitman's interactive, thoughtful culture, each year the College's president and the faculty assign a book to be read during the summer by all incoming students. Recent titles have included *The Warmth of Other Suns*, *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*, *Whistling Vivaldi*, and *Reservation Blues*. During Opening Week each fall, Resident Assistants lead new students in a discussion of that year's book, and the author comes to campus to speak to students about the work during the academic year.

## Student Accomplishment

Titles of student research presentations at the annual Whitman Undergraduate Conference have included:

Beyond Language: An Anthropological Analysis of a Dual-Immersion Bilingual Program  
Cellular Mechanism of Coronary Artery Development  
Crystal Growth in Experimental Lava Flows  
Exploration of Effects of Reef Waters on Coral Skeletal Chemistry  
Developing a Chemical Remediation for Carbon Monoxide Pollution  
Glacial Morphology and Hydrology in Linnébreen, Switzerland  
How the Affordable Health Care Act Perpetuates Neoliberal Institutions and Ideology  
The Hunt for Recoiling Black Holes: Sifting Through COSMOS Data  
Jesus Walks: Hip-Hop as Black Liberalism  
Modeling Earthquakes in South Lake Tahoe Basin  
Not for Children: The Vitality, Racism, and Rebellion in Early Cartoons  
Not Monkeying Around: The Bushmeat Crisis on Bioko Island  
Obama Conspiracy Theories and the Exclusion of Muslim Subjects  
Reducing Tibial Shock in Female Distance Runners

Replicators Everywhere: Memes, Ideologies, and the Reproductive Atmosphere of the Unrestricted Internet

School, Spirituality, and Social Circles: Sources of Sexual Attitudes on Campus

We Are All So Raven: Race as a Disney Commodity

Witch Without a Body: Japan's Mountain Crone Reborn

Since 2005, 21 students have received National Science Foundation research grants, which fund graduate study in the sciences.

## A Balance of Majors

Whitman students pursue majors in all areas of study:

Humanities and Arts—28%  
Social Sciences and Education—35%  
Natural Sciences and Math—34%  
Interdisciplinary—3%

## Academic Favorites

For the past five years, the most popular majors at Whitman (in descending order) have been: Environmental Studies (all combined majors)

Biology  
Psychology  
Politics  
Economics  
English  
Biochemistry, Biophysics and Molecular Biology  
History  
Sociology



## A World of Opportunity

Among the locations in which Whitties have studied abroad:

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Argentina          | Italy            |
| Australia          | Japan            |
| Austria            | Jordan           |
| Belgium            | Kenya            |
| Belize             | Korea            |
| Bolivia            | Madagascar       |
| Botswana           | Mali             |
| Brazil             | Mexico           |
| Canada             | Morocco          |
| Chile              | Nepal            |
| China              | New Zealand      |
| Costa Rica         | Nicaragua        |
| Cuba               | Norway           |
| Czech Republic     | Panama           |
| Denmark            | Peru             |
| Dominican Republic | Portugal         |
| Ecuador            | Scotland         |
| Egypt              | Senegal          |
| England            | Serbia           |
| France             | South Africa     |
| Germany            | Spain            |
| Ghana              | Sri Lanka        |
| Greece             | Sweden           |
| Hungary            | Switzerland      |
| Iceland            | Taiwan           |
| India              | Tanzania         |
| Indonesia          | Thailand         |
| Ireland            | Turkey           |
| Israel             | Turks and Caicos |
|                    | Vietnam          |

# Talented Students

As varied as their interests may be, Whitman students have much in common: a strong work ethic, healthy self-confidence, an abiding mutual respect, a cooperative spirit—and a friendliness that is pervasive. By freely sharing their passions, they broaden their knowledge of each other and the world.



Whitman students are less concerned about where you're coming from than about who you are. Here, people aren't trying to label one another. Rather, they are pushing themselves toward achievement, experience, and becoming better people. It's a healthy, invigorating social atmosphere—welcoming of everyone.



“Whitman students are smart but don’t flaunt it. They enjoy deep, philosophical conversations, whether at three in the morning or over lunch. They want to change the world. They know when to work hard and when to take a break. They love to explore, both intellectually and out in the world. Every person here has something amazing to offer.”

—Leah Wheeler | Seattle, WA | Hillel-Shalom, Community Service Club, Outdoor Program, Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority philanthropy chair, *Pioneer* staff photographer, Whitman Investment Company | economics major, Spanish minor



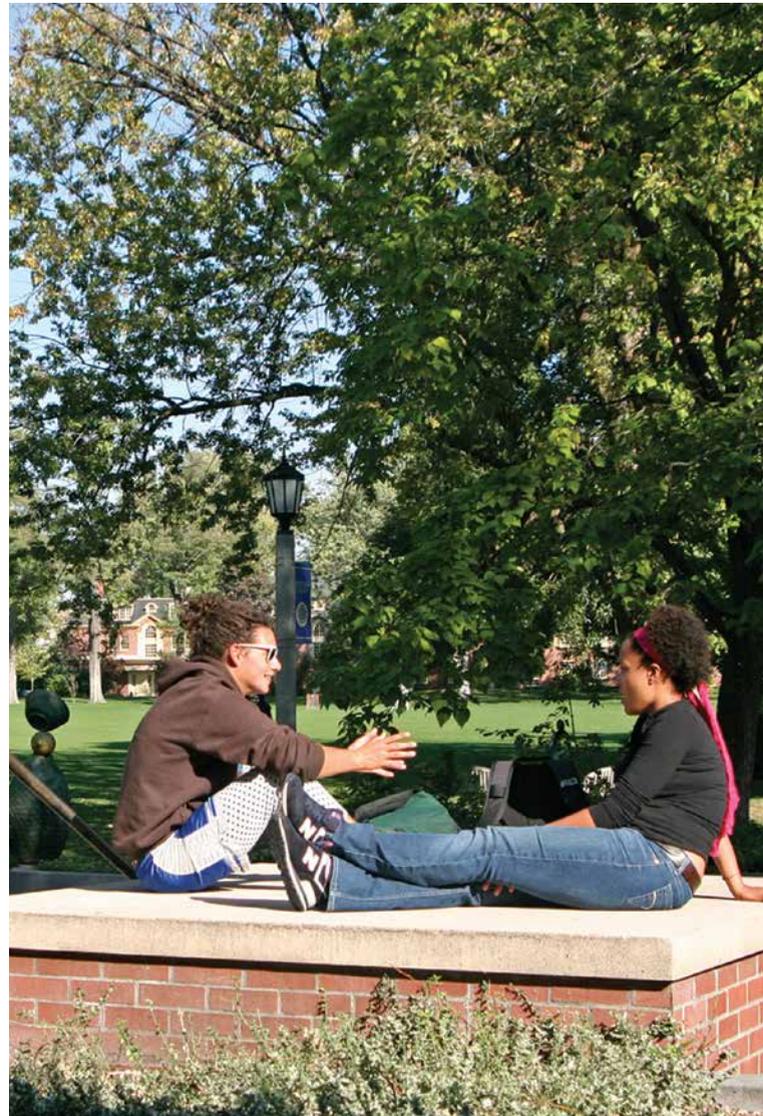
“At Whitman, everybody is passionate about learning. Inquisitiveness is contagious, and that which you once took for granted suddenly demands critical examination.”

—Dieter Brandner | Anchorage, AK | Abshire research grant recipient | biology major, chemistry minor



“My favorite memory from this year is sitting in Encounters class and asking my professor, ‘Wait, so that’s the meaning of life?’ And him responding by smiling and saying, ‘I don’t know—you tell me.’”

—Chris Bendix | Newcastle, WA | varsity swim team, Club Cycling, percussion | philosophy major



**Whitman students go the distance with their studies.** They’re willing to put in long hours with the books, and often meet in study groups where they learn with and from one another. Students thrive in an environment where they are challenged to see new perspectives and exceed their own limits.

**Whitman’s inclusive community is composed of people who accept and enjoy each other’s differences.** Whitman is rich in personalities, interests, and backgrounds. Nearly 25 percent of Whitties are students of color or international students. The College is committed to maintaining a community that respects the differences among us. Whitman’s Intercultural Center offers programs and events that celebrate diversity.



**Whitman students are exceptional individuals.** They may wear a “Who is John Galt” hat or use phrases such as “genetic effective size,” “hermeneutics of suspicion,” or “crunchy.” They may get excited about cooking a green curry vegetable dish or bring a hot-pink satin pillow to the library. Or they may appear, on the surface, unremarkable. In the end, it’s what they carry inside—and how they relate to each other—that makes them Whitties.



“I’ve never met so many incredibly warm, genuine people all in one place before. I don’t think you’ll find another place where people run to open doors for you and will strike up conversations with a smile just because they’re a fellow Whittie.”

—Keiler Beers | Portland, OR | Testostertones, Whitman mentor, Adopt-a-Grandparent, Phi Delta Theta fraternity | politics and Spanish double major

# Talented Students

**Whitman students defy stereotypes. They work hard, play hard—and thrive in an atmosphere of cooperation and support.**

### Whitties in Profile

- Enrollment—1,470
- States represented—43
- Countries represented—28
- High schools represented—760
  - Public schools—70%
  - Independent schools—30%
- First-year to sophomore retention—94%
- Graduation rate—87%
- First-generation college students—10%

### Ethnic Variety

- African-American/Black—1%
- Asian-American/Pacific Islander—7%
- International students—4%
- Latino/Hispanic—8%
- Multi-Ethnic—4%
- Native American—1%

Fifty-four percent of new Whitman students graduated in the top 10 percent of their high school class. Enrolled students have SAT scores with a middle 50 percent range of 620 to 730 (critical reading), 610 to 720 (math), and 620 to 670 (writing), or ACT scores with a middle 50 percent range of 28 to 32.

### From Far and Wide

Ninety-one percent of students come from more than 250 miles away.

### Where in the World?

Whitman’s international students come from the following countries:

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|-----------|----------------|
| Australia | Mexico         |
| Bulgaria  | Montenegro     |
| Canada    | Nepal          |
| China     | Rwanda         |
| Ecuador   | South Africa   |
| Egypt     | Switzerland    |
| India     | Thailand       |
| Indonesia | Tunisia        |
| Iraq      | United Kingdom |
| Japan     | Uzbekistan     |
| Kenya     | Venezuela      |
| Korea     | Vietnam        |
| Lesotho   |                |

Students with U.S. or dual citizenship have also come from:

- |           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| Argentina | Italy          |
| Australia | Japan          |
| Bulgaria  | Liechtenstein  |
| Canada    | New Zealand    |
| Colombia  | Norway         |
| Ecuador   | Panama         |
| France    | Spain          |
| Germany   | Sweden         |
| India     | Switzerland    |
| Ireland   | United Kingdom |

### Active Backgrounds

In high school, Whitman students were involved in:

- Arts—6%
- Community service—82%
- Debate—7%
- Drama—15%
- Music—35%

Their roles in high school included:

- ASB or senior class president—4%
- Editor/co-editor—1%
- Captain/co-captain—17%
- Student organization founder—11%



### A Multilingual Community

Languages spoken by Whitties include:

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|------------|------------|
| Afrikaans  | Nepalese   |
| Arabic     | Norwegian  |
| Bulgarian  | Persian    |
| Burmese    | Portuguese |
| Cantonese  | Punjabi    |
| Czech      | Russian    |
| Chinese    | Serbian    |
| French     | Sotho      |
| German     | Spanish    |
| Gujarati   | Swahili    |
| Hebrew     | Swedish    |
| Hindi      | Tagalog    |
| Indonesian | Tamil      |
| Italian    | Thai       |
| Japanese   | Urdu       |
| Korean     | Vietnamese |
| Mandarin   | Xhosa      |
| Navajo     |            |

“My Encounters class was mostly discussion, and I loved that all my classmates had different interests. It just made discussions better when you had a science major debating a humanities major over thematic similarities between *The Odyssey* and the *Bhagavad Gita*.”

—Erika Horwege | The Woodlands, TX | River Rince (Irish Dance Club), Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, club volleyball, admission overnight host | history major

# Inspiring Faculty

Students describe the faculty as accessible, supportive, dynamic, and committed. They are scholars, experts in their disciplines, collaborators, critics, mentors, and advisers. They take their role as Whitman professors seriously and inspire in their students a serious devotion to learning.



**Whitman faculty members have chosen to teach at a college where they can know each of their students personally.**

They notice if someone doesn't show up for class and ask questions if the quality of a student's work declines. Whitman professors demand much of their students, yet go to great lengths to create an environment where they can excel. And they acknowledge and celebrate student achievement outside of class—on the playing field, on stage, and in the greater community.



“Professors will push you to excel and challenge you to question any assumptions you might have. But they’ll also be there to support you if you ever need help. I’ve been so inspired by the professors here. They’re all brilliant, accessible, and really genuinely care about you as a student.”

—Lauren McCullough | Lake Oswego, OR | Sustainability Advisory Committee, Action for Animals, Real Food Challenge Whitman, RA, Environmental Justice, Campus Greens, Student Life Committee, America Reads/Counts, Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, and IM football, soccer, frisbee, dodgeball, volleyball | social justice and social change major



**Whitman's advising system helps keep students on track.** Each student is assigned a pre-major adviser to offer ideas about course selection and help schedule classes. Once students declare a major, they choose a faculty adviser from their area of interest. This professor is especially well qualified to help them consider career paths and research options, and—in some cases—to coach them toward competing for postgraduate fellowships and scholarships.



Whitman's commitment to teaching and learning has been recognized by national and international organizations. Since 2000, Whitman faculty have received more than \$5.5 million in National Science Foundation grants, which have purchased advanced equipment for faculty and students conducting cutting-edge research.



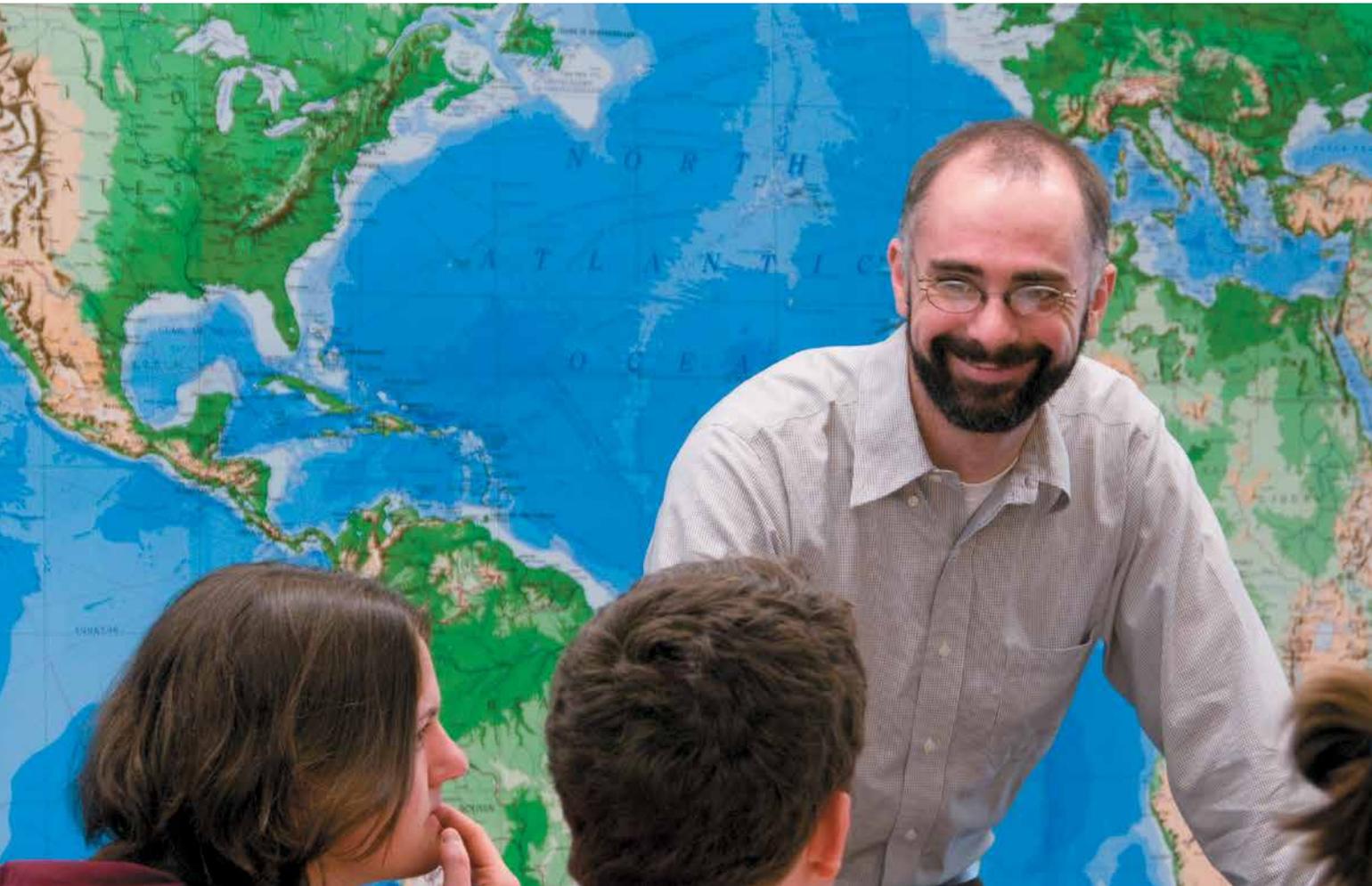
“At Whitman, students and faculty work together toward an understanding and appreciation of primary texts and issues.”

—Dana Burgess, professor of classics



“Whether it is teaching a class on Ankeny Field or taking a field trip to the state penitentiary to get firsthand observations of the judicial system, professors strive to give students the most holistic and involved education possible. That keeps students interested and passionate.”

—Nik Hagen | Rochester, MN | Phi Delta Theta fraternity, Testostertones, IM sports, Chorale, Chamber Singers, Wind Ensemble | psychology and theatre double major



**Faculty research provides students with outstanding opportunities for collaboration.**

Whitman faculty pursue research and scholarship alongside their teaching—a professional balance that benefits their students. This passion for outside academic pursuits spills over into the classroom and gives students opportunities for summer research—and connections leading to paid internships. Faculty scholarship also enriches course content and brings students in contact with the latest developments in many fields.

Whitman faculty work closely with students. All teachers are faculty members; there are no TAs or graduate students teaching classes at Whitman.

## Inspiring Faculty

**Whitman's 164 full-time faculty members value teaching in a close-knit community where they are known to students and colleagues personally and professionally.**

### Class Size

| Students | Percent |
|----------|---------|
| 1 to 9   | 18%     |
| 10 to 19 | 48%     |
| 20 to 29 | 21%     |
| 30 to 39 | 8%      |
| 40 to 49 | 4%      |
| > 50     | <1%     |

**“With some students, there is hand-holding at first, but then they take off like a Harrier jet.”**

—Hollibert Phillips, professor of philosophy

### Academic Support

The Academic Resource Center (ARC) provides assistance with time management, study strategies, and note-taking services. It identifies qualified student tutors when needed and assists with accommodations for students with learning disabilities.

The ARC is the home for Student Academic Advisers (SAs), upperclass students selected for their academic and personal achievements who live with first-year students in the residence halls. SAs assist with academic orientation and provide advice for everything from study abroad and tutoring resources to “blue book” exams and time management. First-year students may meet with their SA to get feedback on a first draft of an Encounters paper or get help on a complicated calculus problem. The SAs can either provide the answer or point students to someone who can help.

Need advice for your papers? Whitman's Writing Center offers tutors who read rough drafts and offer suggestions on language and organization.

### Enhanced Teaching

Whitman created the Center for Teaching and Learning to give its faculty the resources for professional improvement. Faculty members participate in discussions, lectures, workshops, and seminars to enhance their effectiveness in the classroom.

### Professional Honors

Whitman's faculty has recently received honors and fellowships from:

Battelle Research Institute  
Fulbright Fellows Program  
Howard Hughes Medical Institute  
Luce Foundation  
National Endowment for the Arts  
National Endowment for the Humanities  
National Institutes of Health  
National Science Foundation  
PEW Charitable Trust  
William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

**Ninety-one percent of tenure-track faculty hold the Ph.D. or other appropriate terminal degree in their field.**

**Professor Bob Withycombe was the Washington State Professor of the Year in 2009.**

### Exploring Together

Recent examples of student-faculty research:

Susanne Beechey (politics), Mehera Nori, Mara Chang-Northway, and Ryan Creal: *The Queer Politics of the It Gets Better Project*

Aaron Bobrow-Strain (politics) and Robin Lewis: *How White Bread Became White Trash: Race, Class and the Rise of Neoliberal Eating*

Bob Carson (geology and environmental studies) and Matthew Morriss: *Environment and Geology of Southwestern Texas*

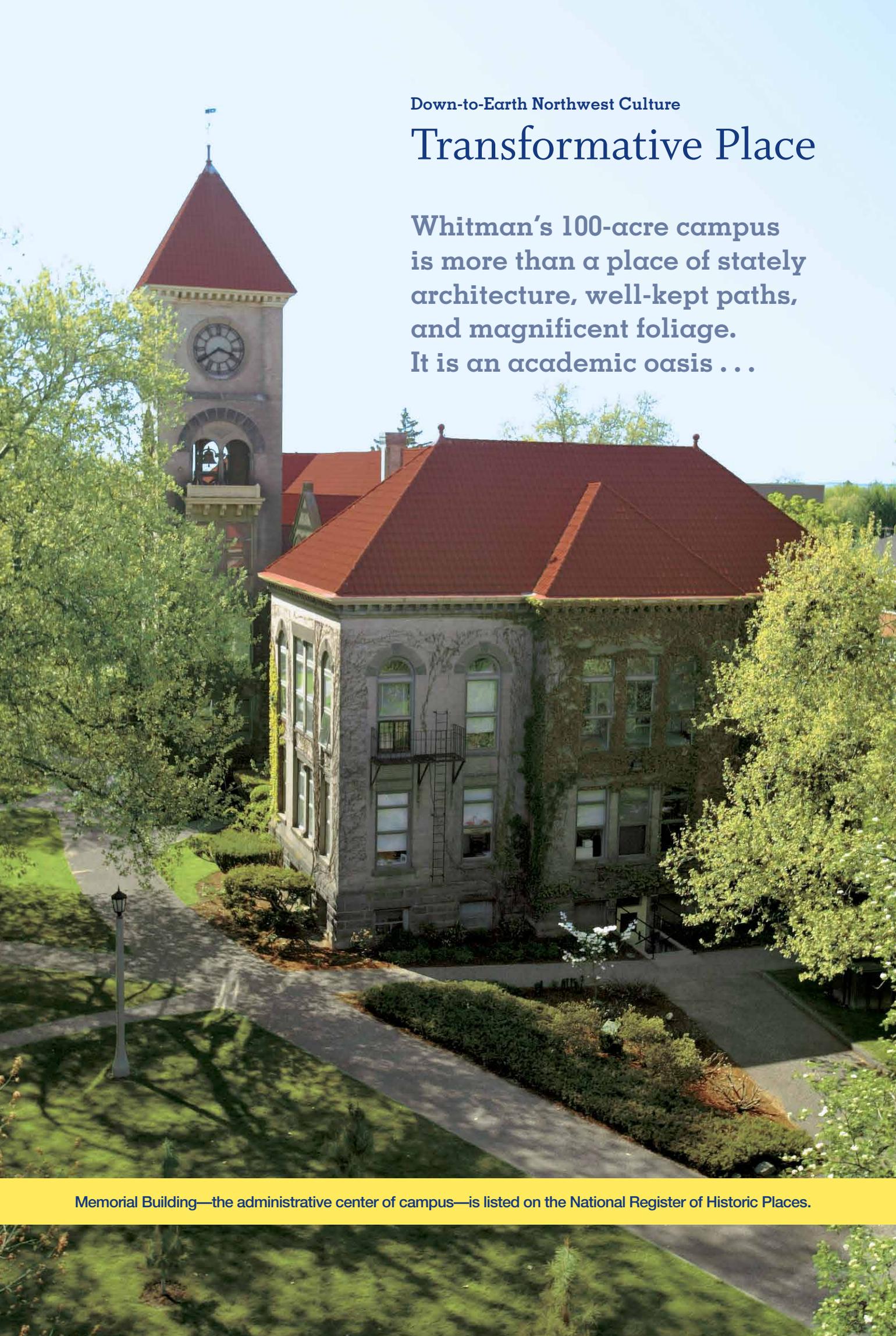
Marion Götz (chemistry) and Brandon Fennel: *Designing Enzyme Inhibitors as Potential Therapeutic Agents*

Christopher Leise (English) and Eleanor Gold: *Stealing Faulkner's Body: Suzan-Lori Parks's Disinterment of As I Lay Dying*

Matthew W. Prull (psychology), Natalie Tamburello, and Noah Henry-Darwish: *Memory for Real-World Events in Young and Older Adults*

Matthew Reynolds (art history) and Elizabeth Hockett: *A Massive Multi-Faceted Screening Room: L.A. Free-waves Reinvents the Arts Festival along Hollywood Boulevard*

Ginger Withers (biology) and Dieter Brandner: *The Role of the Cytoskeleton in Neuron Development*



Down-to-Earth Northwest Culture

# Transformative Place

Whitman's 100-acre campus is more than a place of stately architecture, well-kept paths, and magnificent foliage. It is an academic oasis . . .

Memorial Building—the administrative center of campus—is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

... with tranquil waters

Lakum Duckum, fed by a subterranean spring, is known for its ducks—and its year-round warmth.





## ... and golden light.

Whitties' two favorite ways to get around are on foot and by bike. In fact, many students find they don't need a car once they arrive on campus.



Whitman's Ultimate team, the Walla Walla Sweets, hosts more than 30 club teams on campus for the annual Onionfest Tournament. The men's team placed 15th at the 2011 Ultimate College Championships.



Students gather on Ankeny Field, the heart of Whitman's campus, for athletic competition, social events, and gorgeous sunsets.



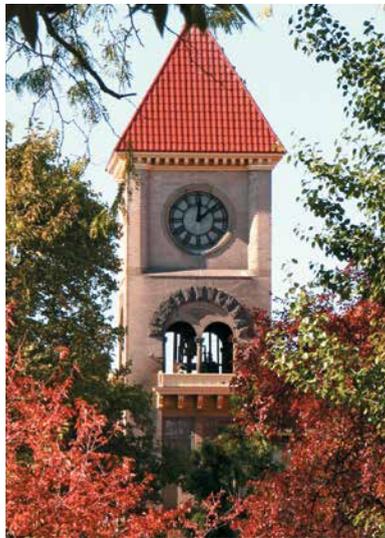
“Life is lived at a different pace in the Northwest, and it is this unassuming, open, relaxed atmosphere that makes Whitman such a fantastic place to learn.”

—Tillie Gottlieb | Chevy Chase, MD | senior admission intern, theatre, Delta Gamma sorority, intramural flag football, ballet, Challah for Hunger volunteer | theatre major

One block from historic downtown Walla Walla,  
Whitman's campus combines beauty and utility.



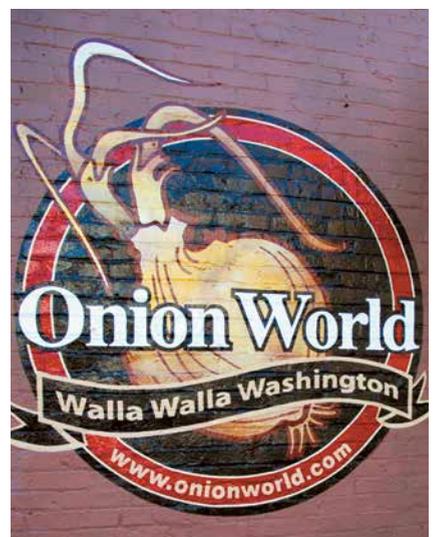
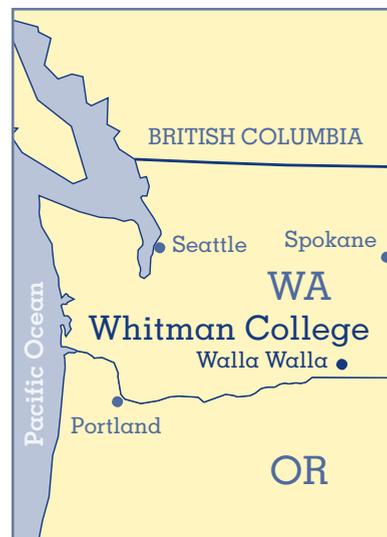
**Constant renewal** keeps the campus modern and dynamic. Recent improvements include renovations of Sherwood Athletic Center, Harper Joy Theatre, Maxey Hall (social sciences), Olin Hall (humanities and mathematics), and the Glover Alston Center (multicultural organizations), and completion of the Fouts Center for Visual Arts, Baker Ferguson Fitness Center, and Paul Harvey Pool.



A city of 32,000, Walla Walla offers Whitman students material convenience and a charm all its own.



**Revitalized** by the region's burgeoning wine industry, Walla Walla puts the best of small-town America within easy reach of Whitman students. Its well-kept streets mix shops from earlier eras with trendy cafés and boutiques. Its bookstores and restaurants provide ready destinations and distractions. Its sidewalk sculpture makes it seem almost an extension of campus.

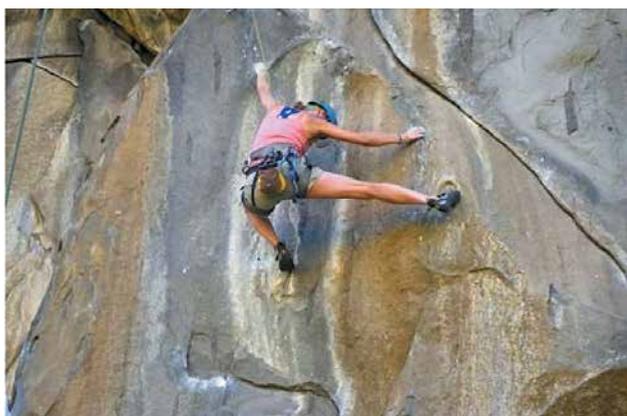




Halfway between the Rockies and the Cascades, Whitman is well positioned for outdoor recreation.



Walla Walla means “place of many waters” in the Cayuse language, and rafting destinations abound in the region.



Whitman’s Outdoor Program offers trips throughout the year, bringing Whitman students to natural wonders both scenic and challenging.



“I never thought I would be a cyclist or triathlete, but I have now raced in over 20 races, placing in the top three in my age group in all of them. Who knew?!”

—Brian Wakefield | Philomath, OR | varsity swim team, Club Cycling, triathlon, music, senior admission intern | biology major, Spanish minor

Whitman's four-time national champion cycling team trains among the rolling hills that surround the Walla Walla valley.



## Active Lives

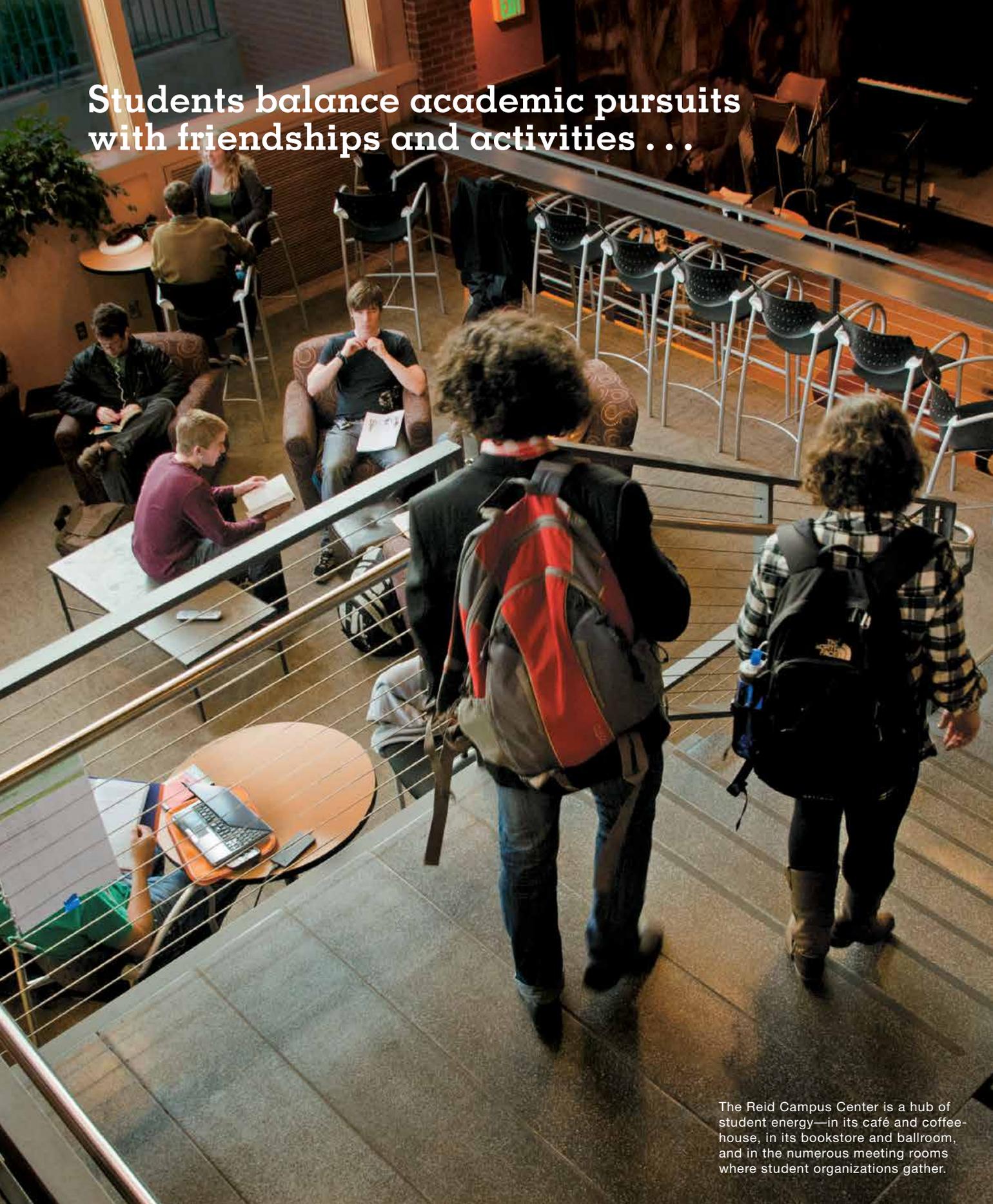
Whitman's culture generates self-sufficient energy—a virtue stemming from the College's location—leading students to form strong bonds of community. The result: a wide array of student organizations (such as Whitman's nationally ranked debate team); vital music, theatre, and outdoor programs; varied housing options; meaningful service opportunities; and spirited athletics have deep roots on campus—and are central to the lives of Whitman students.



### Traditions thrive at Whitman, and new ones take shape every year.

Visiting one of the local Taco Trucks for some of the “best cheap food in town” . . . writing an entry in the journal left on the Allen Reading Room mantle for the last person studying there each night . . . crafting a meal on a Whisperlite camp stove with a secret ingredient during the Tamarac Iron Chef cook-off . . . grabbing a milk shake at the Ice-Burg Drive-In . . . taking friends “ping-pong” at Cordiner Hall . . . singing with housemates in the annual Whitman Choral Contest . . . playing intramural flag football on Ankeny Field—in these and many other ways, students make Whitman their own.

# Students balance academic pursuits with friendships and activities . . .



The Reid Campus Center is a hub of student energy—in its café and coffee-house, in its bookstore and ballroom, and in the numerous meeting rooms where student organizations gather.



“At Whitman, I don’t suspect ulterior motives when someone taps me on the shoulder in the library to get my nose out of a book and offers me a homemade chocolate chip cookie. Instead, I smile and realize that this is what community is all about.”

—Nathan Sany | Portland, OR | Whitman Mentors, Walla Walla Friends, Sweets Ultimate, Library Advisory Committee, Anthropology Society, Outdoor Program, Scramble Leader | anthropology major

## indoors . . .

Theatre at Whitman attracts students from all majors, and even first-year students may land significant roles. Whitman theatre students go on to some of the top graduate programs in the nation, including those of the American Conservatory Theatre.



**All the comforts of home— with more options.** Sixty-eight percent of Whitman students live on campus, either in one of the nine residence halls or (after the first year) in one of Whitman’s fraternities and sororities. After the first year, students may also choose to live in one of the College’s 11 interest houses—whose themes include community service, multicultural issues, writing, environmental awareness, and a number of languages—or in one of the many apartment houses just off campus. Three of the first-year residence halls have dining facilities, each with varied menus that include vegetarian and vegan options.

**Cocurricular activities engage students both as participants and audiences.** Musical and theatrical talent abounds at Whitman. Instrumental and singing groups perform regularly around campus—from formal recitals at Hunter Conservatory to a cappella concerts in residence halls. All Whitman students have the chance to perform or work backstage in the College’s theatre program, which stages an average of one production a month. Writers and photographers can publish their work in Whitman’s art and literary magazine, *blue moon*, and student newspaper, *Pioneer*.

On Friday evenings, Coffeehouse attracts students to the Reid Campus Center for student and visiting performances—and the occasional open-mic night.



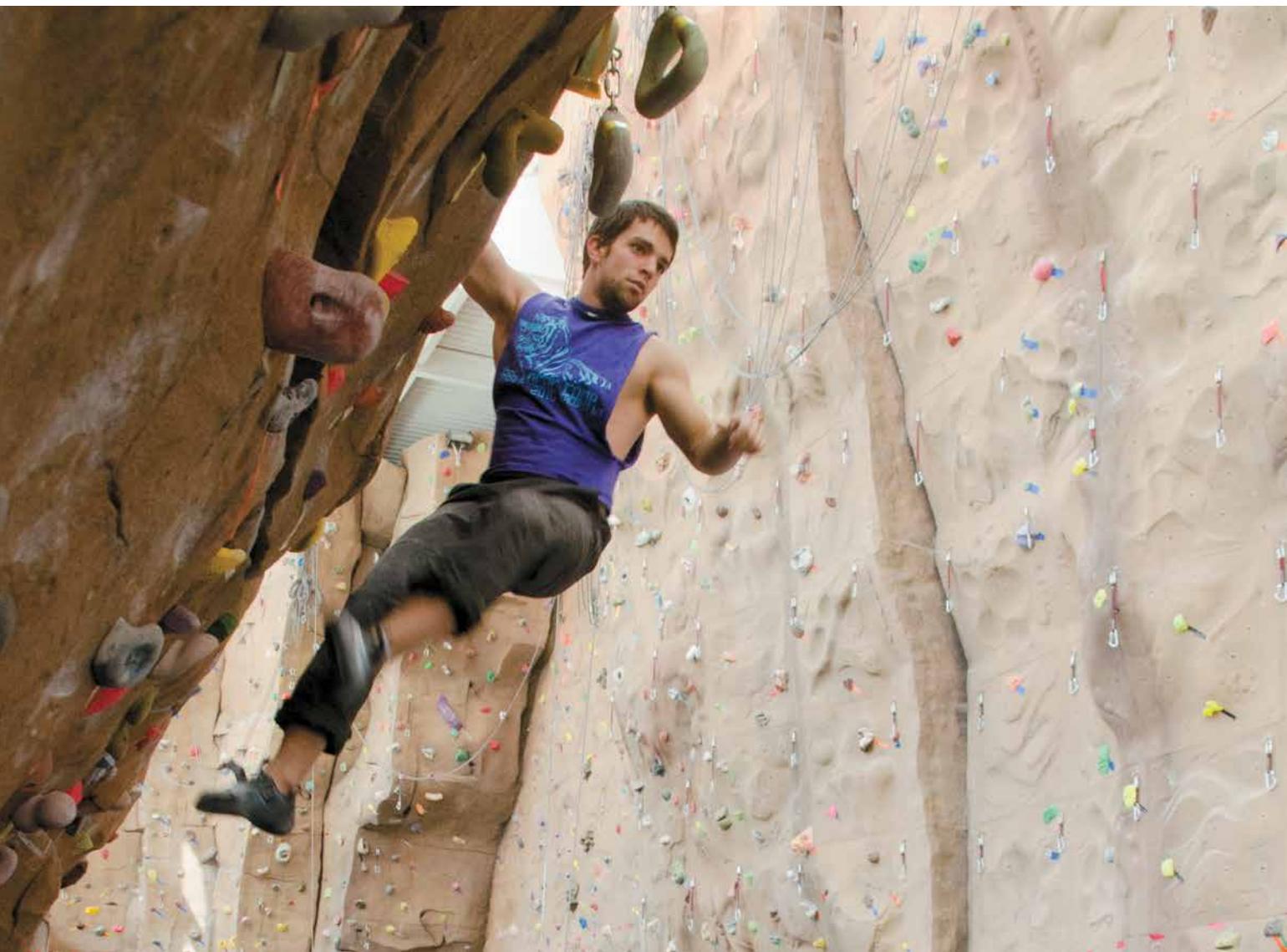
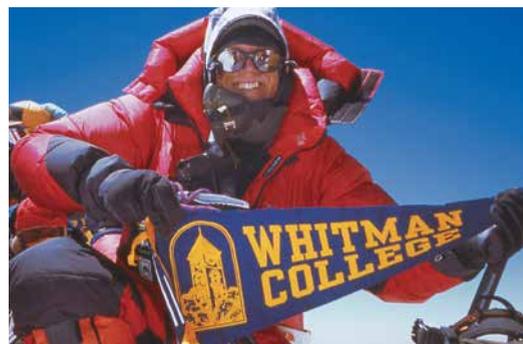
... and out.

**Whitman's Outdoor and Wilderness Programs are considered just about the best in the West.** Involving hundreds of Whitman students, staff, and faculty, the programs sponsor training courses to ensure that everyone enters the backcountry well prepared. Frequent trips into surrounding wilderness areas for backpacking, camping, kayaking, rafting, climbing, mountaineering, and skiing provide students with healthy doses of fresh air and adrenaline—as well as opportunities for leadership. And for those wanting to try something new, the Outdoor Program's rental shop supplies a wide variety of gear.

**Varsity athletics—along with intramural and club sports and first-rate fitness facilities—bring out the best in Whitman students.** Whether competing at the NCAA Division III level on one of Whitman's seven men's and seven women's varsity squads, enjoying the camaraderie of housemates in one of nine intramural sports, or facing a team from another college in club competition, Whitman students take pleasure in athletics. They also work out on the College's cardiovascular and weight training equipment, hone their agility on its climbing walls, and enjoy simply expressing

themselves outdoors—from unicycling around campus to turning cartwheels on Ankeny Field.

Brien Sheedy, director of Whitman's Outdoor Program, has summited many of the world's most challenging peaks—including Mt. Everest.



collaborative community + competitive opportunity



In 2014, Whitman swimmer Karl Mering won the NCAA Division III national championship in the men's 100-yard butterfly.



In 2011, Whitman's men's basketball team defeated the #1 team in the nation in front of a sold-out crowd in Sherwood Center. Three years later, Whitman's women's basketball team played for the Division III national championship.



## Active Lives

**The ways to be active at Whitman are many and varied, and—like Whitman students themselves—continually evolving.**

### An Exciting Mix

During Opening Week, Whitman's orientation introduces first-year students to the College and each other with activities that help form a strong community. Among past events:

- Capture the Flag on Ankeny Field
- Coffeehouse with music
- Dance party
- Interest House Block Party
- Picnic dinner with entertainment
- Salsa Magic: An Interactive Dance Party
- Student Activities Fair
- Skit Night
- Whitstock Festival

### Community and Convenience

Whitman's residence halls offer a variety of living options (all but Prentiss are coeducational):

- Anderson Hall (140 first-year)
- Jewett Hall (180 first-year)
- Lyman House (99 first-year and upperclass; traditional with two-room suites)
- Prentiss Hall (150 first-year and upperclass women, including sororities)
- College House (42 upperclass; apartment-style)
- Douglas Hall (70 students; suites and singles)
- Marcus House (27 upperclass; mostly singles)
- North Hall (70 first-year and upperclass students; mostly singles)
- Tamarac House (20 upperclass; apartment-style, outdoor theme)

### Kindred Spirits

Whitties with a common interest live together—and organize social and educational programs—in the College's 11 interest houses:

- Asian Studies House
- Community Service House (Co-op)
- Environmental House ("Outhouse")
- Fine Arts House
- Global Awareness House
- MECCA (Multi-Ethnic Center for Cultural Affairs)
- Writing House

Language Houses:

- Das Deutsche Haus (German House)
- La Casa Hispana (Spanish House)
- La Maison Française (French House)
- Tekisuijuku (Japanese House)



**"I don't think there has been one weekend without a community service opportunity. And the thing is, people actually want to participate in these events."**

—Kayvon Behroozian | Woodinville, WA | ASWC, Phi Delta Theta fraternity, Model United Nations Club | politics major, rhetoric and media studies minor



### Making a Difference

Whitties interested in community-based learning and service have many opportunities in and around Walla Walla. They can:

- Adopt a grandparent
- Bake and sell challah for relief fund
- Build a house with Habitat for Humanity
- Care for animals at the Humane Society Shelter
- Distribute food in the community
- Facilitate outdoor activities for local youth
- Go on a service trip during spring break
- Join the Give 20 Challenge
- Join the MLK Day of Service
- Mentor at-risk youth
- Plant trees in the community
- Provide outreach for domestic violence programs and women's services
- Read stories to children ages 2–7
- Research racial and ethnic inequality in the region
- Support HIV prevention and education
- Tutor at a local elementary school
- Volunteer at the YMCA
- Volunteer with the Native Plant Society

Approximately 30 percent of Whitman's student body is involved in Greek life as members of the four fraternities and three sororities on campus.

### Productive Entertainment

Theatre at Whitman ranges from the classic to the avant-garde, from the traditional to the experimental. Recent productions have included:

- The Birthday Party*
- The Drunken City*
- Eurydice*
- Hamlet*
- A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- Noises Off!*
- Tartuffe*
- Trelawney*

In Whitman's annual One-Act Play Contest, a panel of faculty and staff votes on student-written scripts. The three winning plays are then produced by the theatre department and performed at Harper Joy Theatre. The theatre's recent renovation included a 10,000-square-foot addition, a new black box theater, a costume shop, and expanded classroom space.



“I’ve done a lot of singing since I’ve been here. I’m in Chorale and Chamber Singers, and I was in the opera production that we put on—a one-act opera by Benjamin Britten. It was lots of fun. I played an 8-year-old boy.”

—Lauren Hoover-Gordon | San Francisco, CA | Sirens of Swank (female a cappella group), Delta Gamma sorority, women’s IM football | psychology major

### A Medley of Choices

A full quarter of Whitties participate in the College’s music program.

Whitman’s music groups and ensembles include:

- Chamber Music (various ensembles)
- Chorale
- Jazz Combo
- Jazz Ensemble
- Opera Workshop
- Schwa
- Sirens of Swank
- Testostertones
- Whitman Chamber Singers
- Whitman Orchestra
- Whitman Wind Ensemble

For the fourth year in a row, Whitman’s Parliamentary Debate Team won the National Parliamentary Debate Association (NPDA) School National Championship Sweepstakes in 2013.

## Active Lives

### Involvement for All

A sampling of Whitman's more than 100 student-run clubs, organizations, and activities:

Action for Animals  
Almighty Ink (slam poetry club)  
Anime Club  
ASWC Student Government  
Black Student Union  
*blue moon* (art and literary magazine)  
Campus Climate Challenge  
Challah for Hunger  
Club Latino  
Coalition Against Homophobia  
Dance Team  
Feminists Advocating Change and Empowerment (FACE)  
First-Generation/Working-Class Students (FGWC)  
GLBTQ (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning)  
HAPA (mixed-race club)  
Hillel-Shalom  
Indigenous People's Education and Culture Club  
Interest House Community  
KWCW (90.5 FM)  
Muslim Student Association  
Organic Garden  
*Pioneer Student Newspaper*  
Renaissance Faire Committee  
River Rince (Irish dance club)  
South Asian Student Association  
Tae Kwon Do Club  
Varsity Nordic (improv comedy)  
Wakilisha Afrika (African cultural club)  
Whitewater Club  
Whitman Christian Fellowship  
Whitman Civil Liberties Union  
Whitman Events Board  
Whitman Investment Company  
Whitman Mathematical Society (WMS)  
Whitman Mentor Program  
Whitman Pre-Medical Society  
Whitman Service Community  
WhitMUN (Model United Nations)

The Outdoor Program offers low-rate rentals on more than 100 items of outdoor gear, from tents and sleeping bags to kayaks and wet suits.

### Time Out

Good times in the outdoors (an average of 15 trips per semester—one every weekend) are what Whitman's student-run Outdoor Program is all about. Some past trips and activities:

Backpacking at Eagle Creek  
Banff Mountain Film Festival  
Blue Mountain Telemark Ski Festival  
Camping at Jubilee Lake  
Hiking to Stanley Hot Springs  
Kayaking on the Umatilla River  
Rock climbing at Smith Rocks  
Skiing and snowshoeing in the Wallowa and Blue Mountains  
Snow camping and hot spring soaking in Idaho  
Snow shelter construction and camping  
Sweet Onion Crank Annual Climbing Competition  
Whitewater rafting on the Deschutes River  
Wilderness Risk Manager's Conference  
Windsurfing at Port Kelly and Lyons Ferry

Each summer, the Outdoor Program sponsors 16 "Scrambles" for incoming students. These weeklong canoeing, climbing, and backpacking trips foster friendships and help transition students into their first year at Whitman.

### In Person

Recent visitors and on-campus events have included:

Sherman Alexie, author  
David Brooks, commentator for the *New York Times*  
Ryan Crocker, former U.S. ambassador to Iraq  
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., environmental lawyer  
Meghan McCain, feminist political activist  
Rigoberta Menchú, Nobel Peace laureate  
Ralph Nader, presidential candidate and activist  
Salman Rushdie, author of *The Satanic Verses* and other books  
Nadine Strossen, president of ACLU  
Concerts: Flogging Molly, Macklemore, Blue Scholars, Ben Lee, Ben Folds  
Visiting Writers Reading Series (annual); readers have included poets Robert Pinsky, Derek Walcott, and Billy Collins

"I love the intramural sports scene on campus. You can play a sport you love or try a new one. It's a great way to take your mind off of school and just let loose."

—Danny Kaplan | Highland Park, IL | Harper Joy electrician, Hillel-Shalom, Buddhism Club, Campus Activities Board, Outdoor Program, Jewett Hall Council | race and ethnic studies major



## Competition with Attitude

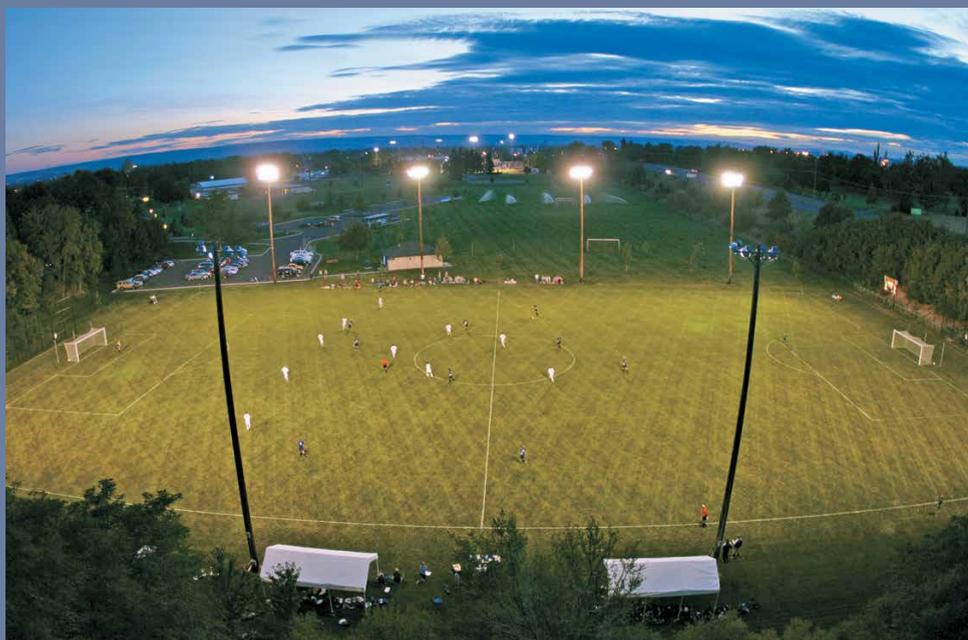
Whitman's intramural sports teams miss no opportunity to intimidate their opponents. Among recent names:

Acing Alligators  
APEX  
Blue Steel  
Cookie Crew  
The Curveballs  
Dan Zhang's Tambourine Band  
Dragon Goats  
Dream Tiger  
The Forgotten Children of 2-West  
Heart of Darkness  
Ho-Down Hoot Nannies  
Jewett Justice League  
Middle-Aged Kids on the Block  
The Mighty Boosh  
Mikatas  
Missionaries United  
Oxford Commas  
Polka Dots  
The Polypeptides  
Ptennis Pterroractyls  
The Red Scare  
Rosemary's Babies  
Say What?  
The Scrawny and Scrappy  
Wheels on the Bus

Whitman's student athletic facility, the Baker Ferguson Fitness Center, includes an eight-lane pool and space and equipment for fitness training and cardiovascular workouts. The Sherwood Athletic complex's recent \$15 million renovation includes increased gym space, new dance studios, and state-of-the-art equipment for varsity athletes.

## Varsity Athletics

NCAA Division III  
(Northwest Conference):  
Baseball (men)  
Basketball  
Cross Country Running  
Golf  
Soccer  
Swimming  
Tennis  
Volleyball (women)



## Intramural Sports

Basketball (men/women)  
Dodgeball (coed)  
Flag Football (men/women)  
Soccer (coed)  
Softball (coed)  
Tennis (men/women)  
Ultimate Frisbee (coed)  
Volleyball (coed)

Among Whitman's club sport honors: the 2010 and 2011 Collegiate Cycling National Championships and the women's Division III College Ultimate Frisbee Championship in 2009.

## Club Sports

Alpine Skiing (men/women)  
Climbing (coed)  
Cycling (men/women)  
Freeride (men/women)  
Lacrosse (men/women)  
Nordic Skiing (men/women)  
Rugby (men/women)  
Tae Kwon Do (coed)  
Tennis (men/women)  
Track and Field (coed)  
Triathlon (coed)  
Ultimate Frisbee (men/women)  
Volleyball (men/women)  
Water Polo (coed)

Seventy-five percent of Whitman students participate in intramural sports, 20 percent in varsity programs.

## A Place to Play

Among the athletic facilities on or near campus:

Baseball stadium  
Climbing wall  
Golf course  
Gymnasiums  
Indoor swimming pool and saunas  
Indoor tennis center (four courts)  
Outdoor tennis courts (six courts; expanded and resurfaced in 2013)  
Soccer, football, lacrosse, and Ultimate Frisbee fields  
Squash and racquetball courts



# Incredible People

Whitman graduates benefit from significant internships and expert career advising. Faculty members know them well and can guide them toward prestigious fellowships and graduate programs. But their success is not limited to the paths they take. Whitman alumni are people who know how to think—and whose lives exhibit a respect for others, a desire for knowledge, and a concern for the health of the planet.



Years after graduation, Whitties maintain an extraordinary loyalty to their College. Each year, approximately 50 percent of alumni contribute to Whitman's Annual Fund—a rate of giving among the top three for colleges and universities in the West. That says something about the experience students have at Whitman, about their sense of community and responsibility, and—ultimately—about their success in a multitude of careers and walks of life.





“Students leave here confident to navigate the world.”

—John Loranger | Mont Belvieu, TX | ASWC, Whitman Direct Action, Mentor Program, intramural sports, senior admission intern | history major



“After participating in Semester in the West, I can say that Whitman’s experiential learning has benefited my life in ways that I cannot imagine yet.”

—Marcial de Jesus Diaz Mejia | Guatemala City, Guatemala | ASWC senator, International Students and Friends Club, Drama Club | environmental studies-sociology major, French minor

As captain of Whitman's varsity cross country team, Kristin led Whitman to 25th place at the 2011 nationals. She is also a member of the Whitman Direct Action Service Group, the Divertimento Chamber Orchestra, and the Whitman Mentor Program.

Kristin Ballinger  
Wenatchee, WA  
Biology major,  
chemistry minor



A senator of ASWC—Whitman's student government—Kayvon genuinely enjoys advocating for his peers. As president of the Model United Nations club, he also enjoys watching students' interests in international politics turn passionate. Kayvon is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, a lifeguard, and a volunteer with the Office of Admission.

Kayvon Behroozian  
Woodinville, WA  
Politics major, rhetoric and  
media studies minor



Volunteering at the Odd Fellows retirement home to give back to the Walla Walla community, Sara particularly enjoys the stories shared by the home's residents. A member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, she also dances and takes part in the Youth Adventures Program.

Sara Graham  
Boulder, CO  
Art history and visual culture  
studies and math double major



A part of Whitman's men's varsity swim team, which finished 17th in the 2013 NCAA Championships, Kevin looks for a balance between athletics and academics. As a volunteer with the Office of Admission's "A-Team," he helps prospective students discover the College.

Kevin Dyer  
Carson City, NV  
English major,  
philosophy minor



Hannah takes part in two club sports at Whitman—rugby and soccer—as well as two intramural sports—football and soccer. A member of Delta Gamma sorority, she volunteers at the SOS Clinic (providing health care to people without insurance) and Challah for Hunger (raising funds by baking and selling bread).

Hannah Fadenrecht  
Phoenix, AZ  
Psychology major,  
Spanish minor



Oversight chair for Whitman's student government, Jack lives in the Global Awareness House on campus. He is a costume designer and costume shop assistant for Harper Joy Theatre, the Whitman College Unitarian Universalist president, and a member of the College's GLBTQ community.

Jack MacNichol  
Portland, OR  
Politics and theatre  
double major

## Incredible People

**A Whitman education doesn't end at the borders of campus or on the day of graduation. Whitman alumni make a difference in their communities and retain a loyal connection to the College.**

### Central to Success

Whitman's Student Engagement Center ([www.whitman.edu/content/studentengagement](http://www.whitman.edu/content/studentengagement)) serves both students and alumni. Its personal career advising helps with:

- Résumé writing
- Job search preparation
- Graduate school application
- Career exploration
- Networking
- Internship placement

**"After an intermediate theory class, my adviser suggested that I pursue music theory in graduate school. She got me thinking about pursuing a career in music—and believing in what I can achieve."**

—Eric Lovelin | Portland, OR | resident assistant, Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, Council on Student Affairs, Pit Orchestra for theatre productions | music theory and sociology double major

### From All Directions

The Career Consultant Network connects Whitman students and alumni with more than 2,000 Whitman alumni, parents, and friends of the College who can provide one-on-one career guidance, informational interviews, and internship and job preparation.

Through the Whitman-in-China program, six recent graduates each year have the opportunity to teach English in a Chinese university.

### Experience To Go

Along with their other benefits, Whitman's comprehensive oral exams provide superb preparation for the job interview process. As one of its services, the Career Center offers mock interviews, customized to particular types of jobs or graduate programs, to give Whitman students additional interviewing practice.

**Whitman's Lian Caspi '13, a psychology major who sang in choirs and performed opera professionally, will explore the use of music therapy in the United Kingdom, India, Nepal, South Africa, and Colombia as one of the nation's 2013 Watson Fellowship recipients.**

### In the Spotlight

Whitman graduates lead fulfilling lives and serve the world in significant ways. The following former Whitties are among those who have become public figures:

- Mara Abbott '08, champion road cyclist
- Ingrid Backstrom '00, internationally ranked freeskier
- Dirk Benedict '67, actor
- Margie Boulé '73, journalist, *The Oregonian*
- Walter Brattain '24, Nobel Prize-winning physicist
- Holly Brooks '04, Olympic Nordic skier
- Ralph Cordiner '22, chairman and CEO of General Electric
- Ryan C. Crocker '71, former U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan; dean of the Bush School of Government and Public Service
- William O. Douglas '20, former U.S. supreme court justice
- Richard Elmore '66, scholar, Harvard University
- Katie Ford '97, poet
- John Fulton '90, author
- W. Michael Gillette '63, associate justice, Oregon Supreme Court
- Shane Johnson '98, actor
- Craig Lesley '67, novelist
- Rob Manning '80, chief engineer, Jet Propulsion Lab, Pasadena, CA
- John Markoff '71, journalist, *The New York Times*
- Dorothy Metcalf-Lindenburger '97, NASA astronaut
- John Moe '90, author and National Public Radio host
- Lance Norris '85, screen writer
- David Nygren '60, particle physicist
- John Stanton '77, founder, Western Wireless
- Adam West '51, actor; original television "Batman"
- Gordon Wright '33, historian, Stanford University

**Whitman alumna Dorothy Metcalf-Lindenburger '97 flew to the International Space Station on STS-131 aboard the *Discovery*. She is currently the youngest astronaut at NASA.**

## Incredible People

### Inside Views

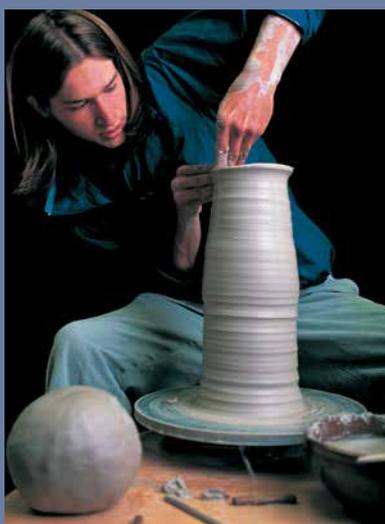
Internships enable students to sample career interests and put their knowledge and skills to the test. Many students receive grants from the Whitman Internship Fund that enable them to take nonpaying internships. Among recent placements:

- Aparri Christian Hospital, Aparri, Philippines—*Working in an orphanage nursery*
- Asia Foundation, Hanoi, Vietnam—*Studying urban development issues*
- Bermuda Maritime Museum—*Archaeological diving and mapping of shipwreck sites*
- The Center for Bioethics at Columbia University, New York, NY—*Studying social stigmas of Autism Spectrum Disorder*
- The Chocolate Farm, San Vito, Costa Rica—*Recreating a traditional, sustainable farming model for chocolate production*
- Grand Canyon Trust, Flagstaff, AZ—*Researching beaver habitat*
- The Nature Conservancy, San Francisco, CA—*Researching sustainable viticulture practices*
- The Peace Corps, Washington, DC—*Assisting with the selection process for applicants*
- Shakespeare's Globe, London—*Theatre marketing*
- Tostan International, Mbour, Senegal—*Researching the effects of holistic development on rural African communities*
- UC San Diego Medical Center, San Diego, CA—*Studying the effects of breast milk on neonates*
- Zorig Foundation, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia—*Developing a climate change awareness program for local youth*

### Advanced Study

Whitman graduates are accepted into most of the top graduate schools—and an uncommon number go on to earn Ph.D.'s. Whitman students who studied the following majors have recently attended:

- Boston Conservatory (music)
- Boston University (biology)
- Cornell University (biology, chemistry)
- Dartmouth (astronomy/physics, chemistry/geology)
- Duke University (physics)
- George Washington University (English)
- Johns Hopkins University (chemistry)
- New York Medical College (music)
- Northwestern University (history)
- Oxford University (sociology)
- Princeton University (geology)
- Stanford University (BBMB, English, physics)
- University of California (economics)
- University of Oregon (art history)
- University of Washington (Asian studies, biology, politics)



### Service Corps

After graduation, many Whitties participate in highly competitive service programs such as AmeriCorps and the Peace Corps. In 2013, Whitman was ranked 5th among small colleges for the number of graduates accepted into Teach for America.

### Award-Winning Scholars

In the last 10 years, Whitman students have won:

- 1 Rhodes Scholarship
- 3 Truman Scholarships
- 48 Fulbright Fellowships
- 10 Watson Fellowships
- 6 Udall Scholarships
- 12 Humanity in Action Fellowships
- 22 National Science Foundation Fellowships
- 14 Davis Projects for Peace
- 2 Beinecke Scholarship
- 2 Goldwater Scholarship
- 1 Centers for Disease Control Fellowship
- 2 Trudeau Scholarship
- 4 Princeton in Africa Fellowships
- 12 Princeton in Asia Fellowships
- 4 Princeton in Latin America Fellowships

Whitman music graduates go on to Juilliard, Cincinnati, Eastman, the Shepherd School at Rice, and other top music programs—and become opera singers, symphony performers, and jazz musicians.

## Fulfilling Employment

Employers of recent Whitman graduates include:

The Office of the Vice President,  
the White House, Washington, DC—  
*Staff member*

Deloitte Consulting, Seattle, WA—  
*Business analyst*

Laurie Dolan for WA State Senator,  
Spokane, WA—*Campaign manager*

Sonoma County Economic  
Development Board, Sonoma, CA—  
*Public policy development intern*

IRTA Fellowship, National Institutes  
of Health (NIH), Bethesda, MD—  
*Research fellow*

Yosei University, Seoul, South Korea—  
*Teaching assistant*

International Society for Protection &  
Elimination of Child Labor, Lima,  
Peru—*Research assistant*

City of Renton, Renton, WA—  
*Assistant to public relations director*

Kunming, China—*Teacher*

Bureau of Land Management,  
Billings, MT—*Wild horse specialist*

## Paths to the Professions

Whitman students pursue business and professional degrees in large numbers. Among the schools they attend:

*Medical Schools*

Cornell University  
Dartmouth College  
George Washington University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Mayo Medical School  
New York Medical College  
Oregon Health Sciences University  
St. Louis University  
University of California, San Francisco  
University of Chicago  
University of Colorado  
University of Rochester  
University of Southern California  
University of Washington

*Law Schools*

College of William and Mary  
Cornell University  
Duke University  
Georgetown University  
Harvard University

Northwestern University  
Stanford University  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of Colorado  
University of Michigan  
University of Oregon  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Washington  
Yale University

### *Business Schools*

Anderson School of Business (UCLA)  
Darden School of Business (Virginia)  
Harvard Business School  
Kellogg School of Business  
(Northwestern University)  
Tuck School of Business (Dartmouth)  
Stanford School of Business  
University of Chicago School  
of Business  
University of Oregon School  
of Business  
University of Washington Foster  
School of Business

In their senior year, most Whitman students take a capstone course that covers historical and contemporary issues in their major. In many disciplines, they also take the GRE, prepare a senior thesis based on new research, and present their thesis at a national conference. The result? Whitman graduates are exceptionally well prepared for graduate school.



“One of my students, an all-conference basketball player, was accepted by the top six physical therapy programs in the nation. Another, the center on the basketball team and a classically trained pianist, is in medical school preparing for a career in pediatric surgery. And two former students are Ph.D. candidates in the country’s top biology programs.”

—Delbert Hutchison | biology professor

## Visit Us

You might find it hard to imagine how high academic achievement can thrive in such a relaxed atmosphere. Once you're here, though, our community—engaging the interests of every student—will seem not only natural but essential. Visit Whitman (go to [visit.whitman.edu](http://visit.whitman.edu)), and see this unique combination for yourself.



“I don’t know what it is, but the passion and curiosity of Whitman faculty and students to analyze and challenge vast amounts of knowledge was evident to me the first time I stepped on campus.”

—Ariel Ruiz | Walla Walla, WA | Club Latino, Abshire student researcher, Proyecto VOZ Latina president, Washington DREAM Act Coalition cofounder, OneAmerica regional director | sociology major

**Visiting can make a huge difference. But with or without a visit, anyone who feels an affinity with the Whitman spirit should apply.**

### Getting In

Whitman is a welcoming place, but it's also a highly selective one. The College's admission staff looks for students who bring academic achievement along with strong personal attributes—qualities that will contribute to Whitman's lively campus community.

### 2016-2017 Costs

Tuition and fees: \$47,490  
ASWC (student association): \$368  
Room and Board: \$12,020  
Books and Supplies (est.): \$1,400  
Total Cost: \$61,278

### Affording Whitman

Because of the generosity of Whitman alumni and friends, the College's endowment contributes a substantial amount toward the education of each student. In addition, Whitman awards more than \$25 million in scholarships each year—and about half of Whitman students qualify for need-based aid. Merit scholarships for academic performance, art, music, debate, theatre, and leadership are also available. About 75 percent of all students receive some form of financial aid or scholarships.

### How Much Aid?

In 2015-16, Whitman's average need-based aid package, which included scholarships, loans, and work-study, was \$34,487.

away by car. Visitors may also drive approximately four and a half hours from Seattle, Portland, or Boise. For directions and details, see [visit.whitman.edu](http://visit.whitman.edu).

**“After visiting Whitman I knew that I would feel comfortable and be challenged here.”**

—Meghan Bunch | Packwood, WA | senior admission intern, Pioneer, IM football and softball, Senior Fund Committee, Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority | economics major

### Arranging a Visit

During the school year, prospective students may preview a class, tour campus, have lunch with current students, and stay overnight in a residence hall. To schedule your visit, go to [visit.whitman.edu](http://visit.whitman.edu).

### Admission Events

The Admission Office hosts receptions throughout the U.S. each year. Each fall and spring, Whitman sponsors a special Visitors' Day for prospective students and families. Admitted students are hosted each April during Admitted Students' Day. For more on campus events, visit [www.whitman.edu/admission-and-aid/visit/visitors-days](http://www.whitman.edu/admission-and-aid/visit/visitors-days). To see where members of our admission staff will be traveling this year, check out [www.whitman.edu/admission/whitman-on-the-road](http://www.whitman.edu/admission/whitman-on-the-road).

### Getting Here

Alaska Airlines/Horizon Air flies into Walla Walla Airport, just three miles from campus. Alaska/Horizon, Allegiant, Delta, and United all serve Pasco, Washington, just 45 minutes

### How to Apply

You can apply to Whitman online by visiting the Common Application website at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) or going to [apply.whitman.edu](http://apply.whitman.edu). Submit your application electronically, or download and mail a paper application.

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—Drew Powell | Wellman, IA | intramural and club sports, admission tour guide, Prison Research Group, Outdoor Program, Fencing Club, Project Eye-to-Eye | undeclared major