



# WHITMAN COLLEGE

Fall, 2019

## Class of 1972

### Class Representative

Peggy Painter

### Associate Class Representatives

Bob Crabb

Doug and Pam Lehrman

Eric Pryne

Friends....

Each time I write that ("*Friends...*") to you, Mr. Howells pops up in my mind's eye, straight from my memory book of special moments and people who remain bright and clear as yesterday.

Over a lifetime, many other, probably equally dear moments and people have slipped away. The way the mind selects what it will hold on to, baffles me. The older I get, the more I appreciate that my randomly selected treasure trove of sweet times and people comes from those years at Whitman. Crisp fall mornings headed to an 8 o'clock, a cup of something warm at the SUB with a buddy as we keep the discussion going, a beautifully groomed campus showing off its bounty of color in a rich sunlight--too many of those to forget, they've fused into the archetypical fall day for me. There is so much comfort in those memories. (Yes, quiet chuckles over youthful exuberance, too, enough said.)

And yet, I come to you on behalf of so many bright and eager students who met the requirements to successfully matriculate, yet spend time worrying how they will afford this most spectacular of opportunities.

I truly believe Whitman's mission has only broadened and deepened since we were there, that every day faculty and staff come to work hoping to engage and inspire students who come from all over and from as many different living situations as can be imagined. Fewer leave, more graduate; what else is there to say? Whitman cares.

Yes, money remains an issue for many young people, but because of the generosity of so many Whitman Alums, many of those young men and women will leave school with far less debt than the original price tag would have suggested. Our class has consistently given money designated to support scholarship aid or to the unrestricted category, trusting that the money will go where it is most needed. Remember, it is wonderful to have the means and desire to change students' lives by giving generously; it is also wonderful to send in your vote for a Whitman education in small amounts. We are so grateful to donors who choose to support Whitman when there is so much need everywhere. We thank you in advance.

I hope your fall days are full of adventures worthy of a life well-lived, a retirement earned through hard work with occasional moments of brilliance, or if you are really lucky, full of work that still challenges and propels your own continued growth. Whitman gave me glimpses of all of those possibilities, and they all look good to me right now. Go out and surprise someone today with what you have to offer.

As ever,

Peggy



# WHITMAN COLLEGE

## Class of 1983

### Class Representative

Carolynn Snyder

### Associate Class Representatives

Jennifer Baldwin Ashby

Shauna Lilly Bogley

Lawrence Cock

Lynne Cohee

Greg Davison

Tom Henderson

John Morrison

Mitch Usibelli

Wendy Wendlandt

Dear <salutation>,

This September I had the pleasure to attend Reunion Weekend at Whitman. The last reunion that I had attended was in 1993! It was such a joy to reconnect with former classmates some of whom I had not seen since we graduated. We are a little older, a little grayer, hopefully a little wiser, but the years just melted away. It was amazing to walk around the campus and see how much things have changed. There is a new dorm, new athletic facilities, a new dining hall, a new music building, a new fine arts center, and so much more! There is art work all over campus and the landscaping is beautiful. But as much as it has changed on the surface, the heart remains the same.

This was best exemplified during one of the highlights of my weekend - attending a scholarship recipient luncheon. I was blown away by the students I had the opportunity to visit with. They are smart. They are engaged in the community. They are focused on using the skills and knowledge that they are acquiring at Whitman to make the world a better place. In short - they remind me of us. They brought to life our gifts to the Whitman Annual Fund and reinforced my commitment to ensure that incoming and current students have the resources necessary to support their pursuit of academic excellence. to.

The college has made a commitment to making the Whitman Experience affordable to all qualified applicants. More than 75 percent of Whitman students receive scholarship support, and over the last five years Whitman has increased the total amount of financial aid being offered to students by 34 percent. In this past year Whitman awarded more than \$30M in scholarship aid. I know that scholarship/ financial aid played a very important role in making Whitman a realistic option for me from a financial perspective.

Please join me in making a gift to the Whitman College Annual Fund by using the enclosed envelope, going online at [www.whitman.edu/give](http://www.whitman.edu/give), or calling (509) 527-5189. As graduates of Whitman, we are stakeholders who have an investment in the continued success of Whitman's students.

Your gift, along with those of our classmates, will continue to make a difference in the experience of today's students. Whether designated for the Access Whitman Initiative, your favorite academic department, varsity athletics, theatre, the debate team, or unrestricted, each of our gifts allows the college to embrace new challenges and opportunities.

Thank you for making a gift today.

Sincerely,

Carolynn Snyder  
Class Representative



# WHITMAN COLLEGE

February 2020

Dear <Salut>,

I hope this letter finds you well and you're enjoying your winter wherever you may be. This winter I am reminded of our winters at Whitman, and wish, as I enter the homestretch of an MAT program that I was back at Whitman instead of taking classes remotely while working as a full-time teacher (the teaching part is quite brilliant though). There was something about the warmth of friendships that thawed the freezing Walla Walla fog. Late nights eating quesadillas in preparation for the next day. Quickly walking between buildings on extra cold days, gathering at the SUB after lunch, and always, if my memory serves, someone doing this all barefoot.

This past fall I pondered how we could increase our donation percentage. At one time or another 83% of us have made a donation during our alumni years. And each year our class stands out in contributions thanks to donors like you. With that said, our class participation typically ends up between 25% and 30%. How awesome would it be to hit 40% of us giving a donation this year? Even with a \$20.00 donation, it sends a signal of participation and investment to the Whitman community that we are here and supportive not only of the education we received, but in making that education accessible to future generations.

I truly believe we are leaders in our communities. We work (and sometimes fight) to make the world around us a better place. We are raising families or bolstering our communities. I cannot speak for you, but I am grateful for the community and education I received at Whitman. In life, that education continues to push me in a way that my high school and graduate school experiences never did. Whenever I have felt lost in life, between jobs or poems or fishing expeditions, I often think about you and the education and opportunities I received at Whitman. The experience pushes me onward, to strive to be my best, do my best, provide opportunities for others, or to serve.

Please join me this Winter/Spring in boosting our over-all giving percentages before June 30, 2020, the end of the fiscal year. I'd love to send a message, with your help, that the class of 2000 is not only present and accounted for, but also leaders in providing the Whitman experience for others. Those of you who know me, know I am a poet, and I'd love to hear from you about why you might or might not want to give. Please remember, a gift to the Whitman College Annual Fund supports all areas of campus, providing equity for all students and allowing for the greatest flexibility to explore new initiatives and create new opportunities for Whitman's future generations.

Sincerely and always curious,

Cam

## CLASS OF 2000

### Class Representative

Cam Scott

### Associate Class Representatives

Nanette Dockum Blackburn

Matt Carter

Sarah Cochran

Dan Millikan