



Whitman Today

Monday, April 12, 2021

Whitman Undergraduate Conference Tomorrow



The 23rd annual [Whitman Undergraduate Conference](#) (WUC) will take place online from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on tomorrow. Join this exciting celebration of the hard work and dedication of the 118 student presenters!

This year's virtual WUC is a reminder that necessity affords opportunity. Presenters and audience members will meet in Gather.Town for poster viewings and discussions. Panel session presentations in Zoom rooms will include live question-and-answer rounds after each prerecorded PowerPoint talk. Three prerecorded musical events complement the panel and poster sessions.

Visit the [WUC webpage](#) for the full schedule, presentation links and a preview of the poster presentations.

Q: How many COVID-19 variants are there in Washington state?

A: There are currently eight [variants that have been identified in Washington](#):

- B.1.1.7 (also known as the U.K. variant)
- B.1.351 (also known as the South African variant)
- P.1 and P.2 (initially identified in Brazil)
- B.1.427 and B.1.429 (initially identified in California)
- B.1.525 and B.1.526 (initially identified in New York)

Because only a small percentage of COVID-19 samples are sequenced to identify the genome, there are not firm numbers of how many people have been infected by a variant. However, scientists and public health officials believe the variants to be more contagious than the original virus.

Announcements

On Campus Housing Information for Fall 2021

Please check your email for the April 8 email from Nancy Tavelli with on-campus housing information to help students begin planning for Fall 2021. The email also includes a link to the housing survey, which must be completed by Wednesday, April 14. Email on_campus_housing@whitman.edu if you have any questions.

ASWC Sustainability is Asking for Your Help!

The ASWC Sustainability Committee has drafted new sustainability principles to be proposed for the school. The committee is looking for community feedback (students, staff and faculty) to strengthen the document and gain support before they propose it to the Board of Trustees next semester. Workshops will be held virtually at 7 p.m. on Thursdays. More info is available at goaswc.org/sustainability-2.

Happening Today

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| 9 a.m.–2 p.m. | COVID-19 Testing
<i>COVID-19 testing at Cordiner Hall for those in this week's random sample surveillance testing.</i> |
| noon | Craft Your Future: Creating a Compelling Resume or CV
<i>What is a resume? Where do I start? Why do I need one? How do I create a strong one? The SEC will answer all of your resume questions during this interactive workshop.</i> |
| 6 p.m. | Next Steps 2021: Your Mental Health and Senior Year
<i>Run by the Whitman Counseling Center, this workshop is for the senior class to help process your senior year and the coming months as you prepare to leave Whitman. By the end of the workshop, you'll have worked on processing your time in college and learned some tools for working through the challenges of the final collegiate months.</i> |

Whitman Events Calendar

Have a virtual event you'd like to share with campus? Email the details to whitmantoday@whitman.edu.

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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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