



Whitman Today

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Emergency Funds for Students



The Whitman Inclusion, Diversity and Equity (WIDE) Committee has compiled a list of the financial resources students can use to access funds needed for unforeseen expenses and emergencies. These resources, including links to a variety of information covering finances, food, clothing, health and international student visa support, are on the [Emergency Funds for Students webpage](#) in the Financial Aid section of Whitman's website.

Q: Can I visit out-of-town family members if I and/or they have been vaccinated?

A: As a reminder, general travel is not approved by Whitman during this spring semester. Anyone who must travel for essential purposes (medical care or family emergency) should follow the CDC guidelines to be tested for COVID-19 one to three days before your return to Walla Walla and three to five days after you return or be fully vaccinated (at least two weeks after the last dose vaccine dose is administered). Additionally, any out-of-state travel requires a 10-day quarantine before returning to campus.

Students must have essential travel approved by the Dean of Students office.

Announcements

Campus Closed and No Classes Tomorrow

Tomorrow, April 22, is the next Spring Break day; there are no classes for faculty and students. Additionally, campus offices, including Penrose Library, WCTS and the Print Shop, will be closed in appreciation of Whitman staff members. There will not be an issue of Whitman Today published and any submissions for the Friday, April 23, newsletter should be sent to whitmantoday@whitman.edu by noon today.

Fall 2021 Housing Info

This year, on-campus housing selection for returning sophomores, juniors and seniors will be completed online. Students have been contacted through their class listservs about the Fall 2021 on-campus housing process. The deadline to sign up for doubles is at 5 p.m. today. Please check your email for more details or contact Residence Life at on_campus_housing@whitman.edu with questions.

Engaging Communities Through Board Service

The Student Engagement Center (SEC) is excited to share a new series, Engaging Communities Through Board Service, developed by the Whitman Student Consulting Corps (WSSC) and Washington Nonprofits to offer education and conversation about nonprofit board membership in the Walla Walla Valley.

The first event is from 12–1 p.m. today. This [Zoom conversation](#), facilitated by Jennifer Chang from Washington Nonprofits, will focus on challenges in identifying, cultivating and educating community members to serve on a board, as well as opportunities to engage potential board members.

The second event is a training session hosted by Washington Nonprofits. Their [Boards in Gear](#) workshop will be from 12–1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28, followed by a debrief session from 1:30–2:15 p.m.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Shelly Rasmussen, the SEC Community Consulting Specialist, at rasmussa@whitman.edu.

Happening Today and Tomorrow

TODAY

4 p.m.

[The Biology of Racism](#)

Lecture from Dr. Robert Sapolsky, a MacArthur "Genius Grant" Fellow, John A. and Cynthia Fry Gunn Professor, and Professor of Neurology and of Neurosurgery at Stanford University. Sapolsky lectures widely on topics as diverse as stress and stress-related diseases, biology and the free will debate, the biology of our individuality, the biology of religious belief, depression, memory, schizophrenia and Alzheimer's disease.

5 p.m.

[Big Idea Talks ONLINE: The Book of Delights](#)

A collaborative community book discussion from Whitman members and the Walla Walla Public Library.

TOMORROW

noon

[Virtual Career Trek: Bend, Oregon, Forensic Lab](#)

Do you binge-watch true-crime TV shows? Are you fascinated by forensic science? In this session, the forensic lab in Bend, Oregon, will share what they really do in the lab.

2 p.m.

[Ziplines and Slacklines](#)

Zipline bonanza! Meet on Ankeny for some ziplining and slacklining facilitated by the Outdoor Program. No registration is required for this free event—just show up.

2:30 p.m.

[Virtual Career Trek: Puget Sound Naval Shipyard](#)

Join Greg Holtcamp and Paul Roush for a Virtual Trek to the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. You will get an overview of the shipyard, hear about opportunities, what it's like to be a new employee, various career paths and more.

[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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