



Whitman Today

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Inclusion Action Items End-of-Year Report



In June 2020, the Inclusion Task Force was assembled in response to feedback from the Whitman campus community. The task force committee, made up of students, faculty and staff, reviewed documents of incidents on Whitman's campus followed by a series of listening sessions with staff, students and faculty to gain insight into the climate on campus. Following their research and listening, certain themes emerged as areas of growth.

By the end of July 2020 action steps were identified to address the identified areas of growth and an action plan was created. In September, the [Inclusion Task Force Final Report and Action Items](#) were released to the entire campus community and the work began.

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion has compiled an [end-of-year report](#) with updates on the action items that have been undertaken and their current status.

Q: Why was use of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine paused and then resumed?

A: There was a temporary pause on use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine after reports of six cases of a rare and severe type of blood clot in individuals following administration of the vaccine. Following a thorough safety review, the FDA and CDC have determined that this vaccine is safe and effective and should continue to be used.

You can learn more about the vaccine and the studies carried out to determine its safety in [this press release from the FDA](#). Consult with your physician if you have further questions about which vaccine would be best for you.

Announcements

W/W County Vaccine Clinic Today

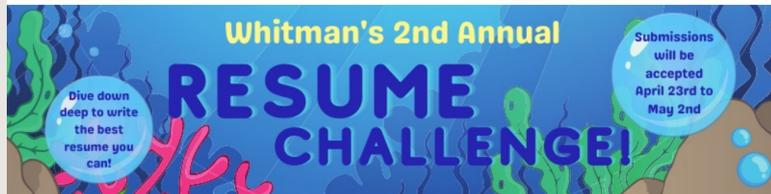
Walla Walla County is hosting a vaccine clinic today from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the county fairgrounds offering the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Appointments may be made online and walk-ins are welcome while supplies last. Visit the [county COVID-19 website](#) for more information and to make an appointment.

On-Campus Vaccine Clinic for Students This Thursday

On Thursday, April 29 from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Whitman will host a COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Cordiner Hall. This clinic is for students only on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last and will provide the single-dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine for free. The clinic will be administered by the RiteAid pharmacy team with Whitman nurses on site to assist.

This is an excellent opportunity for any student who has not already begun the vaccination process to quickly complete it with one shot and be fully vaccinated before the end of the semester.

Any student wishing to be vaccinated must bring their state-issued photo ID/driver's license or passport and, if possible, their medical insurance card. The RiteAid team will provide the vaccine consent paperwork to be filled out onsite.



Take Part in the 2nd Annual Resume Challenge

[Submit your resume](#) to win a bookstore goodie bag and more! The Student Engagement Center (SEC) is proud to announce the start of the Second Annual Resume Challenge: a student contest where students submit their resumes to a panel of judges and an exceptional resume is selected for each class year. Winners receive a bookstore goodie bag and a feature on SEC social media! The submission period will end on Sunday, May 2.

Happening Today

- 11 a.m. [Staff Advisory Council Listening Session](#)
SAC members will facilitate an interactive session through [Zoom](#) where attendees can help guide discussions by submitting questions and participating in polls. Staff may also complete [this survey](#) to share thoughts and ideas with the SAC.
- 5 p.m. [Dublin Award Presentation: Recontextualizing Traumatic History Through Memorialization](#)
Juniors Gabi Dinkin and Hannah Rudman, along with their faculty advisor, Julia Ireland, will discuss how methods of memorialization influence our understanding of traumatic histories that include genocide and persecution.
- 5 p.m. [Public Debate: Whitman College vs Humboldt State University](#)
The debate, on the topic of whether argumentation and debate ought to be required content in K-12 and secondary education curriculum, will consist of four teams with a mix of Whitman and Humboldt students on both sides of the topic.

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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