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In response to the ongoing pandemic, Whitman College Campus Studies (OCS) has provided students with the opportunity to study off-campus this spring. Whitman students are completing programs at foreign universities and organizations around the world. The following students are participating in these programs:

- Nurtoria Kaminskaia is on the SEA Semester program based in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, while Sylvia Adome is off campus with the National Theatre Institute in Connecticut. Read more about some of these students’ off-campus experiences by perusing their program’s social media.

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In the past, as many as 100 Whitties studied abroad in a typical spring semester. *Student safety and wellbeing is a priority of Whitman, and that includes OCS.*

While the COVID-19 pandemic has definitely curtailed global travel for safety precautions in place on location, government guidance about the safety of the study o-campus after reviewing a number of factors including COVID-19 precautions in place on location, government guidance about the safety of the destination, the anticipated quality of the specific OCS experience in light of precautions in place on location, government guidance about the safety of the destination, and health reasons, six Whitman students are currently studying off-campus.

- Elena Bailey is abroad on the DIS Stockholm program in Sweden, while Kei Castillo is enrolled in the DIS Copenhagen program in Denmark. Christian Wallace-Alejandra Wait and Beth Kutina are studying abroad on the CIEE Monteverde Tropical Ecology and Conservation program in Costa Rica. Meanwhile, Malka Zlotnick, an English major, is completing the IFSA program at Oxford University virtually this semester. Tanya Rumiantseva, an international relations major, is completing the IFSA program at Missouri State University—Joplin virtually this semester. Keisha Danes, an anthropology major, is completing the IFSA program at Missouri State University—Joplin virtually this semester.

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*Question of the Week: Answer Edition*

This week we asked you for your tips on ways to build community through natural resources. Here are some tips:

- xeriscaping, mulching, planting native wildflowers and not giving less support to big companies
- living off the grid and using renewable energy
- reducing my consumption levels, I'm giving less support to big companies
- appreciating and conserving natural resources and also finding that are major polluters, using fewer
- finding ways to be self-sufficient, such as growing your own food
- building community through nature and sharing.

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