Welcome Class of 2025!

Monday, August 23, 2021

Dear Whitman Community Members,

Welcome to fall 2021! We’re thrilled to host new students for the first time in 14 months. There is no greater joy for us as a college than celebrating the arrival of our students and all those who have come to support them. We are so grateful for the opportunity to work with students and their families this week, and to see them bring joy and a quick introduction to some of the many wonderful opportunities we can’t wait to see everything they bring to our community!

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Upcoming Events

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