



Whitman Today

Friday, August 27, 2021

What is the Class of 2025 Up To?



Whitman College's Class of 2025 gathered for a welcome celebration at Borleske Stadium on Aug. 25, 2021. All Whitman students were required to be vaccinated for COVID-19 to register for classes. As a fully vaccinated campus, outdoor gatherings without masks are allowed, currently, masks must be worn in classrooms and all indoor settings.

Since they arrived Wednesday, New Student Orientation (NSO) has kept members of the Class of 2025 on the move. They've trekked to Borleske for a [welcome from President Kathy Murray and other campus leaders](#), unpacked lots of boxes and suitcases, swapped snacks with sectionmates, connected with faculty at the academic open house and started the amazing process of meeting people who will become lifelong friends. [Check out Whitman's Instagram](#) for a peek at some of this week's NSO fun.

Daily COVID-19 Update

New COVID-19 Case on Campus

Beginning today, any positive coronavirus cases in our campus community will be noted in *Whitman Today* in compliance with state regulations. We will also update the testing data in our [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) on a weekly basis following completion of Round 1 of our campus baseline COVID-19 testing.

In accordance with new Washington State Labor & Industries employer requirements, we are notifying the campus community that in the past 24 hours, a person with Whitman access tested positive for COVID-19. This person is now in isolation for 10 days in accordance with our campus and CDC guidelines. Though the likelihood of transmission is low due to our [campus COVID-19 protocols](#), it is possible that others may have been exposed to COVID-19. There is nothing you need to do at this time aside from following our campus COVID-19 protocols. Anyone identified through the contact tracing process as a close contact (within 6 ft. for at least 15 minutes over 24 hours) will be personally notified.

Announcements

Student Employment Paperwork Requirement

Are you a student planning to have an on-campus job for the first time? Before you can start working, you need to be authorized for employment by Human Resources. To do so, you will need to show us in person important documents that prove your identity and legal authorization to work in the United States; [view the list of acceptable documents \(on page 3\)](#).

Bring your documents and visit the Human Resources table at the Job Fair today in Maxey or stop by their office in Memorial Building 104 to complete your paperwork.

2021 Reunion Weekend Cancelled

It is with great disappointment that we announce the cancellation of the upcoming reunion weekend, September 23-26, due to the increasing rate of COVID-19 infection in Walla Walla County and in consultation with reunion leadership. This decision is in the interest of the safety and health of our alumni, our campus and the greater Walla Walla community.

Bon Appétit Orientation Hours

Cleveland Commons, Reid Market and Jewett Cafe are now open to students with the following special orientation hours through Monday, August 30:

CLEVELAND COMMONS

Cleveland Espresso 7 a.m.–7 p.m.
Breakfast 7:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m.
Lunch (Monday–Friday) 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Brunch (Saturday–Sunday) 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Dinner 5 p.m.–7 p.m.

REID MARKET

Friday 11 a.m.–8 p.m.
Saturday 4 p.m.–10 p.m.
Sunday 4 p.m.–8 p.m.
Monday 11 a.m.–10 p.m.

JEWETT CAFE

Friday 7 a.m.–2 p.m.
Saturday–Sunday Closed
Monday 7 a.m.–2 p.m.

Regular campus dining hours will begin Tuesday, August 31.

While we await the results of our baseline COVID-19 testing and allow Bon Appétit to meet the needs of the largest first year class ever, on campus dining will be for students only. We will re-evaluate opening this service to faculty and staff in mid-September.

Happening This Weekend

TODAY

- all day [New Student Orientation](#)
Major events include the Job Fair, workshops on Race & Identity and Academic Resources, class photo and a game night at Reid Campus Center.
- 8 a.m.–3 p.m. [Baseline COVID Testing](#)
For all students and employees. At Cordiner Hall.

SATURDAY

- all day [New Student Orientation](#)
Major events include workshops on Gender & Sexuality and Wellness at Whitman, OWL group meetings and Night at the Fields cheering on Whitman's soccer teams.
- 4 p.m. [Whitman College Men's Soccer vs Alumni Game](#)
At the Whitman Athletic Fields.
- 7:30 p.m. [Whitman College Women's Soccer vs The College of Idaho \(Exhibition\)](#)
At the Whitman Athletic Fields.

SUNDAY

- all day [New Student Orientation](#)
Major events include learning about Pasxapa (the original name for the Walla Walla Valley), affinity group meet-ups and an overview of Consent and Title IX.
- 7:30 p.m. [Whitman College Women's Soccer vs Walla Walla Community College \(Exhibition\)](#)
At the Whitman Athletic Fields.

Whitman Events Calendar

Have an event you'd like to share with campus? Submit the information to the [Events Calendar](#).

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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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