While much of the nation spent the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 3 anxiously awaiting presidential election results, Jonathan Weinberg ’22 stood shivering outside a Concord, New Hampshire polling station. He was waiting for the unofficial results of the Concord School Board District B election. His name was on the ballot.

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The junior philosophy major at Weinberg felt called to step forward—he saw a need for young voices in education, especially at a time when school was virtual.

Through Weinberg’s efforts, he was able to get his name on a first-come, first-serve ballot. The 25-year-old was elected to the school board.

“Now that I’ve been elected to the school board, my plan is to bring forward new ideas and young voices to really try to make some improvements to the school system,” Weinberg said.

In the upcoming months, Weinberg plans to focus his efforts on two main goals: school safety and the district’s spring safety plan.

Although we strongly encourage all members of our community to enable WA Notify, the Everbridge Contact Tracing app remains an essential part of our Whitman College spring safety plan so that we can quickly follow up with anyone who may be exposed to COVID-19 on our campus.

Although Washington Exposure Notifications (also known as WA Notify) is a new tool that works through smartphones, without sharing any personal information, to alert users if they may have been exposed to COVID-19. It is completely private, and works through smartphones, without sharing any personal information, so it isn’t possible for any entity (the state, county or others) to know or track who you are or where you go.

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With his students, friends, and family supporting him throughout town, immense support poured in from family, friends and the community.

Read more about Weinberg and his campaign.

### Announcements

#### Whitman Bookstore Sale

Looking for something to read during the break? Then head to the Whitman Bookstore online to take advantage of their current sale. From now through Monday, Dec. 14, get 25% off all books (Rosen, non-fiction, cookbooks...everything except textbooks). Looking for something specific? Call the bookstore at 509-527-5274 to place your special order!

#### Off-campus House/Apartment Rentals for 2021-2022

The selection process for the Winter 2021 rental season is under way. If you have a property that is for lease, you are invited to list it now.

**IMPORTANT RENTAL DATES:**

- Available rentals posted: Monday, Dec. 14
- Applications due: Friday, Dec. 18, 6 p.m.
- Applications due: Friday, Jan. 15, 2021 by 4 p.m.
- Notice sent out: Jan. 22
- Lease signed and deposits paid by: Friday, Jan. 29

For more information visit the off-campus rentals page of our website. Additional questions may be emailed to offcampusrentals@whitman.edu.

#### Noteworthy

**Tomas Welcomes First Child**

Generosa Tomas, administrative assistant for Reid Center, welcomed her first child. Born Thursday, Dec. 3, baby Valentín Santoloma Tomas (pictures) was 19 and 3/4" and weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. Mom, Dad and Valentín are all home and doing well.

**Sociology Professors’ COVID-19 Impact Survey Featured**

This summer Alissa Corrander and Michelle Jenning, sociology professors, carried out a survey of Washington state residents on how the coronavirus pandemic has impacted their lives. Complete results of the survey are featured in the December issue of the American Sociological Review.

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**Share a Personal or Professional Accomplishment**

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**Everbridge FAQs**

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