



Whitman Today

Monday, February 15, 2021

Anderson Hall Quarantine Update

Students who live in Anderson Hall did another round of COVID testing on Saturday, Feb. 13. We are happy to share that there were no positive results from that round of testing. Because of those results, Anderson students were notified this weekend that they could leave their rooms to go outside for fresh air and socially distanced exercise.

Today students living in Anderson will undergo another round of PCR tests. Once those are complete, if there are no positives, the quarantine of that building will likely be lifted later this week.

Final Day to Provide FSR Feedback



Thank you to everyone who participated in last week's faculty, staff and student forums on the [Financial Sustainability Review \(FSR\) preliminary reports](#). Today is the final day to submit feedback using the online forms:

- [Faculty Feedback Form](#)
- [Staff Feedback Form](#)
- [Student Feedback Form](#)

Following reviews of all the community feedback, the FSR working groups will finalize the reports by March 1. The Cabinet and President Murray will then review the final reports and make their recommendations to the Board of Trustees, who will be the final decision makers in this process.

Given the timeline under which the FSR working groups were operating, many of the areas identified for potential investment will require further study if the Board approves them for implementation. Appropriate campus groups will launch that work later this spring and into the summer.

Q: I haven't been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19 and I don't have any symptoms, but I would like to be tested just in case. Is this possible?

A: Currently, most [testing locations in Walla Walla](#) (including Welty Student Health Center) limit testing to people with symptoms or potential exposure. However, [Rite Aid](#) offers free drive-through testing to anyone age 4 and up.

Question of the Week



Walla Walla was temporarily transformed into a winter wonderland over the past few days. This week we want to know: Did you go play in the snow this weekend?

Yes

No

Happening This Week

TODAY

9 am.-2 p.m. **COVID-19 Testing**
COVID-19 testing at Cordiner Hall for those in this week's random sample surveillance testing.

all day **Presidents Day**
Campus offices are closed and classes are cancelled in observance of this holiday. Regular work and class schedules resume Tuesday, Feb. 16.

TUESDAY, FEB. 16

4:30 p.m. **[Craft Your Future: A Professional Development Series presents: Communication in the Workplace with Shelly Rasmussen & Madeline Gyongyosi](#)**
Professional communication is crucial for achieving productive, balanced and dynamic goals in group settings. This workshop will teach you the best communication practices no matter your audience.

7 p.m. **[Algorithms of Oppression: How Search Engines Reinforce Racism](#)**
Dr. Safiya Umoja Noble will discuss her book "Algorithms of Oppression," the impact of marginalization and misrepresentation in commercial information platforms like Google search and the power struggles over representation on the web, as well as the implications for public information needs.

7 p.m. **[quarterlife Writing Workshop and Share-Out](#)**
Do you want to submit to quarterlife, but don't know where to start? Do you need peer pressure in order to write/create? Do you want feedback from an amazing and supportive group of writers? You're in luck! [Sign up](#) for quarterlife's first-ever, super-chill, virtual writing workshop.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17

5 p.m. **[Power & Privilege Symposium Keynote Address](#)**
Keynote from Teju Cole, the Gore Vidal Professor of the Practice of Creative Writing at Harvard and former photography critic for The New York Times Magazine. In both writing and photography, Cole combines his eye for beauty with his capacity to perceive human and civic truth.

THURSDAY, FEB. 18

all day **[Power & Privilege Symposium](#)**
Four hour-long sessions between 9:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m., each with a variety of panels, presentations, discussions and workshops developed by Whitman students, staff and faculty.

7:30 p.m. **[We Can't Be Illegal If We're Essential: The Reckoning Wrought by Covid-19](#)**
Professor Natalia Molina will discuss why Latinx workers today, especially immigrants concentrated in front-line occupations, are considered just as expendable as they were 100 years ago—a fact that the emergence of COVID-19 has only highlighted.

[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.

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