



Whitman Today

Monday, July 13, 2020

Kyle Martz Tree Dedication Ceremony



On Wednesday, July 8, a ginkgo tree planted at Glover Alston Center was dedicated to Kyle Martz '07. There is also a memorial table set up on the GAC porch that features the plaque commemorating the dedication. Visitors are welcome to view the tree and leave notes, flowers or other mementos on the table.

Gifts to the Kyle Martz Memorial Scholarship supporting international students can be made through the [Annual Fund's online donation page](#). Once on the giving platform, select the designation "Other" and then enter "Kyle Martz."

Coronavirus News

The [Walla Walla County Department of Health](#) reported 28 new coronavirus cases in the past week. Of the total 219 confirmed cases, 162 residents are now recovered and 54 are in isolation. Walla Walla County remains in Phase 2 of the Washington Safe Start economic reopening plan as all applications to advance were put on hold for a minimum of two weeks following a rise in coronavirus cases throughout the state.

Coronavirus Task Force Update: Campus Spaces

Campus buildings continue processing through a phased reopening for authorized employees. Buildings scheduled for this week are Glover Alston Center, Hunter Conservatory, Harper Joy Theatre, Dance Studio and Welty Student Health Center. Human Resources will contact employees with training information and other necessary details as each employee is designated to return to on-campus work.

Campus buildings remain closed to visitors, community members and family members. This policy will continue all the way through the fall semester. While buildings and recreational facilities are closed, visitors wearing face coverings and following social distancing protocols are welcome to walk through outdoor areas of campus.

[Whitman's Coronavirus Info Center](#)

Announcements

Whitman Inclusion Task Force Update

Between June 26 and July 8, the task force held 30 listening sessions, had one-on-one conversations, and utilized an online questionnaire to hear about problems and solutions related to equity and inclusion at Whitman. Task force members are now using this valuable input to develop action items and accountabilities. Learn more about the process in the [July 13 Inclusion Task Force update](#).

Happening This Week

MONDAY, JULY 13 and TUESDAY, JULY 14

various times [Zoom Interviews with Director of Security Candidates](#)
Conversations will be held at different times for students, staff and faculty, and members of the security team to meet the candidates and ask questions.

FRIDAY, JULY 17

10 a.m. [Faculty and Staff Coronavirus Task Force Open Office Hours](#)
Each Friday at 10 a.m. through July and August, join Whitman's Coronavirus Task Force chair, Josh Jensen, to ask questions about Whitman's return-to-work and planning for the fall. All faculty and staff are invited to join the [Google Meet](#).

[More Upcoming Events](#)

Have a virtual event you'd like to share with campus? Email the details to whitmantoday@whitman.edu.

Seen Around Campus



It's been a long time since most of us set foot on campus, so thanks to The Active Times for [reminding us of its beauty](#). As good as the grounds look, Whitman is incomplete without the people who make up its community, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back as soon as we can do so safely.

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