Life After Whitman: Steve Hammond '79

As museums around the country open, the Robert E. Lee Memorial at Arlington House in Washington D.C., has undergone significant changes. Whitman Board member, Steve Hammond '79, a member of the 1879 class, has been involved in these changes. Hammond worked with the Arlington Memorial Association, the National Park Service, and Lee’s descendants to create new displays that tell a more inclusive history, including stories and information on people who were enslaved at Arlington House and were recently freed by Robert E. Lee.

Don't worry if you are new to campus and don't have a team to participate with, we will find you one!

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**Student COVID-19 Update**

Any employee who has not provided proof of being vaccinated against COVID-19 must take a coronavirus test every week in order to receive their campus access badge. Testing will take place at Welty Hall on Fridays from 8:30–10 a.m. and Tuesday from 8:30–10 a.m. This week, 29 employees were tested and there were no positive tests.

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Student Health Center.

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**Fire Alarm Testing Tomorrow and Tuesday**

The annual testing of Whitman's fire alarms is scheduled for Friday, July 2, and Tuesday, July 6. During testing, alarms will briefly sound several times. Please see the attached schedule for specific times and days. Every attempt will be made to stay on schedule but delays often occur due to unforeseen problems.

**Escape Room Team-Building Exercise Next Wednesday**

Student Activities is hosting an Escape Room from 3–4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7, for administrative and departmental offices that are looking for a summer team-building activity. The event will occur virtually, and participants will work in teams of 6-8 to solve a series of puzzles related to the theme National Parks. If you have an event that may be interrupted by the testing, please contact Fred Miller at milled@whitman.edu or 527-5680 for assistance.

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**Upcoming Events**

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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 250 words or less. The deadline for submissions is noon for the following day's newsletter, though exceptions can be made. Submissions must be in Microsoft Word or PDF format; please do not send attachments. Whitman Today is published biweekly and includes information on Whitman's social media unless otherwise specified.

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