



Whitman Today

Monday, July 26, 2021

Telling the Community's Stories



As a newsroom intern for the Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, junior Elea Besse builds on a passion for narratives and community that she previously nurtured as podcast editor for the Whitman Wire and co-producer of the "Whitman So White!" podcast.

In [her Whitman Internship Grant blog](#), Besse writes, "One of my favorite stories I have written with the U-B has been a recent Marquee arts and entertainment cover called 'Let's Go to the Circus' that was published on July 1, 2021, featuring local ceramicist Shelia Coe. Getting to speak with her about her creative process and her experience with the Walla Walla artist community and Combine Art Collective was an absolute joy."

With aspirations for an arts writing career, Besse sees a direct connection between her summer experience and where she hopes to be 10 years from now. For the time being, she enjoys working with an amazing team to produce a variety of articles about local events. "I am looking forward to writing more stories about individuals in Walla Walla and helping everyone see the wonderful things taking place here."

Q: Can children who are too young to be vaccinated come to campus?

A: Yes—and no. Unvaccinated people are welcome to walk around Whitman's outdoor areas as long as they maintain at least 3 feet of physical distancing from anyone outside their household.

However, campus buildings are only open to fully vaccinated visitors, meaning that any child too young to be vaccinated against COVID-19 cannot come inside campus facilities, even to visit their parents in the office, use the restroom or attend indoor events. We realize this can cause complications for families with young children, but it's important to remember that the pandemic is still dangerously active and protecting the health of our community remains a top priority.

Announcements

Wednesday Deadline: Staff and Student Surveys on Remote Work

As the college considers the possibility of offering staff remote and hybrid work options for this coming fall, we are seeking input from students and staff regarding the services provided by various offices on campus. If you have not already shared your thoughts, please complete the short survey by the end of the day Wednesday to help inform this decision about staff working conditions.

[Student Survey](#)

[Staff Survey](#)

Contribute to New Student Welcome Bags

The Student Activities Office is packing welcome bags for every one of our new students. If your office or department would like to include something in the bag, please contact Juli Dunn (dunnjl@whitman.edu). Items must be received by the Student Activities Office no later than August 1.

Upcoming Events

TUESDAY, JULY 27

8:30–10 a.m.

Employee COVID-19 Testing

Any employee who has not submitted proof of COVID-19 vaccination must be tested in order to receive the weekly campus access badge. Testing will take place at Welty Student Health Center.



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Community Engaged Summer Research Program Share-Out Event

The Share-Out is a space to celebrate the work of this year's CESRP cohort, whose research topics include language justice, oral histories, and refugee centered arts practice. The event is fully virtual on Zoom ([meeting link here](#)) and open to all.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

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Summer Seminar Series: Herpetology with Professor Jackson

The Summer Science and Research Community invites all students to this lunch hour lecture with Professor of Biology Kate Jackson in Brattain Auditorium.

[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. By submitting to Whitman Today you also authorize use on Whitman's social media unless otherwise specified.

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