



Whitman Today

Monday, June 28, 2021

Facing the Music



In the fall of 2020, Whitman College's entirely online learning format created challenges for faculty and students alike. For Whitman's orchestra, conducted by Associate Professor of Music Paul Luongo, it also presented an opportunity for reflection and change.

It started when Luongo connected with colleagues from other colleges in Washington and Oregon to talk about what they, as orchestra conductors, could do when they couldn't lead live orchestras.

"In the midst of those discussions, we were also talking about the tragic murder of George Floyd and the ripples that were happening from that," Luongo says.

Soon the cohort came to a decision. "If we weren't going to be actively rehearsing music live, we thought this was a good time to look for productive conversations and exploration and growth around classical music, and in particular, racism in classical music—which has long been a fraught issue in American history."

[Read more](#)

Travel and Quarantine

Employees and students who are vaccinated and have summer campus access may travel within the U.S. without quarantining upon return to campus. Anyone who has not provided proof of vaccination must quarantine for 10 days upon their return.

Announcements

Grand Opening: Whitman Athletics Online Store

Whitman Athletics is thrilled to announce the grand opening of the [Blues' BSN SPORTS online apparel store](#). As a part of the grand opening, fans get a 25% discount on all purchases through **Friday, July 16**. The online apparel store has a customizable feature that allows fans to create hundreds of different options for supporters of all of Whitman's athletic programs.

No New ID Cards Created on Monday or Tuesday

Due to a scheduled equipment upgrade, campus security will be unable to make any ID badges on Monday or Tuesday this week. The equipment will be back up and running on Wednesday.

Your Answers Make a Difference: Campus Communications Survey

There are a lot of ways we *could* change how we communicate at Whitman. Maybe we need a mobile app, or training on how to search and filter emails, or different types of stories that help us understand who the other people are on this campus. But before any of that, Whitman's Internal Communications Strategist Heidi Pitts invites you to take [this anonymous survey](#) so that we know what we *should* change. What are areas of weakness that need improving? What matters to you in terms of technology? What information contributes most to your success?

[Take the Survey](#)

Upcoming Events

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

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.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

noon

[Summer Science and Research Seminars: Gap Year Alumni Panel](#)

Student researchers from all disciplines are invited to this Zoom conversation with six alumni who will discuss their experiences taking a gap year between their undergraduate and graduate studies.

FRIDAY, JULY 2 and MONDAY, JULY 5

all day

Campus Offices Closed

Campus offices will be closed for the 4th of July holiday. There will not be an issue of Whitman Today on Monday, July 5. Regular office hours will resume Tuesday, July 6.

[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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