



Whitman Today

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Whitman Internship Grant



Supported by the [Whitman Internship Grant](#) (WIG), senior Natalie Hodis interned last summer at Trilogy Recovery Community in Walla Walla. Trilogy is a nonprofit, grassroots community organization that provides free counseling, classes, referrals and hope to those in the Walla Walla community touched by drug addiction.

In [her post for the SEC's WIG blog](#), Hodis discussed learning about addiction, Trilogy's place in a national movement redefining intersectional treatment and creating lessons for a youth recovery program. She wrote, "My days with Trilogy have been incredibly rewarding because I am learning so much, and especially humbling because I see there is a lot more to learn and do! I urge you to raise awareness about your local recovery community organization and continue/start to end the negative stigma around recovery."

Applications for Summer 2021 Whitman Internship Grants are now available. To learn more, visit the [WIG webpage](#) or schedule an appointment with Mitzy Rodriguez via [Handshake](#).

Q: My bottle of hand sanitizer is almost empty. What should I do with it?

A: Reuse your spray bottle to defend against COVID-19 and plastic waste! Your Whitman-issued hand sanitizer spray bottle is intended to be refilled, not thrown away. Next time you're running low, stop by one of the refill stations located in academic and administrative buildings or leave the empty bottle and take a full one at an exchange shelf, typically located near a building's main floor custodial closet.



Exchange Station



Refill Station

Noteworthy

Cooley Awarded National Science Foundation Grant

Arielle Cooley, associate professor of biology, was awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation to examine the genetic interactions that create color patterns in monkeyflower petals (genus *Mimulus*). Together with John Stratton, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, and colleagues at the College of William and Mary, the team is using mathematical modeling, computational approaches, and molecular genetic techniques to understand how spatially complex patterns evolve and develop. This is Professor Cooley's third NSF grant in five years. It will support research experiences for at least six undergraduates and three high school students.

Santana-Acuña International Book Presentation

Assistant Professor of Sociology Álvaro Santana-Acuña recently presented his book "[Ascent to Glory](#)" at a special [online event](#) at Harvard University attended by 180+ people connecting from 27 countries. "Ascent to Glory" has been the subject of new interviews and reviews in the Netherlands, Spain, Colombia, Brazil, the United States, El Salvador, United Kingdom, Argentina and India.

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Happening Today

- 9 a.m.–2 p.m. **COVID-19 Testing**
COVID-19 testing at Cordiner Hall for those in this week's random sample surveillance testing.
- 6 p.m. **[Next Steps 2021: Your Mental Health and Senior Year](#)**
Run by the Whitman Counseling Center, this workshop is for the Senior class to help process their Senior year and the coming months as they prepare to leave Whitman.

[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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