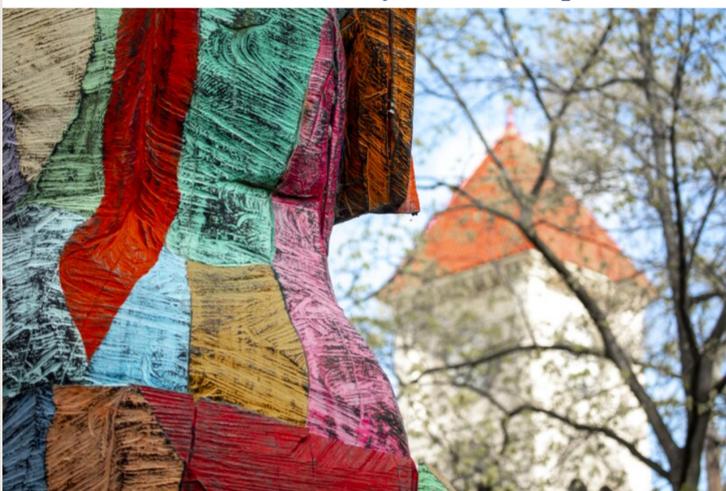




Whitman Today

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Cultural and Identity Student Groups



The Intercultural Center supports many identity- and cultural-based student groups. Looking to find community? Take a look at our list of organizations:

Affinity Groups

- Disability and Difference Community (DISCO)
- First Generation / Working Class (FG/WC)
- InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
- Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students (MAPS)
- Men of Color Association (MOCA)
- Pan Asian Club (PAC)
- Pride, Raising Involvement, Solidarity and Mentorship (PRISM)
- Queer & Trans Students of Color (QTSOC)
- Kehillat Shalom

What's an affinity group? Affinities are formed around mutual identity or identities (a singular identity or intersecting identities). Affinities provide a safe and supportive environment for shared experiences, a space to come together and be in community. Affinities are not required to open membership to all Whitman students, but rather they are open to all Whitman students who identify themselves with the stated identity/identities of the affinity group.

Clubs

- Black Student Union (BSU)
- China @ Whitman
- Club Latinx
- Global Whitties
- Indigenous People's Education & Cultural Club (IPECC)
- Pacific Islanders Club (PIC)
- Whitman African Students Association (WASA)

What's a club? Clubs are organizations that are recognized by the Associated Students of Whitman College (ASWC) and receive an ASWC funded financial budget. The Intercultural Center (IC) provides additional support. As ASWC recognized organizations, IC clubs are required to open membership to all Whitman students. To be recognized as an IC club, the club's purpose and goals must align with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

Find out more and connect with organizations on [WhitLife](#).

Q: Will getting a COVID vaccine mean that I will have a positive COVID test?

A: [According to the CDC](#), no. None of the authorized COVID-19 vaccines cause you to test positive on [viral tests](#), which are used to see if you have a current infection. This is the type of test we use for our campus COVID testing.

If your body develops an immune response—the goal of vaccination—there is a possibility you may test positive on some [antibody tests](#). Antibody tests indicate you had a previous infection and that you may have some level of protection against the virus. Experts are currently looking at how COVID-19 vaccination may affect antibody testing results. We do not offer antibody testing at Whitman.

Announcements

Apply Now to Live in the Interest House Community

[Applications](#) to live in the [Interest House Community](#) (IHC) will be due at 5 p.m. on Friday, March 19!

Not sure what the IHC is or why you should live there? The IHC is a cozy, friendly on-campus housing option for sophomores and older, consisting of 11 different houses. It offers the opportunity to build a close-knit community with peers that share common interests, including:

- Japanese (Tekisuijuku)
- Environmentalism (Outhouse)
- French (la Maison Française)
- Spanish (la Casa Hispana)
- Art (Fine Arts House)
- German (das Deutsche Haus)
- Chinese (Asian Studies House)
- International studies (Global Awareness House)
- Volunteering (Community Service Co-op) *this house is off the meal plan
- Creative Writing (Writing House)
- Multicultural awareness (MECCA - Multi-Ethnic Center for Cultural Awareness)

Still curious? Follow us on [Instagram](#), watch [video tours](#) of each of the houses and check out a recorded version of our [info session](#). Email lungreer@whitman.edu to ask questions and to submit your application.

Happening Today

- 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. [Test Your Luck](#)
Does St. Patrick's Day have you feeling lucky? Stop by the Reid Campus Center patio and test your luck. Spin the wheel of awesomeness and win cool prizes.
- noon [I Am Not My Thoughts: Somatic Techniques for Anxiety and Depression](#)
A counseling group for students to learn coping mechanisms that relax the nervous system, increase bodily and emotional awareness, and creatively engage in a safe and non-judgmental space. Pre-registration by emailing Nick Duran Fair (duranna@whitman.edu) is required.
- noon [Law School Application Info Session](#)
This discussion with Senior Dean of Admissions for the University of Michigan Law School, Sarah Zearfoss, will focus on some of the most important aspects of the law school application process and end with a Q&A session.
- 8:30 p.m. [Pause](#)
You are invited to Pause, a 20-minute study break where we take time to breathe, relax and de-stress. Come with your camera on or off for quiet community, poetry and centering practice.

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.

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