



# Whitman Today

Thursday, March 18, 2021

## Craft Your Future: How to Host a Meeting



There is no one way to run a meeting.

This was the opening message at a recent Craft Your Future workshop on meeting etiquette and management. The workshop, moderated by Nikki Brueggeman from the SEC, began with sophomore Sneh Chachra, ASWC president, and Antonia Keithahn, assistant director for disability support services, sharing brief presentations about structuring meetings that are accessible and inclusive.

A few tips include:

- Using the captioning features on platforms like Google Meet and Zoom during your meetings and allowing participants to use the video and audio settings that meet their needs and comfort levels.
- Sending timely agendas to allow others to contribute to the content of the meeting.
- Clearly communicating next steps, goals and expectations and allow time for everyone to be heard before closing your meeting.

[Learn more of their suggested best practices](#) for holding inclusive meetings.

## Q: Washington state just moved to the next phase of vaccine distribution. Who is eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine now?

A: Phase 1B Tier 2 opened yesterday, which means the following people are now eligible to receive the vaccine:

- High-risk critical workers (includes agriculture, grocery stores and food banks, public transit, fishing vessel crews, corrections facilities like jails and detention centers, courts of law, and the remaining first responders including firefighters and police officers)
- Anyone 16 and older who is either pregnant or has a disability that puts them at risk of severe illness
- Educators and staff for pre-K through 12th grade (Phase 1B1)
- Child care providers (Phase 1B1)
- People 65 years or older (Phase 1B1)
- People 50 years or older who live in multi-generational households (Phase 1B1)
- People who work in healthcare settings (Phase 1A)
- High-risk first responders (Phase 1)
- People who live or work in long-term care facilities (Phase 1A)

The next first-dose vaccine clinic is Saturday, March 20. [Appointments can be made online](#) or by calling the Walla Walla County COVID helpline at 509-524-2647. Vaccines may also be available at local pharmacies including Rite Aid, Safeway and Albertsons.

## Announcements

### Whitman College Transportation Survey

Please help Whitman understand how you get to campus and around town to inform future transportation related improvements. The survey should take around 10 minutes and closes March 31.

[Take the survey online now.](#)

Would a paper version of the survey provide access for people who might not otherwise be able to participate? Please [email Laurie Doolan](#) with the number of paper copies you'd like to request.

## Noteworthy

### Schlegel Poem Published in The Nation

Rob Schlegel, senior adjunct assistant professor of rhetoric, writing and public discourse, published his poem, "[The Sentence](#)" in *The Nation*. The poem is from Schlegel's fourth collection, titled, "Childcare," which is forthcoming from Four Way Books.

### McCracken Named NWC Women's Basketball SAOW for Fourth Time

Junior Kaylie McCracken has been named the [Northwest Conference's Women's Basketball Student-Athlete of the Week](#) for the fourth time running. McCracken led Whitman to a victory in the team's home finale, a win over George Fox in what was a rematch of last season's NWC Championship. She scored 20 points and snagged nine rebounds in the Blues' win over the Bruins on Sunday.

Submit News of a Person or Professional Achievement

## Happening Today

- noon [President Murray Open Office Hours for Students](#)  
*President Murray invites students to join her for office hours on Zoom. Please sign into Zoom with your Whitman SSO credentials and use the meeting passcode 485182.*
- 4:30 p.m. [Next Steps 2021: Using Your Student Leadership Skills Post-College](#)  
*Panelists Drew Shoals '05, Jane Carmody '14, Matt Ozuna '10 and Brenna TwoBears '17 will talk through their experiences and offer tips on connecting your leadership in college to professional growth post-college.*
- 5 p.m. [Visiting Writers Series: Sabrina Oran Mark](#)  
*Sabrina Oran Mark is the author of the book-length poetry collections, "Tsim Tsum" and "The Babies." The latter was awarded the Saturnalia Book Prize chosen by Jane Miller.*

Whitman Events Calendar

Have a virtual event you'd like to share with campus? Email the details to [whitmantoday@whitman.edu](mailto:whitmantoday@whitman.edu).

"Whitman Today" is produced by the Office of Communications and is emailed Monday-Friday to Whitman College staff, faculty and students. All times are listed in Pacific Daylight Time.

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](mailto: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.

Previous issues of Whitman Today are [archived on our website](#).

