**Building Community**

Throughout our campus, country and the world there are many causes of personal and communal grief: violence and racism against the Asian community and women; losses due to the ongoing COVID pandemic; and other pain known only to those who suffer. The Office of Diversity and Inclusion is here to support our Whitman community as we take time to care for ourselves and others.

Events happening this week are:

**#StopAsianHate:** Supporting Asian and Pacific Islander communities and honoring the lives lost in the Atlanta shootings. If you need a space to reflect and center practice, join us for a virtual interactive workshop featuring Alzada Tipton, provost, Cara Setchell, assistant human resources director, Jack Buettner, Andrew Johnson '09, and Al-Rahim Merali '13 to learn how to practice the skills that will improve confidence and next steps.

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There are two possible circumstances which may warrant a temporary exemption from testing participation: accessing medical care and a family emergency. If you need to travel for either of these situations, please contact the appropriate person listed below as soon as possible to discuss your steps for continuing compliance with Whitman's COVID testing protocols.

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