



# Whitman Today

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

## 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 shooting. If you need a space to reflect and share about the instances of racism brought to light recently by the shooting in Atlanta we invite you to attend the #StopAsianHate virtual event at noon on Friday in partnership with the Pan Asian Club, the Pacific Islander Club and China@Whitman.

**Walking With Loss and Hope:** Come light the labyrinth to acknowledge our loss and name our hope. To mark the one-year anniversary of Whitman closing its doors in response to the pandemic, the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life is hosting a candlelight gathering at the newly installed labyrinth from 7:30-10:30 p.m. on Saturday. Stop by any time, stay as long as you wish.

**Let Your Voice be Heard:** Campus climate survey for students! Take part in the campus climate survey administered by the National Assessment of Collegiate Campus Climates (NACCC). This survey will assess students' feelings about mattering, inclusion and racial climate on campus. Check your email from yesterday (Tuesday, March 23) to find the survey link. Your responses are confidential, with completed surveys will be sent directly to the NACCC and not to anyone here at Whitman.

### Q: If I'm not going to be in Walla Walla when I'm assigned a COVID-19 surveillance test, what should I do?

A: Participation in our campus COVID testing protocol is one of our most essential safety practices this spring. Therefore, if you are assigned a test and miss it, your campus access will be suspended.

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 early as possible to discuss your steps for remaining compliant with Whitman's COVID testing protocols.

Students: Kazi Joshua, dean of students  
Staff: Cara Setchell, assistant human resources director  
Faculty: Alzada Tipton, provost

## 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 Doohan](#) with the number of paper copies you'd like to request.

### Gaytan Works in Sheehan Gallery

Local artist Joel Gaytan's "B Sides from el barrio: Vistas de Walla Walla" features five large-scale drawings and an acrylic painting depicting Latinx life in the Walla Walla valley. Stepping away from Walla Walla's "renowned, superficial wineries, and the posh downtown," Gaytan paints a personal portrait of a story that is often sidelined in the town's narrative. The work is beautiful, with uniquely crafted compositions and a mixture of monochromatic graphite shading and bold, graphic color. It brings Chicano poster-art styles and motifs into the modern day. Come check it out at Sheehan Gallery in Reid or [view the show online.](#)

## Happening Today

- Noon **Off-Campus Studies First Step Meeting**  
*Important information for second-year students interested in off-campus studies, covering options and next steps.*
- 4:30 p.m. **Craft Your Future: Interview Prep With the Experts**  
*Join Victoria Wolff, Cara Setchell, Jack Buettner, Andrew Johnson '09, and Al-Rahim Merali '13 to learn how to practice the skills that will improve confidence and performance in any professional interview in this interactive workshop.*
- 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](mailto: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](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.

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