



Whitman Today

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Inclusion Action Items Update



Individuals and departments throughout Whitman continue to implement the action items identified by last summer's Inclusion Task Force. While the Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion position is open, this work is being overseen by Kazi Joshua, vice president for student affairs, and Monica Chapman, executive assistant to the vice president for diversity and inclusion. There are currently 20 action items in process and one that has been completed. The full [Spring 2021 Update](#) as well as previous reports are on the [Inclusion Action Items webpage](#).

Q: What does President Biden's instruction to states to prioritize teachers in vaccine distribution plans mean for Whitman?

A: As Washington state [Gov. Jay Inslee stated yesterday](#), this directive currently applies only to licensed childcare workers and K-12 teachers and school staff. There is no vaccine distribution phase specifically designated for higher education employees. Whitman faculty and staff should use the [Washington State Phase Finder Tool](#) to determine your personal eligibility based on age, health, household characteristics and other determining factors.

Announcements

Library Archives Now Open

The Whitman College and Northwest Archives is now open for use! To maintain social distancing, you will have to make an appointment with at least 24 hours notice. A virtual consultation with an archivist is encouraged before in-person visits so they can have everything you need ready for your appointment. For more information check out the [spring 2021 archives access policy](#). Email archives@whitman.edu with questions or to schedule an appointment.

Grab & Go Dining for Faculty and Staff

Whitman's faculty and staff can now place grab-and-go orders from Cleveland Commons and Jewett Cafe during regular operation hours. All menus and building hours are located at whitman.cafebonappetit.com. Employees may also download the Transact app (available for [iOS](#) and [Android](#)) to place and pay for orders ahead of time using a credit card or flex dollars.

Happening Today

- 4 p.m. [Open Office Hours for Students with Dean Kazi Joshua](#)
"The People's Dean" is holding drop-in office hours with 15-minute sessions from 4-5 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout the semester.
- 4:30 p.m. [AAUW Start Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop](#)
Workshop for fourth-year students on how to calculate and articulate your value in the workforce, understand the factors that impact salary ranges and develop strategies to negotiate your next hourly wage or salary.
- 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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