



Whitman Today

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Sign Up for Spring Intramurals



Sign up now for intramural cornhole and tennis! Both are open to all students, staff and faculty—and all intramural sports this semester are free.

Tennis singles and doubles matches will take place on the outdoor tennis courts on weeknights. [Sign up for IM tennis.](#)

Cornhole (teams of two players) games will take place on Friday afternoons and Saturdays throughout April. [Sign up for IM cornhole.](#)

Important details:

- Please remember to [join Intramural Sports on WhitLife](#) and to fill out the participation waiver before signing up for IM tennis or cornhole
- COVID-19 expectations will be communicated to all participants who sign up
- The deadline to sign-up is midnight on Thursday, April 1

Q: What does it mean to be "fully vaccinated" for COVID-19?

A: [According to the CDC](#), people are considered fully vaccinated:

- Two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- Two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine

If it has been less than two weeks since your one-dose shot, or if you still need to get your second dose of a two-dose vaccine, you are not fully protected.

Also, it's important to note that scientists are still learning how vaccines will affect the transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19. You may still spread the coronavirus even after being fully vaccinated, so you should keep taking [precautions](#) in public places like wearing a mask, staying 6 feet apart from others and avoiding crowds.

Announcements

Employee Assistance Program Offers Identity Theft Services

Cascade Centers, Whitman's Employee Assistance Program, offers identity theft services, including a free consultation if you are a victim of identity theft, assistance with restoring identity and good credit, an identity theft response kit and tools to avoid future identity theft. [Learn more in the online portal](#), by calling 800-433-2320, by texting 503-850-7721 or [watch this webinar](#).

Haven't logged into the EAP Member Site yet? Contact Human Resources at hr@whitman.edu for assistance.

Student Engagement Center Opens for In-Person Assistance

The SEC is opening its office in Reid 219, located on the second floor, for in-person assistance from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. The SEC staff are excited to see you!

Noteworthy

Alumni Recognized in Walla Walla Community

Two Whitman alumni were selected for the [Union-Bulletin's "39 under 39"](#), which recognizes residents who work "with vitality and enthusiasm" to benefit the Walla Walla Valley community:

- [Gabe Kiefel '09](#) is a science teacher and football coach at Waitsburg High School. Describing teaching as the most difficult thing he's ever done, Kiefel says, "It's like a puzzle, and most of the time I have all the pieces. However, other times, there may be a piece missing and the challenge is completing that puzzle and finding or crafting the missing piece at the same time."
- [Julia Leavitt '09](#) is the program director for the Sherwood Trust. Leavitt's goal is to look back 10 years later and say, "I worked toward systemic changes to policies that better steward resources and create a mutually shared abundance for now and generations to come. I worked to shift from status quo and transactional to transformational. I worked on all levels of the ecosystem—as an individual, with my family and friends, at my job, with communities and institutions. I have done this, and I am still doing this."

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Happening Today

- 9 a.m.-2 p.m. **COVID-19 Testing**
COVID-19 testing at Cordiner Hall for those in this week's random sample surveillance testing.
- 4 p.m. **[When Theory Meets Practice: The Experience of American Professors in the Law and Development Movement in Africa](#)**
Lecture with Dr. Solomon Lemma, the O'Donnell Visiting Educator at Whitman.
- 5 p.m. **[How Has the Pandemic Affected NGOs?](#)**
Join the Buddy Program for a panel and discussion about the effects of the pandemic on NGOs on community organizations in Walla Walla, specifically the Walla Walla Valley Disability Network. With panelists Cyndy Knight and Prof. Michelle Janning.
- 7 p.m. **[Comedian Chris James](#)**
Join WEB for a night of comedy with Chris James, who began following his dream of doing stand-up comedy after a successful career as a fashion model.

[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. By submitting to Whitman Today you also authorize use on Whitman's social media unless otherwise specified.

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