Weekly Update from the President

Coronavirus News

The Walla Walla County Department of Health reported one new coronavirus case in the past week, for a total of 108 confirmed cases. Two previously included cases were removed from the statistics as the individuals were found to live outside the county. Following a significant jump in recoveries reported the past week, 103 residents are now recovered from the coronavirus.

Whitman's Coronavirus Task Force Update

The Coronavirus Task Force continues to research, evaluate and plan for the 2020-21 academic year. Committees of faculty and staff are exploring the logistics of campus-wide testing and contact tracing, classroom layouts to plan appropriate spacing of desks, and much more in preparation for a return to campus this fall. Watch for updates throughout the summer in Whitman Today and on Whitman's Coronavirus website.

Whitman's Coronavirus Website

COVID-19 Course Available to the Public

This online course was designed to introduce incoming students to Whitman professors while studying a significant current event and earning college credit. Many thanks to Shampa Biswas, Paul Garrett Professor of Political Science, for pulling together experts from departments across the college. The lectures are now available to anyone interested in exploring different facets of COVID-19. Biswas details.

Hire a Student This Summer

Does your department need assistance this summer? Some students remaining in Walla Walla are seeking employment in order to support themselves. If you have or anticipate student positions for remote or essential on-site work, please email Erin Town in the Student Engagement Center.

Returning Library Materials

A gentle reminder from Penrose Library: library materials were due on May 19, 2020. Login to your library account to see items checked out. Students should return materials to the book drop or via mail. Find more information on returning materials.

Whitman Today on Weekly Distribution Schedule

For the summer months, Whitman Today will be sent weekly to the Whitman community. Submissions should be sent to whitmantoday@whitman.edu by noon Friday for the following week's newsletter. Questions about Whitman Today can be directed to Internal Communications Strategist Heidi Pitts.

Happening This Week

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

11 a.m. Employee Assistance Program Webinar

Join the event to explore the range of services available to employees and dependents and the various ways to contact the EAP.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

3 p.m. Virtual End of Year Faculty Reception

Announcing the 2020 Faculty Awards and The Alumni Association Faculty Award for Service and Retiring Faculty.

More Upcoming Events

Have a virtual event you’d like to share with campus? Email the details to whitmantoday@whitman.edu.

Parting Shot

Congratulations to the Class of 2020! Enjoy this highlight video of Sunday's virtual commencement. Watch the ceremony.

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