



Whitman Today

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Mom Really Knew Best: 2021 Graduate Reflects on His Whitman Journey



The first time that Maamoon Saleh, from Kent, Washington, travelled to Walla Walla—or anywhere on the eastern side of the state—was late at night following his senior high school district track meet.

As Saleh crossed the finish line of the two-mile race, his last event for the day, his mom was waiting for him. "She told me: 'We're going to Whitman College. You have a campus visit tomorrow.'"

Exhausted from a long day of races, all Saleh remembers thinking about was sleeping, but he climbed into the car.

"I don't know if I was looking for a school like Whitman, but I know that my mom was. My mom knew a lot more about what I needed than I did—she knew I'd do well at a smaller school," Saleh says.

[Read more.](#)

COVID-19 Vaccine Info



Thank you to everyone who has submitted their COVID-19 vaccination record. So far, 50% of our campus population report that they have completed the vaccination process.

Don't forget to fill out the [COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting Form](#) after you get your final dose!

Announcements

Hiring for the Student Positions to the Board of Trustees

ASWC is hiring for four positions: Student Representative to the Board of Trustees, Student Representative to the Whitman Experience Board Committee, Student Representative to the Whitman Resources Board Committee and Student Representative to the Advancing Whitman Committee. Applications are open to rising juniors and seniors.

[The application](#) is open until May 14, so be sure to apply as soon as possible. Interviews will take place after finals week. For more information on each position, see the application. Email adolp@whitman.edu or bluett@whitman.edu if you have any questions.

End of Semester Library Hours

Please note Penrose Library's modified hours for the end of the semester:

Today through Thursday, May 13: 8:30 a.m.–10 p.m.
 Friday, May 14: 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.
 Saturday, May 15, Saturday: 9 a.m.–7 p.m.
 Sunday, May 16, Sunday: 12 p.m.–10 p.m.
 Monday, May 17, Monday: 8:30 a.m.–10 p.m.
 Tuesday, May 18, Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Wednesday, May 19–Friday, May 21: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
 Saturday, May 22, Saturday and Sunday, May 23: closed

Don't forget to reserve your study space through the [reservations calendar](#) up to three days in advance.

Noteworthy

Leong Wins 2021 Connie Jill Carlstrom Award

Senior Daniel Leong has been awarded the 27th Annual Connie Jill Carlstrom Memorial Award in Japanese Studies. Leong earned a minor in Japanese by completing the fourth-year advanced language class and completed a major in psychology. In the summer of 2020, he worked with Professor Aoki Ōshima and Research Intern Rodney Wijesinghe at the Shōnan Psychodrama Institute in Tokyo. At the 2021 Whitman Undergraduate Conference, Daniel presented his thesis, "Japanese Attitudes Toward Mental Health."

Beatty Featured in National Documentary

Should you follow the script handed to you, or seek out success off the beaten path? This question fueled senior Lia Beatty and two other young adults as they explore the future ahead of them in [Roadtrip Nations Do It Differently documentary](#).

[Submit News of a Personal or Professional Achievement](#)

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.
- all day **Reading Day**
No classes in preparation for final exams.
- 4 p.m. **[Our Evolving Relationship with History](#)**
Join author, humorist and actress Sarah Vowell for an idiosyncratic take on "Our Evolving Relationship With History." This conversation is presented in conjunction with "Along the Columbia River Nchi-Wana: Maya Lin and the Confluence Project," now open in the Maxey Museum.

[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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