



Whitman Today

Monday, May 24, 2021

Whitman College Commencement 2021



Yesterday we celebrated the Class of 2021 at Whitman's 135th Commencement. The weather cooperated beautifully as graduates gathered in front of Memorial Building to hear from President Kathy Murray, Class Speaker Lauren Rhodes, Commencement Speaker Jena Griswold '06 and others before receiving their diplomas.

Resilience and perseverance were the unofficial themes of this year's ceremony. The Class of 2021, who had almost a third of their college journey interrupted by the coronavirus, needed both to arrive at the momentous occasion of graduation.

[Read about the ceremony and see more pictures on our website.](#)

Q: Do I still have to wear my mask on campus if I am vaccinated?

A: As of today, all Whitman employees and students are required to wear face masks in all indoor settings (unless alone in a private office or room). Vaccinated people may remove their masks if they are outdoors and maintain at least 6 ft. of distance from others.

As state practices continue to be updated to match CDC guidance, we believe we will be able to ease requirements later this summer for mask wearing and social distancing in lower risk situations for those who are fully vaccinated. Any future changes to Whitman's masking protocols will be communicated in Whitman Today.

Announcements

Student Summer Campus Access

Any student wishing to have access to campus this summer for work, research, recreation or any other reason must complete the following two items:

- [COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting Form](#)
- [Summer Campus Access Request](#)

Once both of these items are complete, your request will be reviewed and if approved, you will receive your campus access badge by email and your swipe card access will be activated.

Facility Services Closed May 28

Facility Services, which includes the departments below, will be closed and unavailable except for emergencies on Friday, May 28.

Facility Services Departments:

- Administration
- Custodial Services - Academic & ResLife
- Conference, Events & Scheduling
- Environmental Health & Safety
- Grounds and Landscape
- Maintenance Operations - Academic & ResLife
- Planning, Design & Construction - Project & Life Cycle
- Rental Fleet Services
- Rental/Trust Property
- Sustainability

Premera Members: Access Virtual Medical Care Anytime, Anywhere

The Premera virtual care network delivers low-cost, convenient, high-quality medical care. With constant access to care from Premera's virtual care providers, you don't have to wait for office hours to be seen as board certified providers are just a few clicks away.

1. Medical care: Get everything from fast diagnosis and treatment of common ailments to routine checkups and ongoing monitoring of chronic conditions anytime with [g8point6](#) and [Doctor On Demand](#). View a brief, informative video about Doctor on Demand [here](#) and g8point6 [here](#).
2. Therapy and medication management: Get specialized comprehensive talk therapy, medication management, and more from a licensed prescriber with [Doctor on Demand](#) and [Talkspace](#). View a video about Talkspace [here](#).
3. Physical Therapy: [Physera](#) offers virtual physical therapy and provides support and individualized exercise programs to address back pain, arthritis, injury recovery, and more. Through Physera, you'll get direct access to a dedicated, licensed physical therapist, the freedom to do physical therapy anytime, anywhere, a personalized recovery plan and ongoing support and time back in your busy schedule by not having to go to in-office appointments.

Access these four virtual care programs through the [Premera App](#). Download it for free!

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Happening This Week

VARIOUS DATES

Presidential Search Committee Listening Sessions

The Presidential Search Committee begins holding population-specific listening sessions for the Whitman community this week. Please refer to the email sent May 21 titled "Presidential search invitations to listening sessions and survey" from Chair Danielle Garbe Reser '93 for specific dates and registration links.

TUESDAY

8:30–10 a.m.

Employee COVID-19 Testing

Any employee who has not submitted proof of COVID-19 vaccination must be tested in order to receive the weekly campus access badge. Testing will take place at Welty Student Health Center.

[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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