



Whitman Today

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Getting Into Fishy Business



Born and raised in Alaska, fishing has been an important part of Tyler Dann's life for as long as he can remember. He brought that love of fishing and the outdoors to Whitman, where he went on many backpacking trips and spent every spring break canyoneering in Southern Utah with his Beta fraternity brothers.

After graduating from Whitman in 2000 with a combined major in environmental studies and politics, Dann pondered his professional path. He had a general interest in obtaining a career in natural resource management but didn't have a clear path to follow. Initially, he took a job at a sport fishing lodge and this position helped him realize he wanted to pursue a career that would allow him to work outside on the river every day.

Although Dann is now working in the field of genetics, his politics background at Whitman has benefitted him greatly. Many political ideologies and skills that Dann studied during his undergraduate years have helped him navigate the political aspect of fisheries.

"The liberal arts education prepared me for critical thinking and writing for the sciences," Dann says. "It's another great lens or way of looking at society. But also, there's tons of overlap between politics and fisheries in Alaska. Competition for a finite resource among user groups, conflicts between indigenous, commercial and sport fishing interests, and equity and power dynamics among stakeholders and governing institutions." It can be a lot to manage, Dann says.

[Read more.](#)

Q: Will my cloth face masks get worn out?

A: Yes, you'll eventually begin to see signs that it's time to replace your cloth face mask:

- The straps are worn out or don't stay tight.
- The fit is no longer snug.
- There are exposed threads, tears or holes.
- The mask is stained.
- The fabric has worn thin.
- You haven't been washing the mask according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- You've washed a mask more than 30 times.

In replacing masks, remember to choose face masks with at least three layers of fabric, plus a nose bridge and ear loops that adjust for a tight fit. If you're looking to buy new masks, the masks from [Bows-n-Ties](#) are comparable to the blue masks Whitman provided our community members.

Announcements

Recognizing 2020-21 New Staff

Starting a new job during the COVID-19 pandemic provides a special set of challenges, including very limited opportunities to be introduced to the Whitman community. In case you haven't had a chance to meet all of them yet, [here's a list](#) of staff who have started working at Whitman in the past year.

Question of the Week



It is the season of adorable, fluffy ducklings at Whitman. What should this little one be named?

[Name the Duckling](#)

Happening This Week

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. **Watson Fellowship Information Session**
Juniors, join us to learn about the Watson Fellowship, a year of independent, purposeful exploration and travel outside the United States. Guest speaker Devin Reese '18 will share stories from his Watson year abroad along with a distillation of his Watson project, "Confronting Entropy: Elder Care in an Aging World."

TUESDAY

- 9 a.m.–2 p.m. **COVID-19 Surveillance Testing**
- 4 p.m. **Inclusion Task Force Student Town Hall**
- 4:30 p.m. **Craft Your Future: Crafting your Professional Identity**
- 7 p.m. **Virtual Escape Room with WEB**

WEDNESDAY

- 7 p.m. **Scarlett He, Senior Piano Recital**
- 8:30 p.m. **Pause**

THURSDAY

- all day **Interviews with Candidate C for Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion**

FRIDAY

- all day **Spring Break Day (no classes)**
- 1:30 p.m. **Open Kayaking**
- 7 p.m. **Phoebe Bridgers Concert**

[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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