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 spent every backpacking trip and spent many days on the Deschutes River 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 benefited 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.

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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 masks:

- The straps are worn out or don't stay tight.
- The ties are 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.

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Announcements

Hiring/Blogging in New Staff

After the May 2020 hiring freeze, the Whitman Office of Communications and Marketing is hiring strategic, creative, and curious minds to join our team. We are especially interested in diverse candidates with communications and marketing backgrounds in the digital space.

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Question of the Week

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

Name the Duckling

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Happening This Week

**TODAY**

9 a.m.–2 p.m. COVID-19 Testing

4 p.m. Watson Fellowship Information Session

**TUESDAY**

9 a.m.–2 p.m. COVID-19 Surveillance Testing

4 p.m. Inclusion Task Force Student Town Hall

**WEDNESDAY**

7 p.m. Scarlett He, Senior Piano Recital

**THURSDAY**

All day Interviews with Candidates 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

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