



# Whitman Today

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

## 2021 Ben Rabinowitz Award Recipients Announced



Now in its 10th year, Whitman College's Ben Rabinowitz Award is given in support of student-proposed projects or learning opportunities that promote compassion in medicine or politics and enrich the campus community. So, after a year that included a global pandemic and a virulent election cycle, both of which exposed and highlighted deep personal and communal pain, it's little surprise that the 2021 award received the most project submissions in its history.

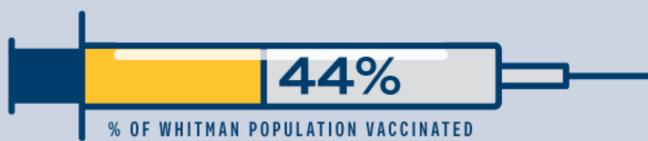
"The pool of applicants for the Rabinowitz Award was particularly large and exceptionally strong this year," says Whitman Provost, Alzada Tipton. "It seems that many students have been motivated by the challenge posed by injustice and by the pandemic that many communities are facing."

Reflecting the record number of submissions, the 2021 award was presented to a record three projects:

- Whitman Our Home (Joy Nampaso, sophomore)
- Whitman So White! (Elea Besse, sophomore, and Jasmine Razeghi, junior)
- Physical Activity Reaches Everyone (PARE) Program (Annika Mayo, sophomore)

[Read more about the winning projects.](#)

## COVID-19 Vaccine Info



Thank you to everyone who has submitted their COVID-19 vaccination record. So far, 44% 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

### Final Spring Break Day: No Classes Friday

This Friday, May 7, is the final spring break day for the semester. There will be no classes and several groups are offering special activities for students:

- [Open Kayaking](#) (1:30–3:30 p.m. at Harvey Pool)
- [Open Climbing](#) (10 a.m.–10 p.m. at the Climbing Wall)
- [Phoebe Bridgers Concert](#) (7 p.m. on Zoom)

Staff will work their regular hours and campus offices and services will be open for regular operations.

## Noteworthy

### Hosokawa Awards for Student Journalism



President Murray presents the winners of the 2021 Hosokawa Awards for Student Journalism. Prizes were awarded in the following categories:

- News: Lena Friedman for "19 Million Down in Revenue, Whitman Halts Mandatory Furloughs in Favor of Tiered Cuts"
- Feature: Renny Acheson for "Fire Stories Explores Ecology and History"
- Opinion: Sile Surman for "Why Name Pronunciation Matters"
- Sports: Lennae Starr for "Intramural Sports Cater to Niche Communities"
- Photography: Dana Kendrick for "Chastity Belt and Reptilians in Review"

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## 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.*
- 4 p.m. **Inclusion Task Force Student Town Hall**  
*This session is to update students on the Inclusion Task Force's work over the past academic year and to allow students to ask questions and give feedback on the progress made so far.*
- 4 p.m. **Information Session for Knight-Hennessy Scholars, Schwarzman Scholars and Ford Diversity Fellows**  
*Join the Office of Fellowships and Grants to learn more about three nationally competitive post-graduate programs. Office Director Keith Raether will give an overview of each program and its application process.*
- 4:30 p.m. **Craft Your Future: Crafting your Professional Identity**  
*This workshop will shed light on what it means to develop your personal brand and help to identify the resources available to you as you craft your professional identity. Alumna Abby Seethoff will be joining us to discuss how you can create your personal identity online.*
- 6 p.m. **Book Discussion: "Know My Name"**  
*Join SAVA Malia Lewis to discuss Chanel Miller's memoir, which discusses her sexual assault and the sentencing of her transgressor, Brock Turner.*
- 7:30 p.m. **Virtual Escape Room**  
*Join WEB for a virtual escape room set in London.*

[Whitman Events Calendar](#)

Have a virtual event you'd like to share with campus? Email the details to [whitmantoday@whitman.edu](mailto:whitmantoday@whitman.edu).

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