



Whitman Today

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Diversity and Inclusion Awards



The Office of Diversity & Inclusion presents two annual awards to graduating students for their outstanding contributions toward the advancement of building a more diverse and inclusive campus environment.

Class of 1986 Multicultural Student Leadership Award

Sharing the belief that the Whitman community would benefit greatly from an increased number of multicultural students on campus, the Class of 1986 decided to establish a special fund to encourage and reward multicultural student leadership and involvement. The 2021 recipients are Erica Keevama and Lizbeth Llanes Macias.

Keevama was recognized for creating a welcoming environment wherever she goes. She embraces diversity, is active in social justice efforts and committed to cultural education through dialogue and sharing. Erica served as president of MAPS and IPECC this year.

Of Llanes Macias, the award committee says she "is proactive, has exceptional follow-through and is skilled at building relationships. What she has done clearly demonstrates leadership and a desire to help students develop a sense of belonging at Whitman."

Mohammed Nasir Khan Award

"Nas" entered Whitman College in 1980 and pledged Sigma Chi fraternity that fall. He was active in the fraternity in a number of capacities, and was also a leader in the international student community. This memorial fund in Nas's honor was established by Sigma Chi fraternity and is awarded to an international or racial minority student who has made notable contributions to the diversity of Whitman. The award this year goes to Jordon Crawford and Juan Pablo Liendo Molina.

Crawford was honored due to his demonstration of natural leadership and confidence. He has put his heart into DEI focused projects and efforts and using his values to center him during difficult times. Crawford also proved to be highly collaborative and community-minded.

Liendo Molina was recognized for stepping up in difficult circumstances to lead and provide leadership for Power and Privilege. He has also been a strong voice in the Latinx, LGBTQIA+ and international student communities.

Q: What is Walla Walla's current phase in the Roadmap to Recovery?

A: Monday, May 3, was the most recent evaluation of the metrics that determine what phase of the Roadmap to Recovery a Washington county will be in. Following a survey of the various data for Walla Walla and other counties, Gov. Jay Inslee declared that all counties in the state will pause in their current phase for the next two weeks pending further review, meaning Walla Walla remains in Phase 3.

Announcements

Drop-in Thesis Help With the Library

Finishing up formatting your thesis? Have questions about submitting? You can join the library's [drop-in thesis Zoom](#) starting today through next Wednesday (when honors theses are due!) and a librarian can help from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. There will also be a link on the [library home page](#) under "Hours and Contact." In that box, you'll also find a button for a chatbox with librarians or to send an email if you'd like to contact library staff those ways. For more information on formatting and submitting your honors thesis, check out the [thesis info page](#).

Student Campus Climate Survey Drawing Winners

Thank you to all the students who completed the campus climate survey; your feedback is appreciated. The following participants were randomly selected to receive a prize: Amy Ahmed, Caitlin Barnes, Ruby Beard, Sydney Bellon, Grace Carter, Eila Chin, Sara Dong, Alix Friedman, Audrey Mace, Aby Ramata Mbaye, Sharon Ndayambaje and Annalie Reed.

Happening Today

4 p.m.

[NSF Graduate Fellowship and DAAD \(Germany\) Study Scholarship Information Session](#)

The Office of Fellowships and Grants is hosting an information session focusing on two major funding sources for graduate study: one for schools in the United States and one for schools in Germany.

8:30 p.m.

[Pause](#)

A 20-minute study break to take time to breathe, relax, and de-stress. Come with your camera on or off for quiet community, poetry and centering practice.

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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