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 '97 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 '97 decided to establish a special fund to encourage and reward multicultural student leadership and involvement. The 2021 recipients are Erica Kweesana and Lisseth Llanes-Macias.

Kweesana 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 NAACS and IPECC the year.

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
This award recognizes a Whitman College student in '97 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 Nasir honor will provide one-time grants to an international 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 himself 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 and provided leadership for Power and Privilege. He has also been a strong voice and provided leadership for Power and Privilege.

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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 Help by Zoom through Next Wednesday. When forms these are due and a librarian can help from 1-3 p.m., there will also be a link on the library homepage under “Hours and Contact” that will take you directly to this chat. You will also receive a reminder via email the day before the drop-in thesis help you want to contact Library staff these ways. For more information on formatting and submitting your honors thesis, check out the thesis info page.

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Happening Today
4 p.m.  MIT Graduate Fellowship and DAAD Germany 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.

5:30 p.m.  Campus Safety
 Drop-in thesis Zoom
A 20-minute study break to take time to breathe, relax, and de-stress. Come with your camera on or o for quiet community, poetry and centering practice.

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