



Whitman Today

Thursday, May 6, 2021

Cancellations and Creativity



As a graduating film and media studies major, Ella Meyers was disappointed when her Intro to Filmmaking course was cancelled twice in her senior year—first in the fall when the college announced a fully remote semester due to the COVID-19 pandemic and again in the spring when social distancing guidelines prevented the collaborative filmmaking class. Meyers did not want to earn her degree without having gained practical experience in filmmaking, so she started looking outside of Whitman to get some of that hands-on experience.

Supported by the [Whitman Internship Grant](#) (WIG), Meyers began working as the videography intern at the Fort Walla Walla Museum in mid-February. She was tasked with creating a video on a horse-drawn fire pumper, which was acquired by the city in 1904 and now rests in one of the museum's buildings. Her work included filming with professional equipment, researching Walla Walla Fire Department history, digging through archives for video and editing in Adobe Premiere Pro.

Read more and view the final video on the Fire Pumper on [Meyers's WIG blog](#).

Q: What type of COVID-19 testing is currently available in Walla Walla?

A: The primary location for testing in Walla Walla is Providence Urgent Care. They are currently testing people who meet any of the following qualifications:

- Symptomatic patients.
- Pre-medical procedure patients.
- Pre-air travel. For travel testing, please carefully check the requirements of your airline and destination. Some places such as [Hawaii](#) have designated labs where testing must be performed, and may not accept a test from others such as Providence Urgent Care.
- People without symptoms who have been exposed. Exposure is defined as unmasked contact with a COVID positive person within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes. Five to seven days from exposure must have passed before asymptomatic testing will be allowed.

Other testing locations are available on the [Walla Walla County Department of Community Health COVID-19 website](#).

Announcements

Interview Today for VP for Diversity & Inclusion

Our third and final candidate for the Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion position will be with us throughout the day. Please refer to the [full interview schedule](#) for individual sessions with faculty, staff and students and Zoom links. Everyone is invited to the public presentation at 4 p.m.

Spring 2021 Library Newsletter Available

Penrose Library is delighted to share the [Spring 2021 Library Newsletter](#) with the Whitman community. It's full of news about the accomplishments of library staff during very challenging circumstances—everything from providing new, or enhanced, digital services and materials to the construction of a new classroom for instruction with archival materials. This newsletter will give you a glimpse into the extensive library services offered even when the building was closed.

Happening Today

- 3–6 p.m. [PRISM Pride Art Activities](#)
Swing by the Memorial Building and hang out with the PRISM leadership as we wrap up the semester with some fun creative activities. Come leave your mark on this year's blank pride flag, and take some time away from preparing for finals to express yourself.
- 4 p.m. [Information Session for Three Princeton Fellowship Programs: Princeton in Asia, Princeton in Africa, Princeton in Latin America](#)
Please join the Office of Fellowships and Grants to learn more about three nationally competitive post-graduate fellowship programs, which, in operation, resemble extended internships in various parts of the world.
- 5 p.m. [Theatre & Dance 2021-22 Season Announcement Party](#)
Students from the theatre and dance season selection committee will give a brief introduction to next year's productions and how they went about choosing the season. They'll also have information on the guest artists booked so far for next year for theatre and dance productions.
- 6 p.m. [Next Steps 2021: Your Mental Health and Senior Year](#)
Run by the Whitman Counseling Center, this workshop is for the senior class to help prepare to leave Whitman. Participants will work on processing your time in college and learned some tools for working through the challenges of the final collegiate months.

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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Submissions are welcome! If you have a professional or personal accomplishment to celebrate, an event to publicize or other content to share with the Whitman community, email whitmantoday@whitman.edu. Submissions should be 125 words or less. The deadline for submissions is noon for the following day's newsletter, though submissions may be held for a later date according to space and editorial needs. By submitting to Whitman Today you also authorize use on Whitman's social media unless otherwise specified.

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