



# Whitman Today

Friday, November 20, 2020

## ICYMI: Spring 2021 Town Hall for Students Recording



Earlier this week President Murray and members of the President's Cabinet hosted two town hall meetings for students and their families to share about planning for the spring semester. They covered many details on health and safety planning, academic programs and expectations for on- and off-campus student life. Both sessions also included a short presentation from an epidemiologist detailing Whitman's COVID-19 testing strategy and concluded with a Q&A. Recordings of these town halls are now available.

[Watch the Tuesday, Nov. 17 town hall.](#)

[Watch the Wednesday, Nov. 18 town hall.](#)

Have a question about the spring semester? Visit the [Spring 2021 Information Center](#) on our website for FAQs.

## Announcements

### All Athletic Facilities Closed for Remainder of Semester

Following clarification from the Washington State Department of Health on guidelines for higher education and fitness centers, all athletic and recreational facilities at Whitman will be closed for the remainder of the fall semester. This includes Baker Ferguson Fitness Center, Sherwood Athletic Center, the Climbing Wall, Harvey Pool, Borleske Stadium, the outdoor tennis courts, Bratton Tennis Center, the soccer/lacrosse fields complex and the hitting center.

### Staff Advisory Council Voting Deadline Today

A reminder to staff in Student Affairs, the President's Office, the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and those in departments that fall under Cabinet Officer Peter Harvey: Your votes for Staff Advisory Council representatives must be submitted by today, Friday, Nov. 20!

If you work in one of the above areas, you have received an email with the link to vote. If you have any problems with the link or can't find the email, please let [Robert Randall](#) know and he will help you.

## Campus and Community Health

### COVID Vaccine Info Website

There has been encouraging news this week on the development of vaccines to prevent COVID-19. The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) continues to make progress with COVID-19 vaccine distribution planning.

Details on vaccine development and distribution, including the Western States Pact for COVID-19 vaccine review, are on the [DOH website](#).



## Happening Today and Tomorrow

### TODAY

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#### [Safe Zone Training for Students](#)

*Facilitator Jeremy Torres (he/they) is a Latinx queer person who graduated with a B.A. in political science with a concentration in queer studies at Denison University. Torres' professional career centers around community activism, student engagement, policy, LGBTQ youth, diversity and inclusion.*

4 p.m.

#### [No Man's Land Film Festival](#)

*No Man's Land Film Festival (NMLFF) is a BIPOC and LGBTQ+ centric, all-female adventure festival. The festival will be showing a selection of 10 short films (lasting about 90 minutes in total) between 4-9 p.m.*

### TOMORROW

3 p.m.

#### [LGBTQIA+ Meet-Up: Breaking the Closet Week](#)

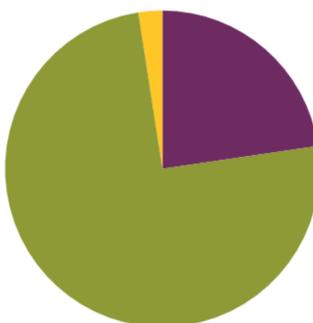
*LGBTQIA+ online meet-up for everyone who identifies as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community and would like to chat about their experiences at Whitman. LGBTQIA+ identifying students that haven't been to campus yet are also encouraged to participate.*

[More Upcoming Events](#)

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

## Question of the Week: Answer Edition

- Phone
- Desktop/laptop computer
- Tablet



This week we asked people what type of device they were using to read Whitman Today. As you can see, more than 75% of the 200ish people who answered were on a desktop or laptop computer.

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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](mailto: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.

