



Whitman Today

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Division of Diversity and Inclusion Updates



The Division of Diversity and Inclusion has been actively contributing to institutional efforts to advance diversity, equity and inclusion at Whitman. The following is a brief highlight of some activities over the last several weeks, with more details available in the [full update on our website](#).

Intercultural Center (IC): the IC continues to provide a wide variety of support to students, including the Power & Privilege Symposium leadership, the Inclusion Fellows and a variety of student clubs and organizations.

International Student and Scholar Services: through collaboration with a number of faculty and staff a specialized applied learning has been created to provide more equitable access to paid internships for international students.

Religious and Spiritual Life (RSL): the RSL office recently launched an interfaith council of students to engage in dialogue and model cross-religious cooperation. RSL also continues to publish Around the Table monthly with contributions from the campus community.

Division of Diversity and Inclusion: staffing changes include a promotion for Greg Lecki as well as the ongoing search for a Director of Equity & Compliance/Title IX Coordinator and Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion. The division has also provided staff supervisors with an online course in diversity, inclusion and belonging.

WEB Attitude of Gratitude: Wednesday

Join the Whitman Events Board from 4-6 p.m. in the Reid Coffeehouse for today's Attitude of Gratitude activity: Hammer Your Stress Away.

Come with your friends to enjoy some donuts while creating amazing string art!



Announcements

Apply Now: Faculty Grants for Community Engaged Learning

The Community Engaged Learning and Research Initiative (CELRI) committee invites interested faculty to apply for a [Partnership Grant](#) which supports longer-term community engaged learning (CEL) work, such as investigating CEL component possibilities, locating and planning with community partners, researching CEL pedagogies, or carrying out an already designed project. **There are two deadlines for Partnership Grants: Dec. 1, 2021 and Feb. 9, 2022.**

If you are looking for funding for a shorter term community engaged learning project, consider applying for a [Collaboration Grant](#). Examples of community partner roles in short-term engagements include guest speaker, panel participant, local trip liaison, etc. Associated costs may include community partner stipends, travel expenses, workshop materials, etc.

If you have any questions, contact CELRI co-chairs [Matt Reynolds](#) and [Kelsey Martin](#).

Sell Your Goods at the Arts & Crafts Fair

The Student Activities Office and Reid Campus Center are organizing the 10th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair! Students, staff and faculty are invited to sell their handcrafted and homemade goods on Monday, Dec. 6, in the Reid Campus Center Young ballroom from 4-6 p.m.

If you're interested in selling at the fair, please complete the [online registration form](#). The deadline to apply is Friday, Nov. 19 at 5 p.m.

COVID-19 Case on Campus

Positive COVID-19 cases in our campus community are noted in Whitman Today in compliance with state regulations. We also update the data in our [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) every Monday.

In accordance with Washington state Labor & Industries employer requirements, we are notifying the campus community that in the past 24 hours, a person with Whitman access was confirmed positive for COVID-19. This person is now in isolation for 10 days in accordance with our campus and CDC guidelines. Though the likelihood of transmission is low due to our [campus COVID-19 protocols](#), it is possible that others may have been exposed to COVID-19. There is nothing you need to do at this time aside from following our campus COVID-19 protocols. Anyone identified through the contact tracing process as a close contact (within 6 ft. for at least 15 minutes over 24 hours) will be personally notified.

Happening Today

- noon [Craft Your Future: Cover Letters That Work](#)
Get all of your cover letter questions answered in this interactive workshop. You'll learn how to use a position description as a template for a great cover letter and how to characterize your experiences accordingly.
- noon [Self Management and SMART Recovery Training](#)
Learn to resolve problems related to substance use addiction & recovery. Participants find and develop the power within themselves to change and lead fulfilling and balanced lives guided by the science-based and sensitive 4 Point-Program.
- 1-2 p.m. **Student Open Office Hours**
President Kathy Murray and Board of Trustees Chair Joe Davis will hold open office hours for students in Pres. Murray's office (Memorial 304).
- 4:30 p.m. [Working in Homelessness Prevention: Mary's Place Info Session](#)
Hear from Talent Acquisition Manager, Zakiya Cita about the opportunities at Mary's Place and how you can prepare for a career in homelessness prevention.
- 6 p.m. [Whitman College Women's Volleyball vs Whitworth University](#)
- 7 p.m. [The Shea Value Chain: Food Security and Climate Resilience in Togo](#)
Learn about the ecological and economic benefits of protecting shea trees from Rose Hyde '95.

Whitman Events Calendar

Have an event you'd like to share with campus? Submit the information to the [Events Calendar](#).

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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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