Thursday, October 15, 2020

**Cook With Chef Jon**

Sleep-step-by-step instructions for quick pickles. Knife skills. The importance of (just enough) salt. Executive Chef Jon Sodini brings his passion for cooking to the Whitman community in a new video series available on the Cafe Bon Appetit website. Challenge yourself with one of the weekly instructional videos or submit a request for culinary inspiration and Chef Jon will send you recipes and ideas.

**Announcements**

*Coronavirus in Walla Walla*
Walla Walla County currently has 42 active cases of COVID-19, all of whom are isolating at home. There were no new cases of COVID-19 reported in the Whitman community over the past week.

*New Contact Tracing on Campus*
Many of you who are on campus are familiar with the app you use for your daily wellness checks. If you have an Android device, contact tracing is already up and running in the Everbridge app you have downloaded if you have an iOS device, you must download a separate app that performs the contact tracing function. We have outlined the [ideas for downloading the app](https://www.whitman.edu/about/campus-life/health-and-safety/pages/contact-tracing.aspx) on our website. If you are an Android user, you can also find downloading instructions for Android devices on the Whitman website.

Participation is key when it comes to contact tracing. The more people that use the app, the more accurate our ability to trace and stop the spread of coronavirus in the Whitman community. We see this as an integral part of planning for the spring semester and will be essential if we are able to return everyone to campus in the spring.

**Happening Today**

**TODAY**

**Noon**

Walla Walla Impact Series: Election Year Reflections: How do we drive out voter turnout
Join us for discussions on why voting is important, voter suppression, advocacy, and preparing to be engaged citizens. Our panelists consist of Whitman alum Sharon Nelson (former WA State Senate majority leader, Timothy Golden (professor of philosophy, WWU) and Whitman alum Robert Simison (mayor of Meridian, ID).

**6 p.m.**

Voting Matters PSA Virtual Screening + Discussion
Tune in for a timely discussion on voting rights this election season, hosted by the Whitman Chapter of Every Vote Counts, a bipartisan college student coalition from across the country committed to voter advocacy and civic education.

**More Upcoming Events**

Have a virtual event you’d like to share with campus? Email the details to whitmantoday@whitman.edu.

**Chaplain Chat**

What are you carrying that you need to put down? This week Interfaith Chaplain Adam Kirtley shares how a Buddhist children’s story helped him move through a frustrating social media conflict to forgiveness and peace.

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