



Whitman Today

Friday, October 16, 2020

Engaging the Academic Theme



Hannah Paul '22 is an artist, activist and student member of the academic theme organizing committee. She created the artwork above for [the theme's Instagram account](#).

For her chemistry class, Kainat Ansari '23 wrote an essay on racism. She was asked to explore the ways in which science is racist, and to consider the measures that can be taken to make science antiracist. For Ansari and many of her classmates, this was the first time they had been given an assignment of this nature.

These are just two examples of an array of assignments, seminars, classes, workshops, lectures, social media posts and panels around Whitman's 2020-2021 academic theme, "Race, Violence, and Health." Throughout the year, there will be opportunities for interdisciplinary discussions about racial violence, racism, antiracism and COVID-19.

[Read more about how the academic theme is being integrated into the Whitman experience.](#)

Announcements

Flu Shots Available at Welty Student Health Center

Welty Student Health Center has a limited number of flu shots available for employees and students, including the high dosage vaccination for people age 65 and over. Make an appointment to get your flu shot by calling the health center at 509-527-5295.

Apply Now for Spring 2021 Living & Learning Communities

As President Kathy Murray noted in her [Oct. 9 email](#) about the spring semester, we continue to plan to bring everyone back on campus this spring for in-person hybrid learning that would consist of both in-person and online classes. Should national and local conditions mean it is unsafe to bring all students back to campus, Whitman will welcome a limited number of first and second year students in-person to be part of Living & Learning Pods for the Spring 2021 semester. Students eligible to apply for a pod received an [email on Wednesday, Oct. 14](#) with information and a link to the pod request form, which must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 19.

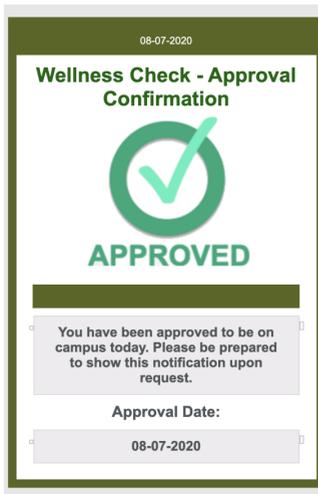
Coping With Coronavirus

Ready, Set, Check

As we continue to evaluate and improve the procedures that help keep our community healthy, it is important that everyone understands those processes and how to access the technology that supports it.

Beginning next week, we will have employees occasionally posted at the entrances to campus buildings. They will be checking with faculty, staff and students to make sure that everyone understands how to use the Everbridge app to complete the Daily Wellness Check, how to display the badge of approval to be on campus and to offer support for the app's contact tracing feature.

They will also gather feedback on our health and safety procedures to bring to the Coronavirus Task Force.



Happening This Weekend

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Noon [Speak Out: History of Exclusion in the Outdoors Informs Cultural Attitudes](#)
Wako Soma '23 and Lennae Starr '21 will be discussing the history of exclusion in national parks and forests and how intergenerational trauma manifests as demographic divisions in the Outdoor Program and outdoors in general.

SUNDAY, OCT. 18

5 p.m. [America's Best College Poet Competition: Semi-Final Rounds](#)
Come watch one of Whitman's Round One contestants as they compete against poets from other colleges and universities! Show some love and support as Tejashree Jadhav '24 performs her original poems and fights for a spot in the finals.

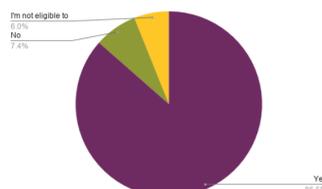
[More Upcoming Events](#)

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

Question of the Week: Answer Edition

This week we asked if you were decided on who would get your vote in the U.S. presidential election.

The vast majority of us have already made up our minds. Now it's time to make sure we know how to vote in our state and are well informed and confident in making our choices for state and local elections!



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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.

