What We Do: Stewardship

The Stewardship Program exists to thank people for their gifts to the college and keep them informed about the impact of their giving. Stewardship maintains positive relationships with donors and encourages more giving. The program provides an essential piece of the funding that allows the college to operate.

The Stewardship Program works with others all over campus to achieve a number of shared goals:

- They connect with faculty and academic departments who provide valuable information to share with donors and elicits further support.
- They reach out to offices across campus to create program reports that thank and inform the donors to their programs.
- They contact students receiving scholarships to help them thank their scholarship donors and hopefully encourage more scholarship donors.

While technically Jennifer Winchell is the only staff in stewardship, everyone in the Development office helps with these endeavors. In this period of remote working, the use of Zoom, Google chat and other methods of communications have replaced the previous tendency to just wander into each other’s offices to chat and ask questions. In addition to celebrating financial generosity that supports Whitman, the team also looks forward to National Donut Day, which occurs the first Friday in June.

Announcements

Navigating Uncertainty Workshop
Stressed about the election? Join ASWC, Whitman Votes and Counseling Center staff to learn skills for navigating this uncertainty.

In this one-hour session on Monday, Nov. 2 from 7-8 p.m., staff from the Counseling Center will lead and teach strategies to help you navigate the uncertainty of the upcoming election. While the content of this event is not political, this election may be quite challenging for students based on identity, affiliation and intersectionality. Counselors are skilled in working in non-judgmental ways, so if you’d like to learn and practice ways to find more hopefulness and well-being this session may be helpful for you this week and anytime you are faced with uncertainty.
The first people to RSVP and attend the full event will receive DoorDash delivery credit!

Campus and Community Health

Coronavirus in Walla Walla
In the past 14 days, Walla Walla County confirmed zero total cases of COVID-19; 200 total active cases were located at home and six in the hospital. This week the county recorded the highest number of active cases since the start of the pandemic. According to county health officials, the disease is spreading locally due to household and social exposures, small gatherings, residents traveling out of the county and non-residents traveling into the county.

Happening Today

4 p.m.
Black Underrepresentation in STEM Fields: Moving Beyond Deficit-Based Explanations

Dr. Dania Francis, assistant professor of economics at the University of Massachusetts Boston, will give a public lecture to the Whitman community on why Black students are underrepresented in STEM courses.

All day
Spring Pre-Registration Begins

All students received an email earlier this week with full instructions. Visit my.whitman.edu under “Registration” for registration appointment times and to register. If you have questions please email reesema@whitman.edu.

Chaplain Chat

The rhetoric of fear and anger has taken hold in our nation, our community and even within families. Interfaith Chaplain Adam Kirtley ruminates on the spiritual ideals that help us recognize the humanity in each other and embody compassion, justice and hope in the midst of a highly divisive election.

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