



Whitman Today

Friday, October 30, 2020

Media of the Moment



Get in the mood for Halloween with some easy reading:

- The New York Times article "[Have a Creepy, Crawly Halloween](#)" featuring Tom Armstrong, associate professor of psychology, and others discussing why cockroaches make us gag and spiders give us goosebumps.
- [Interview with Laura Krantz '00](#), creator of the "Wild Thing" podcast, in which she dives into questions about aliens, Bigfoot and the search for the unknown.

And don't forget to don your costume (or not) and join the [First Annual Halloween Costume Contest](#) today at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom!

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. The first 15 students to [RSVP](#) and attend the full event will receive DoorDash delivery credit!

Commencement Speaker Nominations

We are now accepting nominations for the 2021 commencement speaker and honorary degree recipients. We are looking for a dynamic speaker to celebrate and send off the class of 2021 to the next phase of their journey. All students, faculty and staff may submit names of candidates for consideration by Friday, Nov. 6. Please submit your nominations via the [2021 Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient form](#).

Staff Employment Opportunities

Whitman is currently hiring for several open staff positions. [Position descriptions and applications](#) for staff openings can be found on our website. Please share these opportunities with potential candidates.

Campus and Community Health

Safe and Healthy Halloween

Let's keep our gatherings small and COVID free!

As a reminder, Walla Walla County remains in Phase 2 of the state Safe Start plan, which limits social gatherings to no more than five people from outside your household per week.

If you are having a small in-person gathering, here's [a safety checklist](#) to help you think through the before, during and after of your event.

How to celebrate Halloween without a COVID scare.

[GET THE GUIDE](#)



Happening Today and Tomorrow

all day

[Close of P-D-F Deadline and Last Day to Withdraw](#)
Today is the last day to register for a class with P-D-F grading and the final day to withdraw from a class without receiving an F grade. Contact the Registrar's Office with any questions.

TOMORROW

2 p.m.

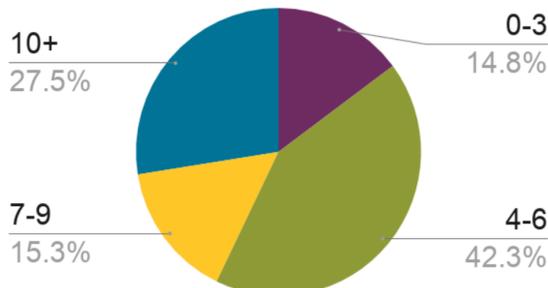
[Día de los Muertos Celebration](#)
WEB and Club LatinX invite you to a Día de Los Muertos Celebration with a Zoom tutorial on how to paint your face as a Catrina/Catrin while learning more about the Day of the Dead.

[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

How many face coverings do you own?



Now that face coverings have become a normal part of daily life, we're also accumulating them just as we do other articles of clothing. And, just like we wash our clothes regularly, it's important that we keep our masks clean too. The CDC recommends washing your face covering daily! [Check out these tips](#) for how to care for your cloth face coverings so that they help keep you and others healthy.

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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.

