



Whitman Today

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Whitman SAAC Announces 2021-2022 Executive Board



We, the student athlete advisory committee, are dedicated to creating a supportive and inclusive environment for all athletes, to be the liaison between the academic department and the student athlete body, and constitute opportunities for the unification of all sports teams within the athletic department.

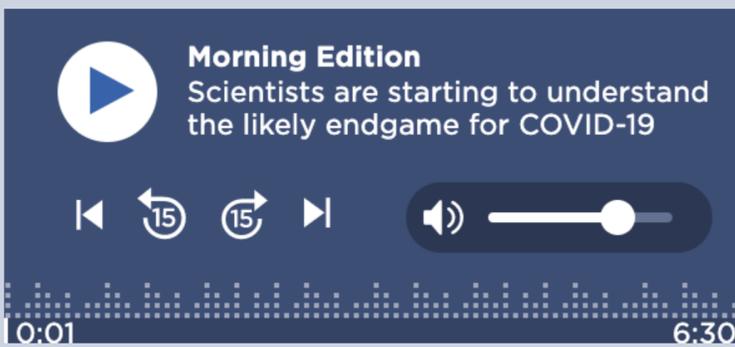
The Whitman College Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) has [announced its executive board](#) and team representatives for the 2021–2022 academic year.

The SAAC is charged with communicating the needs and concerns of student-athletes with the administration to bridge the gap between the student-athlete body and the athletics administration.

This year's SAAC president is junior Angel Le from the women's tennis team, and junior Tanner Filion from the men's swimming is serving as vice president. Le was also elected at the conference level to serve as the Northwest Conference's SAAC Legislative Coordinator. Other members of the executive board are:

- Ella Hill (junior, women's swimming): secretary
- Gabe Wasserman (junior, men's cross country and distance track): at large
- Kai Strawn (senior, men's tennis): social media

Is the End of COVID-19 in Sight?



Rachel Eguia '17 graduated from Whitman with a degree in biochemistry, biophysics and molecular biology (BBMB) and now works as a lab technician at Fred Hutch researching SARS CoV-2 mutations and transmission scenarios. By looking at various types of coronaviruses (such as colds) as well as influenza, she and other scientists are hypothesizing about what it will take to build long-lasting immunity in individuals and populations.

Eguia was among a group of scientists who recently spoke on [NPR's Morning Edition](#) about what they are learning about how the virus mutates and how that may play out in the future.

Announcements

Reclaim Your Joy: EAP On-Demand Webinar

Children experience joy on a regular basis. But when we become adults, time pressures and competing demands can make joy seem like a foreign concept. However, it's essential to overall well-being that we make time for it. This fun, engaging seminar from Cascade Centers (Whitman's Employee Assistance Program) will help you tune in to what's most important and make a simple plan for incorporating more joy into your daily routine.

[Log into the member site to view the webinar.](#)

Happening Today

- 8:30–10 a.m. **Weekly Required COVID-19 Testing for Vaccine-Exempted Students and Employees**
- 4 p.m. [Craft Your Future: Intro to Excel Spreadsheets Part 1](#)
Spreadsheets are used in every organization to sort, classify and calculate data. This is an important and relevant skill for any student working in a lab, internship, summer position or early career job.

Whitman Events Calendar

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

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