LIFE AFTER WHITMAN: TEACHING THE JOY OF ART

By Rachel Pieretti

Rachel Pieretti, Whitman College alumnus, is currently the 8th grade art teacher at Walla Walla High School. As an alumnus, Rachel has shared her insights on teaching art and the joy she finds in it.

Rachel has always had a passion for art, and this passion led her to pursue her education at Whitman College. After graduation, she continued her studies at the University of Oregon, where she earned her MFA in Art Education.

Rachel has been teaching art for over a decade now, and she finds the joy in teaching not just the technical aspects of art, but also the process of discovery and self-expression. She believes that art is a form of communication that can help students express their emotions and ideas in a way that other mediums cannot.

This fall, Rachel has started teaching a new course on contemporary art practices. The course is designed to introduce students to various contemporary art movements and allow them to experiment with different forms and techniques. Rachel is excited about the course and hopes to inspire her students to find their own voice in the art world.

Rachel's advice to aspiring teachers is to always be open to new ideas and to continue learning and growing as a teacher. She believes that teaching is a lifelong journey, and she is committed to helping her students find their own joy in the art process.

The Shea Value Chain: Food Security and Climate Resilience in Nigeria

The Shea Value Chain is a topic of great interest to farmers in West Africa. The Shea tree, which produces the shea butter, is a vital resource for food security in the region. However, the tree is facing threats from desertification and climate change.

To address these challenges, there has been a push towards fair trade practices. This has allowed for sustainable development and improved the livelihoods of farmers. The Shea Value Chain is an excellent example of how local knowledge and community involvement can lead to positive outcomes for both farmers and consumers.

This event will feature a panel discussion with experts from the region who will share their insights on the Shea Value Chain. The discussion will cover topics such as the benefits of fair trade practices, the challenges facing farmers, and the potential for future growth in the Shea industry.

COVID-19 Case on Campus

A positive COVID-19 case has been confirmed in the Whitman College community. The infected individual is a student who was not on campus at the time of transmission. The student is currently isolating and following all necessary health protocols.

The Whitman College Health Center has conducted contact tracing and has identified several close contacts. These individuals are being notified and advised to self-quarantine for 10 days. The Health Center is closely monitoring the situation and will provide updates as needed.

The Whitman Events Calendar

Whitman College is committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for everyone. To help ensure that our community stays healthy, we encourage everyone to follow all necessary health protocols and to report any concerns to the Whitman College Health Center.

We look forward to seeing everyone on campus soon!