Whites Support Young Learners

Last fall, Whitman College America Reads America Counts (ARAC) tutor gathered at the Walla Walla School District Board Room for a warm welcome by expert educators. This training involved two hours of online instruction to prepare interns for their weekly work in local elementary schools, where they will provide fundamental support in both reading and math through individual sessions or small group learning pods. Interns will work with students and teachers to identify and meet extra support needs.

“We are excited to have our passionate and dedicated America Reads America Counts (ARAC) Whitman work-study students back in our buildings. The multifaceted and relational qualities ARAC brings into our classrooms are essential to the academic success of many of our students,” says Brent Cummins, director of accelerated learning and support for Walla Walla Public Schools. “We are grateful to have such compassionate adults to connect to their academic and social-emotional skill development. Through collaborative effort, our Whitman partnership will continue to provide the community-based learning support that our students need.”

Sophomores Aldo Perez, who attended Walla Walla Edison Elementary School, looks forward to giving back to the school's young learners. “I know it can be tough for some students to make friends and connections so my ultimate goal is to make my students feel comfortable and better about themselves. I would love to continue tutoring once my internship is over to become a mentor to the students, make an impact on their academic success, and share my experiences with them.”

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The FDA has granted emergency use authorization to a new COVID-19 test by Laboratories Flowex COVID-19 Home Test. The Flowex test is widely used in Europe, and according to the FDA, “should significantly increase the availability of rapid, at-home tests and is expected to double rapid at-home testing capacity in the U.S. over the next several weeks.” The FDA’s full authorization on its website is available online.

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Submit a Noteworthy Announcement

October is Resiliency Month

The Community Resilience Initiative seeks to inspire healthier communities with science-based insights in order to promote and cultivate resilience. They have created a month-long calendar full of activities, workshops about health and ideas for promoting wellness. Have an event you’d like to share with campus? Submit the information to the Whitman Events Calendar.

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Yuan Article Published in Roundtable on Markets and Morality

Xiaobo Yuan, assistant professor of anthropology and religion, has published an article, “Veiled Interests: Urbanization, Pluralism, and Economy,” in Roundtable on Markets and Morality. This is part of a volume on Living inheeders, Religion, and Pluralism Outside the West, which appears in the Journal of the American Academy of Religion. The article examines the intertwinement of morality, religion, governance, and the development of capitalist cities as “demonic,” and explores how religious communities seek alternatives to neoliberal models.

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