



# Whitman Today

Friday, October 8, 2021

## From Vine to Table



Autumn transforms Walla Walla with golden yellow and blazing red leaves, a new class of students arriving on campus and an influx of visitors, who come to drink in the views and the vino during crush and fall release events.

The commercial wine industry in Walla Walla is relatively young—and it's had ties to Whitman College since its earliest days. When Jean and Baker Ferguson '39 founded L'Ecole No 41 in 1983 as a retirement project, it was only the third commercial winery in Walla Walla and the 20th in Washington state.

The Fergusons' daughter, Megan Ferguson Clubb '79, and her husband, Marty Clubb, assisted with fall harvest activities through the early years of the winery. In 1989, the couple took over as L'Ecole's manager and winemaker.

Today, Walla Walla's wine scene is booming with more than 200 wineries, and L'Ecole is a third-generation family enterprise co-owned by Megan, Marty and their children, Riley '09 and Rebecca, who have both been involved in the winery's operations.

As the local industry has grown, so too has the number of Whitties who go on to careers in wine—and their roles are as diverse as the varieties of grapes that thrive here.

[Read more.](#)

## Shop Local at the WW Farmers Market

The [Walla Walla Downtown Farmers Market](#) is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday through October, so there's still time for you to purchase fresh local produce, tasty treats and more. Located a short walk from campus at Crawford Park on the corner of Main Street and Fourth Avenue, the 2021 vendors include farmers, bakeries and cheesemakers, artisans and food trucks, as well as nonprofits and community groups sharing about opportunities to support their activities in Walla Walla.

Anyone attending the Farmers Market is asked to observe the following COVID-19 safety protocols:

- Masks or other facial coverings are required at the Downtown Farmers Market.
- Please practice social distancing and healthy habits when at the market. There will be hand washing stations available throughout the market.
- Traffic will move one way, with entrance and exit on Main Street.

## Announcements



### Employee Mental Health Resources

Sunday, Oct. 10 is [World Mental Health Day](#). There are many ways to honor this special day. Connect with Cascade Centers, Whitman's employee assistance program, to access benefits including counseling and coaching to help you through life's challenges.

Watch a short video on [Suicide and Mental Health Awareness](#) to learn more about mental illness and what you can do to seek help.

Join the Cascade Centers webinar, [Cultivating a Gratitude Mindset](#), to learn how to flex positive mindset muscles using tools such as gratitude, mindfulness, and compassion.

## COVID-19 Case on Campus

In accordance with Washington state Labor & Industries employer requirements, we are notifying the campus community that in the past 24 hours, a person with Whitman access was confirmed positive for COVID-19. This person is now in isolation for 10 days in accordance with our campus and CDC guidelines. Though the likelihood of transmission is low due to our [campus COVID-19 protocols](#), it is possible that others may have been exposed to COVID-19. There is nothing you need to do at this time aside from following our campus COVID-19 protocols. Anyone identified through the contact tracing process as a close contact (within 6 ft. for at least 15 minutes over 24 hours) will be personally notified.

## Happening This Weekend

### SATURDAY

[Whitman College Women's Golf vs NWC Fall Classic](#)

9 a.m.

[Whitman College Women's Tennis vs University of Puget Sound](#)

noon

[Whitman College Women's Soccer vs Linfield University](#)

2:30 p.m.

[Whitman College Men's Soccer vs Whitworth University](#)

### SUNDAY

10 a.m.

[BIPOC Outdoor Club Climbing Day Trip to Wallula Gap](#)

11 a.m.

[Whitman College Women's Tennis vs University of California, Santa Cruz](#)

noon

[Whitman College Women's Soccer vs Pacific University](#)

2 p.m.

[Outdoor Program Gear Tour](#)

[Whitman Events Calendar](#)

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

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