



Whitman Today

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Updates from the Board of Trustees Chair

Joe Davis '80, chair of the Board of Trustees for the 2021-22 academic year, will provide periodic updates for the Whitman community. These notes will be shared in Whitman Today and archived on the [Board of Trustees Updates page](#) of our website.

In his first update from September 7, Davis introduces himself and shares some of the things he loves about Whitman as well as a few of his hopes for the coming year.

[Learn more about Davis and the Board of Trustees.](#)



Whitman College Climbs Nine Spots on U.S. News & World Report Rankings

In its annual rankings released yesterday, U.S. News & World Report recognized Whitman as No. 38 on its list of [National Liberal Arts Colleges](#), up from No. 47 last year. Whitman numbers among the select institutions featured in the 2022 edition of the [U.S. News Best Colleges](#) guidebook, available in print later this fall.

"While we don't rely on outside rankings to tell our story, it's always gratifying when they affirm what we already know: that this is a very special place to live and learn," said President Kathleen Murray. "We know many families look at these rankings when they are making college decisions, and we are very proud to see Whitman again acknowledged as one of the leading liberal arts colleges in the country."

[Read more](#)

Announcements



What To Do With Lost and Found Items

If you find an item on campus that appears to be separated from its owner, here are a few things to do:

- Send an email describing the item and when and where it was found to lostandfound@whitman.edu. (Note: please do not ever share information or images that include sensitive personal information such as birth dates, credit/debit card numbers, etc.)
- Items found in campus buildings may be left with the building's administrative staff.
- Found items may be given to Security by calling 509-527-5777.

If you lose an item on campus, here are a few things to do:

- Send an email describing the item and when and where it may have been lost to lostandfound@whitman.edu.
- Check with building administrators in any building where you may have left the item.
- Check with Security to see if the item has been turned in to them. Items turned in to Security are stored at their office in the Whitman College Technology Services building.

Unclaimed items are donated quarterly to local thrift stores.

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.

COVID-19 Dashboard Updated

The COVID-19 Dashboard has been updated with last week's testing numbers as well as the final numbers from Round 2 baseline testing. Going forward, the dashboard will be updated every Monday with weekly data.

[Visit the COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

Happening Today

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| 8:30–10 a.m. | Vaccination-Exempted COVID-19 Testing
<i>Any student, faculty or staff who has an approved COVID-19 vaccination exemption must be tested weekly in order to maintain campus access. Testing will take place at Welty Student Health Center.</i> |
| noon | Finance Training
<i>Make sure the money makes sense! Attend this required finance training for student clubs and organizations.</i> |
| 4 p.m. | New Student Info Meeting: OCS/Study Abroad & Global Studies Concentration
<i>All first-year and transfer students should attend this informative meeting about the wide range of off-campus study opportunities in foreign countries and in the U.S. available through Whitman.</i> |
| 4 p.m. | Managing Emotions Related to Workplace Integration Webinar
<i>Please join Cascade Centers, Whitman's Employee Assistance Program (EAP), for a webinar that will focus on emotional and logistical coping skills to help reduce the stress of this transition.</i> |

[Whitman Events Calendar](#)

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

"Whitman Today" is produced by the Office of Communications and is emailed Monday through Friday to Whitman College staff, faculty and students. All times are listed in Pacific Daylight Time.

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. By submitting to Whitman Today you also authorize use on Whitman's social media unless otherwise specified.

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