A Strong Voice for the Future

As the 2021-2022 academic year gets into full swing, Whitman’s student body government has a new leader: senior politics and Chinese major Salma Anguiano, who was elected president of the Associated Students of Whitman College (ASWC) in May 2021.

One of ASWC’s primary roles is to ensure that the student body’s values are represented in the college’s high-level decision-making. And this year, the college faces one very crucial decision: selecting a president to replace Kathleen Murray, who will retire at the end of the academic year. As president of ASWC, Anguiano is also a member of the Presidential Search Committee, the group of students, faculty, staff, and trustees tasked with helping to select the college’s next president. When asked what qualities she wants to see in candidates for this vital position, Anguiano says they are similar to the traits she aims to exhibit during her terms as ASWC president: passion, authenticity and transparency.

Read more.

Emergency Funds for Students

The Whitman Inclusion, Diversity and Equity (WIDE) Committee has compiled a list of financial resources students can use to access funds needed for unforeseen expenses and emergencies. These resources, including links to a variety of information covering finances, food, clothing, health and international student visa support, are on the Emergency Funds for Students webpage in the Financial Aid section of Whitman’s website.

Announcements

Fraud Alerts for JP Morgan Cardholders: Enroll Today

Get real time text notification of suspicious activity on your Whitman College issued JPMorgan purchasing card. Enrolling in this feature gives you the ability to quickly respond and let JPMorgan know whether or not a specific charge is valid. This helps to minimize account disruptions and helps combat possible fraud on your account. Enroll online at https://ccalert.jpmorgan.com.

Questions for all Whitman issued purchasing card issues should be sent to JPMorgan@whitman.edu.

COVID-19 Dashboard Update

Whitman’s online COVID-19 Dashboard has been updated with last week’s testing data as well as the consolidated data for all our baseline testing. For the week of September 13–19, the college had:

- Positive employee tests: 2
- Positive student tests: 1
- Active cases: 5
- Total tests administered at Whitman: 202
- On-campus isolation spaces currently occupied: 1

The dashboard is updated every Monday with the previous week’s data.

COVID-19 Dashboard

Happening Today

8:30–10 a.m. **Vaccination-Exempted COVID-19 Testing**
Any employee or student with a vaccination exemption must be tested weekly at Welty.

11 a.m.–2 p.m. **Whitman College Virtual Career & Internship Fair**
This year’s Virtual Career & Internship Fair features local and major employers. To sign up for the fair, log in to Handshake, register for the fair, and build your schedule.

12 p.m. **Virtual Info Session: AU Washington Semester Program**
Are you interested in studying in Washington, D.C.? If so, attend this info session. This program is a Partner Program of Whitman’s O-Campus Studies.

9 p.m. **Varsity Nordic Improv Team Auditions**
Varsity Nordic Improv is looking for the next group of suave young individuals to carry the troop throughout the coming semesters. All you need for auditions is yourself, a mask and a good attitude. No prerequisites at all!

Whitman Events Calendar

Have an event you’d like to share with campus? Submit the information to the Events Calendar.

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