The Whitman Inclusion, Diversity and Equity (WIDE) Committee

The Whitman Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (WIDE) committee will hold its first meeting of the year later today. The WIDE committee is a collection of staff and student representatives who work in collaboration with the Office of Communications and Whitman employees at the college. In February of 2015, then-Whitman College President George S. Bridges established WIDE as a developing committee with a number of specific responsibilities related to articulating and supporting the campus-wide work of inclusion, diversity, and equity.

In the initial few years following its creation, WIDE completed several activities, including a campus climate survey and creation of a plan of recommended actions, that were important influences in developing and implementing Whitman’s current strategic priorities. The committee was also charged with ongoing review of and reporting on campus diversity, equality, and inclusion efforts as well as acting as an advisory and educational body.

The WIDE committee has evolved considerably since its development some seven years ago, but endeavors to remain true to its charge. Consistent with its mandate, the current breadth of WIDE’s functions is an advisory capacity to the president of the college and also engages in coordinated actions to enact institutional efforts around diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-racism. WIDE was responsible for organizing the Community Learning Days at the beginning of the calendar year and has contributed to a number of related activities.

Additional information about WIDE can be found on Whitman’s website. If you are the designated DEA person in your area, we recommend you should like to get more involved in the College’s efforts to promote inclusive excellence. Please email diversity@whitman.edu. We will add you to an expanding network of DEIA ambassadors at the College.

Employees, Grab & Go From Bon App

While sit-down dining at Cleveland Commons remains open to students only, Whitman faculty and staff can now grab and go their favorite Bon App meals. Download the Transact mobile app for iOS or Android through the QR code. Then search for “Whitman College Dining” and set up your account.

Through the app, you’ll be able to view the menu, place and pay for orders and get notified when your food is ready to pick up.

COVID-19 Case on Campus

We want to inform you of a COVID-19 case on our campus. In accordance with Washington state Labor & Industries employer requirements, we are notifying the campus community that is the posted 4 hours, two people with Whitman access were confirmed positive for COVID-19. These people are now in isolation for 10 days in accordance with Whitman’s 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.

Reminder: Verify Your Emergency Contact Info

Following last week’s campus-wide emergency preparedness training, which you can watch here as a recording (if you missed it live), we plan to test our emergency communication system later this week.

Prior to the test, you might want to check to make sure that your information is current by following these instructions:

1. Log on to my.whitman.edu
2. Select “Campus Alerts” link from the list on the left
3. Select the “My Profile” tab at the top
4. Select “Campus Alerts” from the drop-down menu
5. Enter or update your information

It is important that we are able to reach all students, faculty and staff in case of an emergency on campus. The phone number you provide is for campus alerts will not be used for other purposes.

Happening Today

7 p.m.  /  Whitman Events Calendar

Weekly White Nat's Community Engagement students program leaders to learn more about the meaningful way you can engage with the Whitman Bridge Community the 7th and beyond.

9 p.m.  /  Whitman Events Calendar

Yasha Marines, Jovi Auditing and平方 Miles and白斑 breed of musical and innovative group of young women to play in the room throughout the coming semester. All you need for auditions is yourself a meal and a good attitude.

Have a great day! Enjoy the weekend!