



# Whitman Today

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

## The Whitman Inclusion, Diversity and Equity (WIDE) Committee



The Whitman Inclusion, Diversity and Equity committee (WIDE) will hold its first meeting of the year later today. The WIDE committee is a collection of staff, students, and faculty who work in collaboration to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts at the college. In February of 2015, then-Whitman College President George S. Bridges established WIDE as a standing 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, equity 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 iteration of WIDE functions in an advisory capacity to the president of the college and also engages in coordinated actions to enact institutional efforts around DEIA (diversity, equity, inclusion, antiracism). 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 DEIA person in your area, unit, department or would just like to get more involved in the College's efforts to promote inclusive excellence, please send an email to [diversity@whitman.edu](mailto: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 in 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](#) or 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.

## Announcements

### Reminder: Verify Your Emergency Contact Info

Following last week's campus-wide emergency preparedness training (which you can still [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:

- Log on to [my.whitman.edu](http://my.whitman.edu)
- Select the "My Profile" tab at the top
- Select "Campus Alerts" link from the list on the left
- Enter or update your information

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

## COVID-19 Case on Campus

*Positive coronavirus cases in our campus community are noted in Whitman Today in compliance with state regulations. We also update the data in our [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) every Monday.*

In accordance with Washington state Labor & Industries employer requirements, we are notifying the campus community that in the past 24 hours, two people with Whitman access was confirmed positive for COVID-19. These people are 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 Today

7 p.m.

### [Walla Walla 102](#)

*Come join the Community Engagement students program leaders to learn more about the meaningful way you can engage with the Walla Walla community this fall and beyond.*

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.*

## Whitman Events Calendar

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

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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](mailto: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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