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Fellowships awarded to Whitman students included two Fulbrights, one Truman, one Watson, one Udall and several dozen fellowships for graduate studies.

Over 50 percent of alumni have contributed to the Annual Fund each year for the past 20 years!

Whitman College’s parliamentary and policy combined debate teams won #1 national honors, and debate coach Jim Hanson won National Coach of the Year recognition.

Whitman senior Stephen Beus won the Chopin piano competition at Carnegie Hall in April, and he is headed for The Juilliard School in the fall.

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