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OUR MISSION

The Whitworthian staff is dedicated to presenting accurate and relevant information in an innovative manner. Our goal is to be accountable while informing, entertaining and providing a forum for expressing the interests of the Whitworth community.

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Whitworth students watch three students compete in Whitworth's Climbing Competition. Saturday, April. 9, 2022, in Spokane Wash. | Mario Gonzalez/The Whitworthian

Editors' Note

It is time for a change. We have done a lot of reflecting in light of our current political climate, the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing tragedy of racial violence in this country – particularly directed toward the Black community – that has been brought to light over the past year or so. We recognize that, in the past, we have chosen the path of comfort and convenience. We assigned, interviewed, wrote, edited and published according to our usual practices and our normal routines. This is unacceptable. The idea that journalists cannot take a stand against injustice without undermining their objectivity is a lie that not only keeps us from doing what is right but from doing what our job requires of us, to elevate the voices of every person in this community, especially those who are so often pushed to the margins. We condemn the idea that good journalism must assume an air of false neutrality in situations in which we have a moral imperative to pick a side. The press is on the side of the oppressed. We exist for them – to give them a voice, to give them a chance of being heard. As such, we have a responsibility to make it clear what this newsroom stands for. We are committed to actively fighting the systems that oppress BIPOC, women, the LGBTQ+ community, indigenous people, people with disabilities and other marginalized groups. We are committed to including all people in our coverage, especially those that have historically been underrepresented by the work we have done. We are committed to using diverse, equitable and inclusive practices in our work. We are committed to honoring the input of those who tell us where we have fallen short and where we can do better. We know that accountability is the only way forward. We are committed to using our work to make Whitworth a place where all people feel heard, seen, and valued.

This is the consensus of the editorial board.

From the Editorial Board

Hi all! I'm Annaclare, the News Editor at the Whitworthian. News can often be overwhelming. As students, we have to take in all kinds of new information from our emails, our Blackboard feed and our social media. When life gets overwhelming, the News staff are working to provide you with news that is within reach. These are stories that are about people you know, student clubs you participate in and administrative decisions that impact you. In the past, we have written about student efforts to change meal plans and increase student worker compensation, the Whitworth presidential search process, the latest COVID-19 news and the push for student bus pass funding. We have even written a story or two about the squirrels on our campus.

This year, when your to-do list grows and it begins to feel impossible to keep up with news, turn to our News section to hear about stories close to home. Our reporting is driven by student writers who are invested in understanding and explaining local events to you, the student body. Check back to our website for the latest from our online edition and be sure to read our print edition for our most in-depth coverage of on-campus events.

With diligent investigation, authentic writing and comprehensible topics, the Whitworthian's opinions section will voice the thoughts and viewpoints of our student writers. My name is Grace Uppendahl, and this is my first year as The Whitworthian's Opinions section editor and second year working for the on-campus newspaper. Opinions will cover all topics that are applicable to the university, student life on campus and political and local topics that affect our community here at Whitworth. Throughout this year, I want to prioritize the passions of our section's writers so that they can grow in both knowledge and scope of the numerous topics that they will cover, all while strengthening their voice as student columnists. This year's opinions writers will be experienced writers and are truly interested in creating a difference either on campus or in the world itself. I am excited for the 2022-2023 school year, let's work to make this year one for the books.

For your offbeat, inspiring, and culturally relevant news needs, Arts & Culture is the section for you! My name is Samantha Holm, and for my second and final year as The Whitworthian's Arts & Culture editor, I'm planning to bring all sorts of fresh and exciting content your way. As always, Arts & Culture will cover events and topics that highlight Whitworth University's unique culture, which ranges from art exhibits, interfaith conversations and Diversity Monologues to movie reviews, concerts and the "currency of the future." Along with Arts & Culture's usual stories, Photography Editor Benjamin Gallaway and I will be creating a show called "Cooking with Sami," in which Whitworth students teach me how to cook a dish from their

culture. I hope you will tune in to the show on the official Whitworthian website, as well as the other surprises my section will have in store for you. Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year, let's make it the best one yet!

Whether it is from the sidelines or the newsroom, the Whitworthian's sports section will provide entertaining and insightful coverage of all Whitworth sports. My name is Filip Timotija and this is my first year as The Whitworthian's Sports section editor and my second year working for the school newspaper. We will closely follow athletes and their success during competition while also shedding light on their lives outside of sports. In the past, we have authored stories about athletes' mental health, the impact of Title IX and other national topics that the section will continue to analyze. I am excited for the upcoming season and I hope we can cheer the Bucs to another flurry of conference titles.

Hello everyone, and welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! I'm Emma Maple, the co-editor-in-chief for the fall of 2022. For this first semester, I'll shadow Kyle Evers and learn about how the Whitworthian functions from behind the scenes. In the spring I will move forward as solo editor-in-chief.

I'm so excited to be a part of this wonderful newspaper! I have been working with the Whitworthian as a staff writer for the past two years, ever since my first semester on campus. I have written articles for arts and culture, news, opinions, and sports and I even wrote a few articles from DC while on a study away trip there.

As I transition into my time as editor-in-chief, I am excited to learn more about the Whitworth community and the students that comprise it. I want to hear from you guys – what you're concerned about, what you're excited about and the type of articles you want to read. I hope you also want to hear from us! So whether you want to read about a new hire on campus, a play that was just performed, a sports game that took place or an opinion you're consistently hearing, pick up the nearest print edition or check out our online website to read some articles from our amazing staff writers.



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