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List of 2020-2021 Societies

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Societies for Women



Athenians

The ladies of the Athenian society are a distinguished group of women whose activities emphasize sisterhood, social events, service to the community, and scholarship. Members are involved in a wide array of activities on and off campus and share the common strong bond of sisterhood.

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Ionians

Individually Unique, Together Complete. Ionians pride themselves on sisterhood, giving back to the community, building leadership, and promoting the individual. Ionians celebrate their differences and work together as a whole.

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Metaphonians

The Metaphonian society takes pride in its diversity and very close sisterhood. Besides local service projects such as working at the AIDS Quilt Display and at the McLaren's School for underprivileged and abused children, the Mets started a library in Honduras which is supported each year with car wash money.

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Palmers

The purpose of this society is to attain the highest ideals of American womanhood by promoting a spirit of friendship and cooperation, developing aesthetic appreciation in ourselves and others, giving service to the community, remaining loyal to one another and to ourselves, and striving to maintain high academic standards.

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Visit the Palmers website



Thalians

The Thalian society is composed of a large and diverse group of women who share a sisterhood and an everlasting bond of friendship. Each individual woman has something unique to bring to the society. "Chance made us sisters. Hearts made us friends."

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[Visit the Thalians website](#)

Societies for Men



Franklins

The Franklin society, founded in 1921, was the earliest Whittier College fraternity. The purpose of the fraternity is to perpetuate lifelong friendships by developing well-rounded character in its members, encouraging self-expression, leadership, individuality, and above all, a successful brotherhood.

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Lancers

The Lancer society seeks to represent the true spirit of Whittier College, to instill the motive of service without the desire for reward, to carry on a social and cultural program, to be helpful to new students, and to create and maintain activities for the betterment of the students and the College.

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Orthogonians

The Orthogonian society was founded in 1929 on the principles of giving your 100% and staying true to yourself. Since its inception, the society has consistently produced leaders from team captains and student body presidents to the city mayor and president of the United States.

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William Penns

The William Penn society is an organization made up of individuals with many different talents, backgrounds, and personalities. The Penns encourage diversity and believe in strength through diversity. The society provides opportunities for service and for social and personal growth.

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Gender Non-Conforming Societies



Sachsens

Founded in 1948, the Sachsens society is composed of a diverse group of Whittier College students, emphasizing the unique individualities of its members. Originally established as a society for men, it opened its membership to women in 1971.

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