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Our Story Interview Questions (Tentative)

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- 1. What is your name?
- 2. Where did you grow up? or Where do you consider your hometown?
- 3. Tell me a little bit about your family or the caregiving you received during your childhood.
- 4. What level of education did your parent(s) or caregivers have?
- 5. What made you decide to attend Whittier College?
- 6. What year did you start at Whittier College?
- 7. How many years did you attend Whittier College?
- 8. What did you major in during your time Whittier?
- 9. Were you involved in any sports at Whittier?
- 10. Were you involved/a member in any societies at Whittier?
- 11. Were you involved in any clubs at Whittier?
- 12. If yes, how would you describe your participation/activeness in this club/sport/society?
- 13. Describe your relationship with your peers/those around you at the time.
- 14. Did you have a mentor? If so, describe the relationship with your mentor(s).
- 15. Did you dorm on or off campus?
- 16. What was your experience in the dorm?
- 17. Did you work during your time at Whittier College? If so, where and how did that affect your experience?
- 18. During your time at Whittier, did you ever experience anything that could be deemed racially insensitive or racist?
- 19. Did you ever witness anything that could be deemed racially insensitive or racist?
- 20. How comfortable were you with the administration at the time of attendance?
- 21. Did you feel like you had an ally's/companions you could go to on-campus?
- 22. Are there any particular instances that you could point to where you felt ostracized or isolated by the College administration?
- 23. How would you characterize the diversity of campus when you attended?
- 24. What were the day to day challenges or difficulties you faced while at Whittier?
- 25. What do you consider your biggest accomplishment or achievement while at Whittier?
- 26. What historical events do you remember happening while you were attending Whittier College? Can you describe these events and how they affected you?