
Congratulations! You're Accepted to the 56th Annual WKU Student Scholar Showcase

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Dear WKU Student,

Congratulations! We are excited to inform you that your abstract has been approved, and you are officially part of the 56th Annual Student Scholar Showcase on Saturday, April 11, 2026, to be held at DSU.

Schedule for April 11

- Registration/check-in table for student presenters opens at 8:00 AM (Ongoing until 1:00 PM)
- Morning Session I: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
- Morning Session II: 10:15 AM - 11:15 AM
- Lunch Break (with Big Red & photo booth): 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM
- Afternoon Session: 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
- Event concludes at the end of the afternoon session at 1:30 PM

Next week, once the scheduling process is complete, you will receive a link to the Showcase Program, which will show during which session you are presenting (Morning I, Morning II or Afternoon) as well as having your specific presentation time, floor assignment, and/or room (depending on whether you are presenting a poster or giving an oral presentation). All information about the conference will be posted on the official [Showcase website](#). We strongly encourage you to plan to attend the entire day if possible.

If you have multiple presenters for your project, please be sure to share this information with them. Your mentors have been cc'd.

Invite family and friends to come celebrate your work! To help you promote the day, the Student Scholar Showcase Social Media Toolkit is available [here](#)— feel free to use the resources to spread the word about your participation. Don't forget to use the hashtag **#WKUStudentScholarShowcase!**

Finally, we have a helpful resource workshop page with videos to assist you in creating your poster and giving a talk. You can find those materials [here](#).

In the meantime, please save the date and make plans to join us for this celebration of WKU student research and creativity!

If you have any questions, feel free to reply to this email or contact us at student.showcase@wku.edu. Remember, the final program with your specific location will follow in another email next week.

We look forward to seeing you on April 11!

Sincerely,

The Student Scholar Showcase Council

CC. Faculty Mentors



Morning Session II – Undergraduate Oral Presentations (Continued) | 10:15 – 11:15 AM

Room	Start Time	Student First Name	Student Last Name	Abstract Title	Mentor First Name	Mentor Last Name
3023	10:30	Judah	Thornton	Evaluating Pain Through the Face: Human and Machine Coding of Genuine and Posed Pain Expressions	Andrew	Mienaltowski
3023	10:45	Noah	Wodrig	Quantifying CO2 Sequestration by Trees in Cloud Forest Growth Plots	Martin	Stone
3023	11:00	Shelby	Cooley	Gender Identity in Dance	Meghen	McKinley
3024	10:15	Lily	Newton	A Teleost Model of Melanin's Role in Otoprotection	Michael	Smith
3024	10:30	Brandon	Brion	Effect of Photodynamic Treatment on Survival of Legionella Pneumophila	Simran	Banga
3024	10:45	Ava	Matthews	Isolating the role of V-ATPase in metastasis of the air sac primordium in Drosophila	Joseph	Marquardt
3025	10:15	Gabby	Randall	Ethics Of Ai in Education — For Teachers & Students	Jeremy	Logsdon
3025	10:30	Jennifer	Stevenson	Student Choice Creative Lecture	Jeremy	Logsdon
3025	10:45	Jasey	Goff	From Struggling to Stay Above the Waves, To Creating the New Generation of Swimmers	Jeremy	Logsdon
3025	11:00	Wilson	Patterson	Impact Of Bilingual Book Access and Read-aloud Videos on English Learners' Home Literacy and Parental Engagement	Leslee	Tarbett

Session Chairs for Oral Presentation Rooms:

Room 3003	Patricia Kambesis
Room 3005	Zachary Suriano
Room 3006	Zachary Farley and Yvonne Petkus
Room 3007	Simran Banga
Room 3020	Mustafa Atici and Brooke Gross
Room 3023	Jeremy Maddox
Room 3024	David Brown and Rodney King
Room 3025	Tanya Burgess and Robin Valenzuela