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## WKU schedules annual conference

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More than 340 students will present at Western Kentucky University's 49th Annual Student Research Conference on March 23 at Downing Student Union.

The WKU Student Research Conference will showcase scholarly activities of graduate, undergraduate and Gatton Academy students in all disciplines. All student projects are mentored by WKU faculty and staff members.

The event showcases 285 research and creative projects – 160 posters and exhibits and 135 oral presentations. A total of 341 students are presenters and co-presenters at the conference, including 264 undergraduate students and 77 graduate students. In addition, 61 graduate and undergraduate students are listed as co-authors on the papers and posters presented this year.

The conference will feature a keynote address that is free and open to the public. Dr. Johanna Kovarik, who has served for the past seven years as the National Cave and Karst Program Lead for the U.S. Forest Service, will speak on Lights in the Darkness: Stories from the Underground at 10 a.m. in the Downing Student Union, room 3020. Dr. Kovarik earned her master's in Geoscience at WKU.

The conference schedule features student presentations throughout the day in the Downing Student Union. Registration for all conference participants and guests begins at 7:30 a.m. Presentations start at 8:15 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. All student presentations are free and open to the public.

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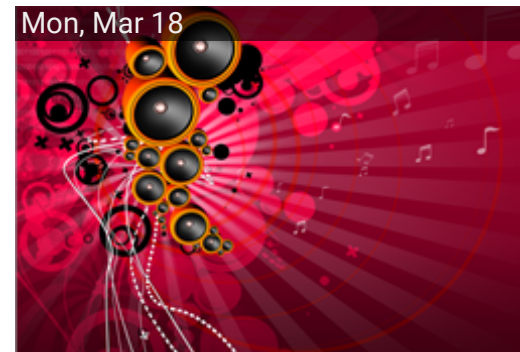
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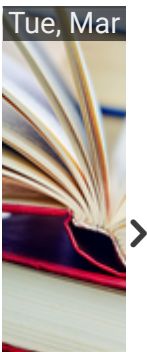
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