



Friday, May 1, 2026

**Northwest College
Yellowstone Conference Area**

Schedule at-a-Glance

9:15 to 9:25 a.m. Welcome by NWC President Lisa Watson

9:30 to 10:45 a.m. CONCURRENT SESSION I

I-1: Presentations

I-2: Poster and Exhibit/Demonstration Presentations

10:45 to 11:00 a.m. Break with refreshments in the Lobby

11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. SESSION II

II-1: Poster and Exhibit/Demonstration Presentations

12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Lunch break

1:15 to 2:30 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSION III

III-1: Presentations

III-2: Poster and Exhibit/Demonstration Presentations

2:30 to 2:45 p.m. Break with refreshments in the Lobby

2:45 to 4:00 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSION IV

IV-1: Spotlight on Speech and Debate

IV-2: Poster and Exhibit/Demonstration Presentations

9:30 to 10:45 ~ CONCURRENT SESSION I

I-1. Presentations (YB 103)

- The Blueprint to Belonging: NWC Peer Mentor Program ~ **Christopher Dugger, Spencer DesRosier, JoHanna Tomash**
- Teaching Languages Across Cultures: Experiences as a Language Assistant ~ **Mariá Gracia Ceballos Paz**
- Assessing the Impact of Urban Water Runoff and Agricultural Topsoil Erosion on the Shoshone River ~ **Harrison Compton, Roger DesRosier, Ryan Hill**

I-2. Poster and Exhibit/Demonstration Presentations (YB 105-106)

- Handmade Ceramic Chess Set ~ **Matalyn Bullock**
- The 1,001 American Nights ~ **Hattie Campbell, Bethany Duncan, Caitlyn Duncan, Tucker Johnson, Madison Nelson, Dock Stuart, Isabelle Urbach, Kate Williams**
- Scaffolding in Education ~ **Wes Brown**
- My Practicum Journey ~ **Jaila Childress, Haylee Kaufman**
- Differentiated Instruction Through Small Groups in Kindergarten Classrooms ~ **Maci Borders**
- Internship at Homesteader Museum ~ **Susan Grace Long**
- 100th Anniversary of the Park County Fair ~ **Isabel Taylor**
- Bird Antibody Production against West Nile Virus ~ **James Knudson, Amber Rogers**
- Scent of Science the Sequel: The Antimicrobial Properties of Wyoming's Native Plants ~ **Christian Dudrick, Zoey Denevan, Samantha Rivas, Tamara Rozmetova, Paul Curry, Katelyn Dandridge, Nick Hertling, Kayla Horsen, Ethan Joy, James Knudson, Amber Rogers**
- RAIDEN, a RESTful API for the Creation, Evaluation, and Evolution of Genetic Algorithm AIs ~ **Evan Skyberg**
- Scan to Learn: Bringing the Classroom to Life with QR Codes ~ **Elli Lewis**
- Technology in the Classroom ~ **Addison Hickey**
- Technology in Preschool: Pre-K Visual Schedule ~ **Katie Thormahlen, Riley Trujillo**
- Using Technology to Solve a Real World Problem in a Secondary Education Classroom ~ **Landree Meeks**
- Bridging Technology and Public Speaking in Early Education ~ **Braelyn Kozisek**

11:00 to 12:15 ~ SESSION II

II-1. Poster and Exhibit/Demonstration Presentations (YB 105-106)

- Coral Reef Conservation ~ **Kinsey Jones, McKinlee Scammon**
- Mosquito Spray: Helpful or Harmful? ~ **Zoey Denevan**
- Fungi to the Rescue: Can Diverse Fungal Communities Degrade Plastic/Polymer Pollution? ~ **Paul Curry, Christian Dudrick, Ethan Joy, Samatha Rivas, Katelyn Dandridge, Zoey Denevan, Nick Hertling, Kayla Horsen, James Knudson, Amber Rogers, Tamara Rozmetova**
- The Impact of Time-Restricted Eating (TRE) on Circadian Rhythm ~ **Erin Cates, Kayla Horsen, Abigail Jeffery**
- Practicum in Middle School Social Studies ~ **Xander Jessen**
- My Time in Practicum ~ **Susan Grace Long**
- One Student at a Time: The Impact of Individual Conferencing and Teaching ~ **Braelyn Kozisek**
- Practicum: Building Relationships in the Classroom ~ **Elli Lewis**
- QR Codes of Kindness ~ **Haylee Kaufman, Madelynn Mills**
- Student-Built, Student-Used, Livestock Ready ~ **Molly Alexander**
- Livestock Judging Team ~ **Ty Bergh, Marett Schieber, Josie Shaw, Avery Shewmaker, Kaycee Stene, Madalyne Stokes, Lane Torczon**
- Willows in the West ~ **Isabel Taylor**
- Uniquely You ~ **Mhidasia Asay**
- Photo Portfolio ~ **Brandon Diaz**
- Expanding Perspectives ~ **Bekah Hendershot**
- Sports Branding ~ **John Hendricks**
- Pet Photography Portfolio ~ **Carrie Killen**

12:15 to 1:15 ~ Lunch Break

1:15 to 2:30 ~ CONCURRENT SESSION III

III-1. Presentations (YB 103)

- Beyond the Bars: What Working at Verizon Taught Me ~ **Seid Orazgulyyev**
- Evidence Based Practice: Patient Reports ~ **Kaila Harris, Shanna Lewis, Rebekah Newman, Katie O'Brien, Tracy Vink**
- The Impact of Sleep on Healing and Recovery ~ **Austin Burton, Whitney Lewis, Caitlin Miller, Joy Woods, Cassidy York**
- Evidence Based Practice: Reducing Nurse Burnout ~ **Madelyn Hedges, Riley Noles, Morgan Starkey, Makaila Twomey, Sierra Vogt**

III-2. Poster and Exhibit/Demonstration Presentations (YB 105-106)

- Art Through the Ages: Exhibition Catalogs ~ **Josh Bradford, Alyssa Emineth, Isabel Taylor**
- American Black: David Hammons, a Contemporary Art Zine ~ **Munro Kipp**
- Printmaking ~ **Abby Derbyshire, Natalie Hall**
- A Cohesive Practicum Experience Across Two Early Elementary Classrooms ~ **Carrie Killen**
- Growth Through Practicum ~ **Ava Stearns**
- Expectations in Kindergarten ~ **Mickey Maroni**
- My Time as a Practicum Student: Physical and Mental Growth, 6th to 8th Grade ~ **Zachary Covolo**
- Education Practicum Experiences ~ **Elle Sullivan**
- Political Institutions ~ **Lauren Bates, Isabella Gomez**
- Native American Diet ~ **Marina Goffaux**
- Rocks and Religion: A Cultural Comparison ~ **Royce Lineberger**
- Archaeology and Aliens?: A Survey of Northwest College Students ~ **Caitlin Bucksbaum**
- Potential Health Impacts of Microplastics on Humans ~ **Ethan Joy, Madison Kaufman, Dustin Rhoades, Elise Swan**
- Microplastics in Aquatic Systems ~ **Brooke Bessler, Melody Coghlan, Jaxson Kiser**
- LPA Risk Allele Associations to Coronary Artery Disease in a Heterogeneous Cohort ~ **Katelyn Dandridge, Kayla Horsen**

2:45 to 4:00 ~ CONCURRENT SESSION IV

IV-1. Spotlight on Speech and Debate (YB 103)

- The Ballad of Cracked Glass ~ **Katie Badget**
- The Care Package ~ **Eric Kraft**
- Extemporaneous Speech ~ **Seid Orazgulyyev**
- Everything I Know About Love ~ **Aspen Atkinson**
- Impromptu ~ **Stetson Asay**
- Corner Crossing ~ **Taylah French**
- Listen Up! ~ **Katie Badget**

IV. Poster and Exhibit/Demonstration Presentations (YB 105-106)

- Environmental Factors Affecting Identical Twin Phenotypes ~ **Isaira Matamoros, Samantha Rivas**
- The Power of Tea Time ~ **Nayelli Aguayo, Katelyn Dandridge, Elise Swan**
- UV Light: The Germ Zapping Superhero ~ **Claudia Herrera, Madison Kaufman, Saige Kidd**
- Effects of Passive Dehydration on Cognitive and Physical Performance ~ **Nick Hertling, Dustin Rhoades, Ricardo Rodriguez**
- Portfolio ~ **Josh Bradford**
- Marketing Italian Identity: How Food, Design, and Branding Shape Cultural Perception ~ **Matilde Bilia**
- Underneath it All ~ **Tory Sumpter**
- My Teaching Experience ~ **Eliza Nelson**
- Agriculture Education Practicum in Teaching ~ **Grace Ones**
- How Can Technology Be Used in Math? ~ **Trista Thornhill**
- Turning Trash into Art ~ **Josephine Coffey, Johanna Ramos Betancourt**
- WildLife Encounters: Stay Safe, Stay Smart! ~ **Ella Weintz**
- Internship at Red Lodge Mountain Ski Resort ~ **Taichi Hirano**
- Harvesting Skills at Gluten Free Oats, Inc. ~ **Rikia Joyama**

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