

## Calendar of Events

March 3, 2026

### Central Nebraska Science Research Competition

University of Nebraska-Kearney

08:00 AM - 03:15 PM CST

Joel Berrier,

berrierjc@unk.edu

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March 4, 2026

### Southeast Science Research Competition

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

08:15 AM - 04:15 PM CST

Sue Ellen Pegg & Tammera Mittelstet,  
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March 10, 2026

**Panhandle Science Research Competition**  
**ESU #13**

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08:00 AM - 05:30 PM MST

David Griess,  
dgriess@esu13.org

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March 20, 2026

**Northeast Science Research Competition**

**Wayne State College**  
07:45 AM - 03:45 PM EST

Adam Davis,  
addavis1@wsc.edu

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March 27, 2026

**Eastern Metro Science Fair**

**Henry Doorly Zoo**  
07:45 AM - 05:00 PM CST  
Tammy Mittelstet,  
tmittelstet@unl.edu

**Western Science Research Competition**

**Mid Plains Community College**

08:00 AM - 02:45 PM MST

Jennifer Gonzalez,

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March 31, 2026  
- April 2, 2026

### **2026 Conference: Great Plains Futures**

#### **See conference for details**

March 31st-April 2; see website for full details

*March 31-April 2, 2025, Lincoln, NE*

*For five decades, the Center for Great Plains Studies has elevated the region as a place worthy of study, appreciation, and conservation. For our 50th anniversary, the annual Great Plains conference will celebrate our past and look to the next 50 years and beyond. This conference invites us to dream big about the future of people and land in our region. Join us for an interdisciplinary conference featuring keynotes, panels, workshops, and special events in Lincoln, Neb.*

#### *Details*

#### *Locations:*

*March 31: Shaylyn Romney Garrett at the Lied Center for Performing Arts, E.N.*

*Thompson Forum on World Issues*

*April 1-2: Nebraska Innovation Campus Conference Center, 2021 Transformation Dr.*

*Full schedule coming soon.*

*NU students will use code GPstudent when registration site is live for \$25 conference ticket.*

#### *Parking*

*March 31: Use garage parking downtown like the Que Place or Larson garages.*

*April 1-2: Conference parking is available in the lot north of Transformation Drive in Zone 9900 and is paid through the Passport Parking app.*

April 9, 2026

### **The Dreaded Pox: Sex and Disease in Early Modern London**

**Great Plains Art Museum**

**1155 Q Street**

**Lincoln, NE 68504**

**05:00 PM - 06:30 PM CST**

*This talk offers a history of London life from 1650-1750 from the point of view of a shameful sexually transmitted disease. In particular it looks at how patients shopped for pox cures using addresses printed on over 700 advertisements, turning away from medical institutions and learned writing toward the streets, shops and homes where ordinary patients and healers interacted.*

April 23, 2026

**Nebraska Junior Academy of Sciences State Science Competition**

**UNL East Campus Student Union**

**1705 Arbor Drive**

**Lincoln, NE**

**08:00 AM - 03:30 PM CST**

**Randall Lienemann, NJAS President,  
rlienema@gmail.com**

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April 24, 2026

**136th Annual Spring Meeting of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences**

**UNL East Campus Student Union**

**1705 Arbor Drive**

**Lincoln, NE 68526**

**07:30 AM - 04:45 PM CST**

**Kerri Schnase-Berge, 402-472-2644  
kschnase-berge2@unl.edu**

*Come and Share your Science at the 136th Annual Spring meeting of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences! Students, Professionals, Faculty and Citizen Scientists are invited to submit an abstract of original research or synthesis of research/literature to one of the Sections of the Academy for inclusion in the published Program of the Annual meeting of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences. Sections include: Aeronautics, Applied Science and Technology, Anthropology, Biology, Biomedical Sciences, Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Environmental and Sustainability Sciences, Physics, and Teachers of Science. Network with scientists across the state, and present your research!*