

## Calendar of Events

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September 5, 2025  
- December 20, 2025

### **'Reflections of our People, Our Ways, Our Land' UNL Center for Great Plains Studies 1155 Q St**

**Lincoln, NE**

Museum hours; M-F 8-5

Jessica Moore Harjo,

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*An exhibition featuring 24 Otoe-Missouria artists*

*Otoe-Missouria artists, ranging from traditional to contemporary and working in any medium, were selected to co-create an art exhibition reflecting on healing, reconciliation, and reconnecting to the land. Reflections of Our People is a key part of the new Mellon-funded initiative "Walking in the Footsteps of our Ancestors: Re-Indigenizing Southeast Nebraska." The initiative, a partnership between the Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Oklahoma and the Center for Great Plains Studies, aims to promote healing and reconciliation in our region by reconnecting the Otoe-Missouria Tribe to one of their homelands in southeast Nebraska and engaging non-Native people with the history and ongoing presence of the Otoe-Missouria and other Indigenous peoples in our region.*

*As part of the creative process, selected artists attended Otoe-Missouria Day, which was held on September 21, 2024, in Lincoln, Nebraska, and participated in an artist retreat on September 22, 2024, at Homestead National Historical Park in Beatrice, Nebraska.*

*This will be the first exhibition to center Otoe-Missouria artists and their creative work. The exhibit will be held at the Great Plains Art Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska, which sits on Otoe-Missouria homelands, and then travel to Oklahoma. Jessica Moore Harjo, Ph.D. (Otoe-Missouria/Osage/Pawnee/Sac & Fox), is the curatorial director for this exhibition.*

December 5, 2025

### **NAS Board meeting**

04:00 PM - 06:00 PM CST

December 11, 2025

**ACCESS PERIOD & NE WOMEN IN STEM SERVICE & SOCIAL**

**Elevator Spaces**

**1402 Jones Street**

**Omaha, NE 68102**

**04:00 PM - 05:30 PM CST**

**info@newwomeninstem.com**

*It's the time of year to gather and give back to the community. Join us at the Elevator for an Access Period packing party with drinks and light appetizers.*

*Please consider bringing Access Period's most needed products: thin pads, tampons, or individually wrapped liners. Monetary donations help the most because they can buy in bulk.*

*Access Period helps combat period poverty by providing free menstrual products to anyone who needs them in Omaha and throughout Nebraska.*

January 21, 2026

**NAS Teach-IN: "Got measles? Me neither--Thanks, science"**

**TBD and coming soon**

**06:00 PM - 07:30 PM CST**

**Kerri Schnase-Berge, 402-472-2644**

**kschnase-berge2@unl.edu**

*This Nebraska Academy of Sciences Teach-In will explore the history of Vaccines, and the process by which a vaccine must pass in order to be approved. The Panel will also discuss the Politization of Vaccines and its impacts on society.*

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**

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

March 30, 2026

**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 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,  
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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

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*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!*

Coming Soon

**Nebraska Academy of Sciences and the Nebraska Geological Society's 3rd annual Fall Field Trip**  
**Morrill Hall 14th and U Streets**  
**Lincoln, NE 68526**

TBD

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*The Fall Geology themed field trip is being developed, but will take place in a weekend in September of 2025, and include one Saturday overnight camping. The Field Trip will focus on three main themes:*

- 1. Yellowstone Hot Spot ash deposits and visit to Ashfalls Fossil Beds, guided by the Superintendent*
- 2. History of NE Nebraska Rivers.*
- 3. Deposits of the Cretaceous Interior Seaway.*