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WKU to host Black Excellence Exposition on Thursday

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Young African-American students will step into the spotlight during the third annual Black Excellence Exposition at Western Kentucky University.

Students from WKU's Forensics Team will host the event, which begins at 7 p.m.

Thursday in the Downing Student Union auditorium, according to a news release. The event is free and open to the public.

The event will also include dance from the MajorRedz, the voices of Essence In Harmony and poetry and oration by forensics team members, the release said.

Forensics coach Ganer Newman said students have been heavily researching their topics to offer both entertainment and insight. The event is meant to raise awareness about issues that African-Americans face and to challenge assumptions, he said.

“The purpose of all of this is to inspire a conversation to create dialogue,” he said.

Newman also described the event as a great way for the community to get exposed to the forensics team’s work.



“Forensics is the search for the truth,” he said, adding that students discover truths about the human condition all season long.

The event was originally created in 2016 by former student Malik Badjie.

Lyric Davis, a senior from Blue Springs, Mo., is coordinating this year’s event.

Other participating students include Andrea Ambam, a junior from Missouri; Quest Broussard, a freshman from Louisiana; Durwan Green, a senior from Texas; Asha Wasuge, a senior from California; and Symone Whalin, a freshman from Sonora.

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