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Gatton Academy students engage in summer learning

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Students from The Carol Martin Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky are beginning summer learning at Western Kentucky University, around the Commonwealth, and around the globe.

In addition to prestigious research internships through the National Science Foundation (NSF) and internships through our new public-private program, the Gatton Sponsored Internship Program, the Gatton Academy also continues with its 10th summer of the Gatton Research Internship Grant and its third year with the WKU Sisterhood Research Internship Grant. Through these latter two programs, 20 rising Gatton Academy seniors will conduct summer research. This summer also features travel and study abroad opportunities for 64 Gatton Academy students with destinations that include Argentina, Chile, China, England, Egypt, Estonia, Jordan, Moldova, Morocco, Moscow and Taiwan.

“Gatton Academy students are constantly in search of learning and experiences that will expand their understanding within their areas of interest. This is clearly evident in the extensive activities our students are pursuing this summer, from research and internships to study abroad and volunteering,” said Dr. Lynette Breedlove, director of The Gatton Academy. “These remarkable young people are continuing their pursuit of infinite possibilities as they begin to make a positive impact on their communities and our state.”

Experiences Abroad:

National Security Language Initiative-for Youth (NSLI-Y)

NSLI-Y scholarships are from the U.S. Department of State and fund students for six-to-eight weeks of summer intensive study and immersion in a critical language. The scholarship covers all program costs, travel to-and-from the host country, tuition, housing with a host family, activities, and more. The following students have received NSLI-Y Scholarships for summer language study:

- Abrar Rahman ('20) of Cave City will travel to Morocco to study Arabic with his NSLI-Y Scholarship this summer.

Other Notable Individual Experiences:

- Meghan Pierce ('20) of Smiths Grove will intern with the Bowling Green Refugee Center as Assistant to the Immigration Program Manager.
- Graham Stephens ('19) of Tompkinsville is a Machine Learning Engineer Intern at Advent Health Partners in Nashville, Tennessee.

About The Gatton Academy: Established in 2007, The Gatton Academy is Kentucky's first residential two-year program for gifted and talented junior and seniors. The Gatton Academy's students enroll as juniors and are full-time WKU students pursuing their interests in advanced science, technology, engineering and mathematical careers. The Gatton Academy has been named to Jay Mathews' list of top-performing schools with elite students, marking the 10th consecutive appearance.

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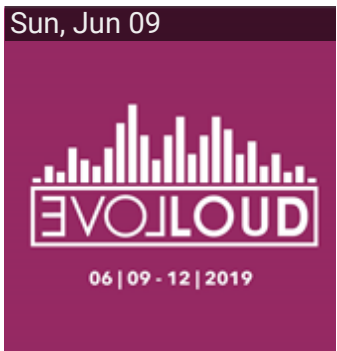
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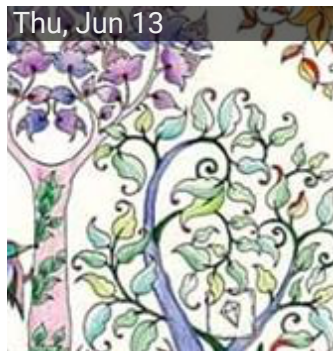
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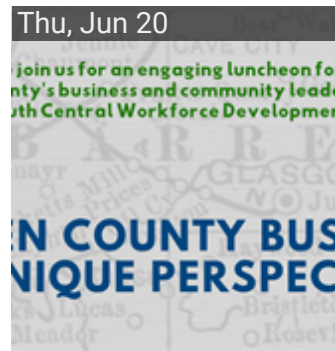
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