Upcoming Events:

**Sunday, January 13th:**
Spring 2019 TSLC Study Hours begin for Thompson Scholars.

**Tuesday, January 15th:**
TSLC Success Session: National Student Exchange at 4:30 PM in Copeland Hall 130.

**January 20th and January 21st:**
No TSLC Study Hours due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, January 22nd.

**Tuesday, January 22nd:**
TSLC Success Session: How to Interview Effectively at 7:00 PM in Copeland Hall 130.

**Thursday, January 24th:**
Hypnotist, Jim Wand, from 7:00-8:30 PM in the NSU Ponderosa Room. 1st-Year Thompson Scholars will meet and attend in mentor groups. This is the required event for January.

**Wednesday, January 30th:**
TSLC Success Session: How to Search and Prepare for Internships at 4:00 PM in Copeland Hall 130.

**Thursday, February 7th:**
UNK Career Fair for 2nd-Year Thompson Scholars (non-education majors). Academic and Career Services sponsors the event from 12:30 to 3:30 PM at the UNK Health and Sports Center. Please be sure to sign-in to receive credit for attending the Career Fair.

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**Spring 2019 Success Sessions**

This spring, the TSLC is partnering with the UNK TRiO-SSS Program to provide thirteen Success Sessions. Thompson Scholars are encouraged to attend any and all sessions that they believe will be interesting or helpful. 1st-Year students are required to attend three sessions; all UNK Thompson Scholars may attend any of the sessions. Please be sure to bring a writing utensil, sign-in at each event, and attend the full session to meet TSLC attendance expectations; each session lasts approximately one hour.

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Applications are being accepted now for participation in the National Student Exchange (NSE) Program. National Student Exchange (NSE) is a program that allows UNK students the opportunity to go on exchange for one or two semesters to one of over 180 different colleges and universities within the U.S.. UNK is the only school in Nebraska that participates in NSE. Many times, UNK students can continue to pay UNK’s tuition rate while on exchange, or they pay the visiting schools in-state tuition rate. You can view the list of exchange colleges at the following website: https://www.unk.edu/student_resources/national-student-exchange/index.php

In order to be eligible, students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher, have sophomore standing at the time of placement, be a full-time student, and be in good standing at UNK. Students interested in participating in the NSE program need to submit an application, which includes a study statement and 3 letters of recommendation. Applications are available in the UNK Admissions Office. The application deadline is February 22nd and includes a $200 non-refundable application fee. Students will be notified of their placements in early March after a placement exchange takes place. If you are interested in participating in the NSE program, please contact Lee Ann Amm directly at amml@unk.edu or 308-865-8526.

Thompson Scholars must complete a request form to receive funding/approval to participate in NSE. The Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation reviews each request and approves scholarship funds on a case-by-case basis. Your request must be submitted for review by specific deadlines prior to the start date of the program to be eligible for scholarship funds; please see the deadlines specified at the end of this article. Approval can later be denied if you do not remain in good academic standing; students will also have to submit their grades to the TSLC Director upon their return to verify good academic standing for STBF. To access the Study Abroad/Student Exchange request form, please visit the link below. If you have questions about NSE and the Buffett Scholarship, please contact the TSLC Office for assistance. https://app.buffettscholarships.org/request/StudyAbroad

**Student of the Week**
Name: Marley Murphy
Hometown: Ainsworth, NE
Major: Pre-Nursing

What is the best part about being a Thompson Scholar? The best part about being a Thompson Scholar is having such a kind community to call home during the school year. I’m also incredibly thankful for this amazing scholarship.

Why were you given your name and does it have a special meaning? My mom liked the name because it went with my sisters’, Ashley and Hayley. My dad didn’t like my name till a couple months after I was born.

What is your favorite word or phrase that you say most often? I have a habit of saying “same,” “oof,” and “yikes” a lot.

What would you like to be doing in twenty years? In twenty years, I’d love to have my own Midwifery practice, be married, and have lots of children.

What do you binge-watch? I watch The Office over and over.

What’s your karaoke song? I’m pretty good with Fergalicious.

What family traditions do you plan to carry on as you get older? My family eats lefse (Norwegian flatbread) at Sunday and holiday dinners!

If you had unlimited resources, what scientific or medical problem would you work to solve? I would definitely want to find a cure for cancer, as I lost both of my grandmothers to different types of cancer.

What are you grateful for? I am so grateful for my amazing family, friends, the Susan Thompson Buffett Scholarship Foundation for this wonderful college experience, my health, and all the coffee that’s gotten me to today.

**TSLC Mentor Applications for 2019-2020: Due 2/1/19**
The Thompson Scholars Learning Community is currently accepting applications for TSLC mentors during the 2019-2020 academic year. The mentor position is open to any Thompson Scholar who will be enrolled full-time at UNK during Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 (12+ credit hours) and have obtained sophomore academic status (more than 27 credit hours completed) by end of Summer 2019. Compensation for the mentor positions will be a double room and board waiver for Mantor Hall and the Loper Meal Plan for the 2019-2020 academic year. At the time of application, preference for interviews will be given to students who have earned at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA; applicants who have earned below the cumulative GPA may not receive full consideration for an interview.

If you are interested in applying, please email Scotty (seebash@unk.edu) to receive the application materials and instructions for securing recommendations. Applications and recommendations are due by Friday, February 1st, 2019, at 5PM to receive full consideration.