Upcoming Events:

**Wednesday, December 11th:**
Bowling at the Big Apple Fun Center for 1st-Year Thompson Scholars from 7:00-9:00 PM.

**Monday, December 16th - Thursday, December 19th:**
Finals Week at UNK.

**Thursday, December 19th:**
TSLC Graduation Reception for UNK winter graduates Ponderosa Rooms C & D from 1:30-2:30 PM. All Thompson Scholars are invited to attend!

**Friday, December 20th:**
Winter Commencement Ceremony at the Health and Sports Center at 10:00 AM.

**December 23rd, 2019 - January 1st, 2020:**
UNK campus closed for the holidays.

**January 2nd, 2020:**
UNK campus reopens for the 2020 spring term.

**January 12th, 2020:**
2nd-Year Spring Kick Off at 1:30 PM in Copeland Hall 142. Bring your updated résumé and a writing utensil please. Please arrive at 1:15 PM to check in.

**January 12th, 2020:**
1st-Year Spring Kick Off at 4:00 PM in Copeland Hall 142. Please arrive at 3:45 PM to check in.

**January 13th, 2020:**
Spring 2020 classes commence.

**February 7th, 2020:**
Mentor applications and recommendations are due.

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End of the Semester TSLC Surveys

The TSLC office has distributed several end of the semester surveys to Thompson Scholars so that we can learn more about the student experience related to program initiatives. Student responses are also reported back to the Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation via an annual report each summer.

The surveys were distributed via Lopermail to students, and will take only a few minutes to complete. **The deadline to complete the survey is Wednesday, December 18th at 5 PM.** It is important that each student completes the survey(s) they receive, and we expect at or near 100% of students will do so.

The surveys have been distributed to the following groups of students:
- 1st-Year Thompson Scholars
- 2nd-Year Thompson Scholars
- Thompson Scholars who transferred to UNK this term (years 3+)
- Thompson Scholars on Academic Warning
- Thompson Scholars on Learning Community Warning
- Thompson Scholars on Scholarship Probation
- Thompson Scholars who participated in the PERSYST Program
- Graduating Thompson Scholars

Thank you for completing the survey(s) by December 18th!

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Final Exam Policies and Schedule

*Be sure to plan ahead using the UNK Registrar’s Finals Week schedule.*

[http://www.unk.edu/offices/registrar/academic_policies_handbook/Final_Exam_Schedules.php](http://www.unk.edu/offices/registrar/academic_policies_handbook/Final_Exam_Schedules.php)

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2020-2021 TSLC Mentor Applications are Now Available

The 2020-2021 TSLC mentor application process is now open! Interested Thompson Scholars may email Associate Director Chuanyao (Yao) Zheng for application materials at zhengc1@unk.edu; all application materials are due by Friday, February 7th, 2020 at 5 PM. The mentor role will differ in 2020-2021 from prior years; please direct questions about the mentor position to Yao. The planned compensation for the position is a double room and board waiver and Loper meal plan.

**Qualifications for mentor applicants include:**
- Planned full-time enrollment (12+ hours) for fall 2020 & spring 2021
- More than 27 credit hours completed by the end of summer 2020
- Preference for interviews will be given to students with at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA.
Student of the Week

Name: Reyna Ramirez

Hometown: Grand Island, NE

Major: Social Work and Criminal Justice

What is the best part about being a Thompson Scholar? The best part about being a Thompson Scholar is the family environment. This community has made me feel like home and like a family.

What's a movie you can practically quote from start to finish? Finding Nemo.

What motivates you? Being first generation, my friends and family.

What experience in life has made you a stronger person? Being diagnosed with a syndrome has taught me to be a stronger person because I had to learn how to live with it at a young age.

What sound or smell do you love? The sounds of nature.

Where is your favorite place to visit and why? Omaha because every year we go there with my family to the Zoo and it brings back memories from prior years.

What is one food that you would never give up? Chinese food.

What do you binge-watch? Law and Order.

What are you obsessed with? Shopping and YouTube.

What is the best book or series you have ever read? Mockingbird.

What is your greatest hidden talent/skill? I can play three different instruments and sing.

UNK TSLC Graduation Reception

Please join us to celebrate the UNK TSLC graduates on Thursday, December 19th from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM in the NSU Ponderosa Rooms C & D.

Taylor Bennett     Brenna Braden
Tyson Colling      Jessica DeLaTorre
Emely Diaz         Brooke Frederick
Jeremy Hubel       Jazi Lott
Jesel Pastor-Lezama Trevor Patsios
Stacea Pauli       Cameron Perrett
Mackenzie Puckett  Odwuwar Quiñonez
Bryan Ramallo      Angel Ruiz
Elizabeth Schott   Claire (Swantek) Urugutia
Maekayla Ward      Jacob Wiese-Augustine

Reminder: TSLC Bowling Night

Wednesday, Dec. 11th at 7:00 PM
Big Apple Fun Center, Kearney
For 1st-year Thompson Scholars

· Students will participate in 2 games of bowling
· 1 snack and drink per student will be provided

This is a required event for 1st-year Thompson Scholars. Please arrive at The Big Apple between 6:45-7:00 PM to pick up your shoes and find your lane with your mentor group.