Early Academic Alerts (EAAs)

Early Academic Alerts (EAAs) are used by instructors at UNK to notify students of possible academic issues. The goal of the EAA system is to provide early interventions with students who are struggling academically. To generate an EAA an instructor notifies Academic & Career Services about their specific academic concerns about a student. Next, an email is generated and sent to the student from Academic and Career Services which identifies the reason for the instructor’s concern; the instructor and academic advisors for each student are also copied on the email.

Reasons an instructor may send an Early Academic Alert include:
- Poor class attendance or no class attendance
- Lack of participation or engagement in a class
- Low scores on assignments/quizzes/tests
- Missed assignments/quizzes/tests
- Other concerns about a student that may be impacting academic success (showing up late, not coming to class prepared, etc.)

If you receive an EAA for a class, it is important that you read the email entirely. Follow the suggestions of the instructor to address the concern, including talking to the instructor one-on-one as soon as possible. Consider the support services listed in the email as resources you should utilize to improve your academic situation. It is likely that your academic advisor will reach out to you to discuss your EAA; a visit with your academic advisor may even help you decide to change your study habits, drop a class, or change your major.

Finally, if you receive an EAA, the TSLC Office will also contact you for a meeting to discuss your academic progress; please be responsive to these requests, as your success as a student is important.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, September 10th:
Life Lesson at 1:30 PM in the Mantor Seminar Room. Topic is “Appreciating Your Strengths.”

Wednesday, September 19th:
Etiquette Dinner for 2nd-Year Thompson Scholars. 7:00-8:30 PM in the NSU Ponderosa Room E. Business attire is required for the dinner.

Thursday, September 20th:
Life Lesson at 4:00 PM in the Mantor Seminar Room. Topic is “Staying Motivated & Reaching Goals.”

Tuesday, September 25th:
Life Lesson at 4:00 PM in the Mantor Seminar Room. Topic is “Finding Your Middle Mood.”

Friday, September 28th:
Denver Trip Risk and Responsibility forms are due to the TSLC Office from all 1st-Year Scholars. A parent/guardian signature is required if the student is under the age of 19.

Monday, October 1st:
Life Lesson at 3:30 PM in the Mantor Seminar Room. Topic is “Recognizing Healthy Relationships.”

Wednesday, October 10th:
Mid-Semester Grade Check Form is due to the TSLC office by 5 PM.

October 13th & 14th:
Denver Trip for 1st-Year Thompson Scholars & staff. We will depart early Saturday morning and return late Sunday night. Stay tuned for more details in future editions of the TSLC Tribune.
UNK Student Employment Services

UNK Student Employment Services is a service provided through the UNK Office of Financial Aid; the primary purpose of this service is to help students connect to jobs through work study or community opportunities.  

http://www.unk.edu/offices/ses/index.php

Work Study is connected to a student's financial aid package, through a Federal program. Students who are eligible for work-study must accept the work study funding, secure a work study job, and work hours to earn the financing in the form of a paycheck. Work study positions are offered on and off campus, and information is available on the Student Employment Services website.

Non-work study employment is also available to students. On-campus positions are listed under the category of student worker. Many community partners also list job opportunities in categories like childcare, health care, seasonal, and administrative. Non-work study positions are available to view on the Student Employment Services website as well.

As students search for jobs, remember that academics should come first. Make sure employers are reputable before accepting positions. Look at positions that fit your academic schedule, and provide flexibility, if possible.

(Information gathered from http://www.unk.edu/offices/ses/index.php on 9/4/18)

Tips for Thompson Scholars:  
If you are unsure about an academic matter, be proactive and ask for guidance and/or clarification immediately.

Unsure about a homework assignment? Need clarification on how to study for a test? Confused about how a paper was graded? The more quickly you take action in moments of uncertainty, the closer you will be to resolution. This may include taking a perceived risk, such as asking a question in front of your peers or approaching a faculty member independently. However, staying on track academically is worth the risk. Always use your syllabus as your guiding document for course questions, but know that your instructors are the primary experts to approach about these matters. Use their office hours to your advantage; do be respectful in your contact with faculty members by making an appointment if your question or concern might take some time to discuss. Finally, if you feel emotional about a situation, write out your questions or discussion points before attending a meeting so that you stay on topic in your discussion.

Thompson Scholars United Officers for 2018-2019

Congratulations to the following Thompson Scholars who were recently selected to serve as officers for Thompson Scholars United (TSU) this academic year.

President: Kaylen Miller  
Vice President: Uriel Anchondo  
Secretary/Treasurer: Kadie Hanson  
Programming (Service/Educational): Sierra Morris  
Programming (Social): Dawson Jurado  
Public Relations: Kelcie Burke

Student of the Week

Name: Uriel Anchondo  
Hometown: Grand Island, NE  
Major: Computer Science

What is the best part about being a Thompson Scholar? The best part about being a Thompson Scholar is that the staff gives a warm welcome that helps the transition to college seem straightforward and trouble-free.

What is your favorite word or phrase that you say most often? I like to quote famous six second videos which are known as vines. My favorite one would have to be the one that says, “And they were roommates. Oh my god, they were roommates” because it would always make my friends laugh.

What motivates you? I would not be where I am today without my parents. They motivate me to be the best person that I can be because when I am with them, I realize all of the sacrifices they made in order for me to have the opportunities that I have today.

What would you like to be doing in twenty years? In twenty years, I would like to have travelled to all six permanently habited continents. In terms of my career, I would like to be a software engineer for a large tech company like Google, Apple, or Microsoft.

What do you binge-watch? Before coming to college, I started watching “The Office”. Some friends recommended it, and while I have not seen that many episodes, I know that I will try to watch the entire series throughout the school year.

What is the most incredible item or exhibit you have ever seen in a museum? This summer my parents took me to the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto, and I enjoyed seeing a T. rex skeleton in the Galleries of the Age of Dinosaurs.