Upcoming Events:

**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.

**October 15th & 16th:** No classes at UNK due to Fall Break.

**Friday, October 19th:** Deadline to drop a full-semester class in Fall 2018.

Mid-Semester Grade Check Forms

Mid-semster grade check forms will be distributed soon to 1st and 2nd-year TSCL members, as well as to students who are new transfer students or who are working with the TSLC staff with an academic intervention status. Completion of the form is required as part of the TSLC program expectations. 1st-year students will receive their forms in the Thompson Scholars Learning Skills class, while other TSLC students will receive the form via email. **The form is due to the TSLC Office by Wednesday, October 10th at 5 PM; please fold your form in half when you submit it at the desk to protect your academic information.**

The TSLC office has collaborated with several other offices on campus to create a uniform grade check form, so that students are able to submit one form or a copy of that form for multiple organizations. Please ensure that if you do intend to submit a copy of your grade check to a different office, that they are willing to accept a copy of this uniform version. The TSLC office will make copies of your completed grade check form for you to submit to other programs or offices upon your request.

Mid-semster grade checks are helpful to students in several ways. First, the form provides a chance for students to gauge where they are academically given the scholarship requirements to keep a 2.0 cumulative GPA. Second, the process allows students to compare the current grade against the syllabus, so that goals can be set for the remainder of the semester. Third, completing grade checks presents an opportunity for students to interact with faculty members and have conversations about the current grade in individual classes; we suggest you visit your instructors during office hours to have them sign the forms. Fourth, it gives students the chance to consider if they need to drop a class prior to the final day to drop classes, which is October 19th, 2018.

**The form will require students to calculate their GPA once all grades have been collected; please use the suggested GPA calculator on the form to calculate your GPA.** Grade check forms will be reviewed by TSLC Staff; if low grades are reported, a TSLC staff member will contact students for an individual meeting. Any questions or concerns about the deadline for grade report forms should be directed ahead of the deadline to a staff member at the TSLC Office.

Tools for Thompson Scholars:

http://www.unk.edu/offices/tslc/tools_for_students.php

On the UNK Thompson Scholars Learning Community website, students can find a “Tools for Students” link which can connect students to many helpful resources. First, Thompson Scholars can access several UNK resources from this page, such as an academic schedule planning page or the university calendar. Second, students can view outside resources that can assist with college life, such as the Purdue Online Writing Lab for help with formatting citations, a GPA calculator which is useful as students complete grade checks, or study skills guides for college students. Third, an entire section is dedicated to the PRAXIS, including some practice testing centers and links to textbooks available to students via the Calvin T. Ryan library.
Preventing for the Denver Trip (Article 1/3)

October is drawing near, which means it is time to start our preparations for the Denver Trip for TSLC 1st-year students. Important information will be provided via this article series, so be sure you are reading each week to be prepared for our trip!

-Risk/Responsibility Forms were distributed during TSLC orientation to all 1st-year students. These forms are due to the TSLC Office by Friday, September 28th. Please remember to fill out the form completely. If you have concerns about getting a parent/guardian signature by the deadline, please see Yao Zheng ASAP.

-We will leave for Denver on Saturday, October 13th between 7:30-8:30 AM. More specific details will be shared soon. The buses will load in the parking lot to the North of Mantor Hall by Cope Stadium.

-In order to easily account for all our Thompson Scholars during the trip, we will do a bus sign-up sheet in the entryway of the TSLC Office. Sign up lists for the buses will be posted inside the office on Thursday, September 27th; you can begin signing up when the office opens. Please sign up for bus 1, 2, or 3 by October 3rd at 5:00 PM. If you don't sign up for one of the buses by the deadline, you'll be assigned to a bus for the trip.

-Dress for the trip is casual, except for Saturday evening. You will need to pack one business casual/dressy outfit for our Saturday evening, which you will change into after we check into the hotel on Saturday afternoon. Dressy attire is REQUIRED for the evening; jeans, shorts, t-shirts are not appropriate for the evening at the theater.

-Hotel room assignments have already been sent to the hotel, as they are required a month in advance of our stay for security/safety reasons. Yao will be emailing the students who will be room leaders later this week to explain those responsibilities, which will help us stay on schedule as a large group. We will announce room assignments on the bus ride to Denver. Three to four students have been assigned per hotel room.

(This is the first article in a three article series on the Denver trip; next week’s article will cover the itinerary and the third article will cover the trip expectations.)

The TSLC hosted the annual etiquette dinner for 2nd-Year Thompson Scholars on Wednesday, September 19th.

The event allowed students to practice introducing themselves in a professional setting, understand place settings at a formal dinner, and incorporate three primary etiquette rules when dining in a professional environment.

Student of the Week

Name: Juana Perez
Hometown: Gering, NE
Major: Business

What is the best part about being a Thompson Scholar? The best part of being a Thompson Scholar is the overall experience you are getting. From living in the learning community, to your PALs and mentor. It’s really an awesome experience and one to be forever grateful for.

What is your favorite word or phrase that you say most often? “That’s wild.”

What motivates you? My parents motivate me.

What do you love to talk about? I love to talk about people's backgrounds.

What would you like to be doing in twenty years? I would like to be running my own business.

If you could time-travel, where would you go? I would time travel back to Mexico and appreciate more the time I had with my grandparents.

What would you be willing to wait in a really long line for? Food. I love food.

What scares you? Snakes.

What are you obsessed with? Pizza.

What are you grateful for? I am grateful for getting the opportunity to go to college. I can’t wait to further my skills and become an overall better person.