On February 27th, the TSLC office will host a professional portrait session for Thompson Scholars. This event is aimed to help the TSLC students build professional profiles. It is open to all TSLC students and sign-up is required. The sign up link will be sent to Thompson Scholars today via Lopermail. Please sign up by Monday, February 25th at 5:00 PM, if you are interested. Business attire is required for the portrait session.

The portrait session will take place between 2:00 PM–5:00 PM in the Mantor Seminar Room. Please show up as early as possible during the time frame that you sign up for. Each student will receive a digital copy of the portrait via email, usually within a few weeks of the portrait session.

Students who do not sign-up may come to the event to see if time is available on a walk-in basis, but there is no guarantee of a photo without registering for a time slot. If you have any questions, please contact Yao Zheng in the TSLC Office.

Sign-up is open now: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0948A9AA2AA4F85-tslc3
Learn & Travel through UNK Study Abroad

Want to cross off items on your bucket list? Take advantage of studying abroad through UNK and do just that! UNK offers over 30+ study abroad destinations. Programs vary in length from a couple weeks to a full year. Some programs even allow you to use your financial aid! You can study abroad by yourself or with a group of fellow UNK students. Below are some of the most popular programs:

**Summer in Milan, Italy**- Spend 4 weeks (May 26-June 22) in the vibrant city of Milan, Italy and earn 4 IULM/1 UNK credit hours studying and learning about Italian Culture during the first two weeks and about Food & Wine pairings during the second two weeks! This is a wonderful program for those who can’t seem to get away for a semester due to academic schedules!

**Czech Republic**- Travel with a group of UNK students during the Spring or Fall term to Olomouc, Czech Republic, located just a train ride away from Prague. This location is featured in the book “1,000 Places to See Before You Die.”

**Ireland**- Located in Spiddal, Ireland, you and your UNK cottage-mates will only be a 5 minute walk from the ocean! Enjoy your Spring semester exploring the Emerald Isle!

**Spain**- Spend the Fall semester studying in the heart of Madrid - no Spanish needed! You will earn 12 credit hours of transfer credit and be immersed in the Spanish lifestyle-Real Madrid, flamenco show, Mueso del Prado, and so much more!

**Australia** - (July 3-27) Faculty-led summer program where the students will learn about the Australian environment, indigenous populations, and experience two different world heritage sites (Great Barrier Reef and Fraser Island) and participate in various activities/lectures throughout their time down-under.

There are many benefits of studying abroad. Develop intercultural competencies, learn a second language, expand your career opportunities, and make lifelong friends are just some of the reasons you should consider studying abroad! Read more about the benefits: [http://www.topuniversities.com/student-info/studying-abroad/studying-abroad-benefits](http://www.topuniversities.com/student-info/studying-abroad/studying-abroad-benefits)

TSLC will offer a Study Abroad Student Panel as a Success Session on Monday, February 11th at 4:30 PM in Copeland Hall 130; please attend to hear directly from Thompson Scholars about their study abroad experiences and tips.

Visit [www.unk.edu/studyabroad](http://www.unk.edu/studyabroad) or e-mail unkstudyabroad@unk.edu for more information from the UNK Study Abroad Office.

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**Student of the Week**

**Name:** Jylissa Sinner

**Hometown:** Shelton, NE

**Major:** Pre-Nursing

**What is the best part about being a Thompson Scholar?** The best part of being a Thompson Scholar is having a support system that supports you and hold you accountable. Also the amazing friends I have met along the way.

**What motivates you?** My mom is the thing that motivates me to always try my hardest, mostly because she has always tried to give me an amazing life. I feel it would be a waste if I did not try and make her proud of me.

**What would you like to be doing in twenty years?** In twenty years, I would like to be a nurse, have a family, and live in a huge house. I would also like to live somewhere close to my mom.

**If you could time travel, where would you go?** If I could time travel, I would like to go back to the 1920’s and see if the parties like in The Great Gatsby were as amazing as Fitzgerald described them.

**What is your greatest hidden talent/skill?** I can read books extremely fast.

**What would you be willing to wait in a really long line for?** Tickets to meet One Direction.

**What scares you?** Losing the people I love, and snakes.

**What family traditions do you plan to carry on as you get older?** I plan to carry on the tradition of going to Sunrise services on Easter.

**What are you grateful for?** I am grateful that I grew up in a loving home and that I had a family who is extremely close with each other.