TSLC Peer Academic Leader Information Session this Thursday, March 7th

A TSLC Peer Academic Leader (PAL) informational session will be held for interested students on Thursday, March 7th at 3:30 PM in the Mantor Seminar Room. Scotty Seeba and Yao Zheng will present a brief overview of the position, as well as answer student questions. In Fall 2019, all incoming 1st-Year Thompson Scholars will be taking a seminar course together, which will be labeled as an LNSK117 class. While this class will be led by TSLC professional staff, we are seeking out undergraduate TSLC students that can co-teach the course. These students, which are called Peer Academic Leaders (PALS), will help with class presentations, grade student assignments, facilitate study hours, and offer tips for student success at UNK.

**JOB DESCRIPTION OR DUTIES:**
- Attend and assist in leading an assigned section of the LNSK 117 course
- Act as a resource for 1st-year students in all sections of LNSK 117
- Attend all PAL team trainings as provided prior to the academic year
- Attend regular individual and team meetings with TSLC Staff
- Participate as a member of the TSLC team in a positive and productive manner
- Meet one-on-one with all students in your section a minimum of two times during the semester; each meeting would last 30 minutes
- Help students in navigating MyBlue, the UNK website, or other additional resources on-campus which assist first-year students in their transition to UNK
- Assist professional and additional student staff with events and/or presentations as needed
- Facilitate study hours within Mantor Hall for three hours per week
- Complete other duties as assigned by TSLC Staff

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**
- Be a Thompson Scholar
- Be a full-time student (12 + credit hours) at the University of Nebraska at Kearney
- At the start of the academic year, must have completed 27+ credit hours
- Have a minimum of 3.25 cumulative GPA (students below a 3.25 are welcome to apply, but may not receive full consideration)
- Must be eligible to work within the United States
- Familiarity with freshmen seminar courses and the purpose they serve for students

The time commitment for being a PAL would be approximately 6-7 hours per week in fall, and 3-4 hours per week in spring. In addition to the skills and experience gained through the position, PALS will be compensated at a rate of $9.50 per hour. The application deadline for this position is 5PM on April 17th. As part of the application package, students will need to complete an application and secure two references. To fully complete the application, students will also need to know their academic schedule for Fall 2019 and submit their hours of availability. Please email Scotty Seeba at seebash@unk.edu receive the application/reference form links.

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**Upcoming Events:**

**Tuesday, March 5th:**
TSLC Success Session: Undergraduate Research at UNK at 4:30 PM in Copeland Hall 130.

**Thursday, March 7th:**
Peer Academic Leader Information Session at 3:30 PM in the Mantor Seminar Room.

**Friday, March 8th:**
Last day to drop a full-semester course at UNK via MyBlue. Please see your advisors and a TSLC staff member before dropping courses.

**Monday, March 11th:**
Education Opportunities Fair for 2nd-Year Thompson Scholars (Education majors). 9:00-11:00 AM OR 1:00-3:00 PM at the College of Education Bldg.

**Wednesday, March 13th:**
TSLC Alumni Panel from 7:00-8:00 PM in the NSU Ponderosa Room E. This event is required for 1st-Year Thompson Scholars, but all UNK Thompson Scholars are welcome to attend and learn from our alums!

**March 18th-22nd:**
UNK Spring Break; no classes.

**Wednesday, March 27th:**
TSLC Alumni Panel from 7:00-8:00 PM in the NSU Ponderosa Room E. This event is required for 1st-Year Thompson Scholars, but all UNK Thompson Scholars are welcome to attend and learn from our alums!

**Thursday, March 28th:**
TSLC Success Session: Understanding Pre-Professional Programs and Graduate School Exploration at 4:30 PM in Copeland Hall 130.

**Friday, March 29th:**
TSLC Outstanding Student Award nominations are due by 5 PM.
Student of the Week

Name: Leigh-Anne Lehmann

Hometown: Eustis, NE

Major: Biology

What is the best part about being a Thompson Scholar? I really appreciate the free printing! Otherwise, all of the awesome friends and being part of a community of people is a great experience.

What is your favorite word or phrase that you say most often? “Life is rough.”

What motivates you? My parents. They always supported me in any way that they could by never missing a game, meet, or activity. They invested so much time in me and I want to make them proud!

What do you love to talk about? Puppies and food. Specifically, my Australian Shepherd, Micky, and pizza.

What would you like to be doing in twenty years? Coming home from work and eating supper with my family at the dinner table. Followed by snuggles from our dog while my husband and I compete to solve Wheel of Fortune puzzles on TV.

If you could time-travel, where would you go? Back to the Roaring 20’s. The Great Gatsby makes it seem like such an awesome time and I would be able to meet my great-grandmother as a teenager!

What scares you? Monks and people in animal costumes (ex. Louie the Loper).

If you had unlimited resources, what scientific or medical problem would you work to solve? I would want to find a cure for Alzheimer’s. I work in a care home and have seen the toll it takes on the family and the resident. It’s devastating to watch it progress through someone important to you, especially when that person is physically healthy.

TSLC/TRIO Success Sessions

Only six TSLC/TRIO Success Sessions remain this spring semester. Make sure you have planned on your calendar for the sessions you will attend to meet TSLC expectations. Please bring a writing utensil to the session, arrive on time to receive credit for attendance, and sign-in on the sign-in sheets near the entrance.

• All 1st-Year Thompson Scholars must attend at least three sessions
• All UNK Thompson Scholars may attend any session of interest

If you have questions, please see Yao Zheng. Thanks!

The Last Day to Drop a UNK Full Semester Spring 2019 Course is this Friday, March 8th

We encourage students to stop by and talk with a TSLC staff member before dropping any classes. It is important that students consider scholarship and university implications before dropping classes, especially if doing so would impact full-time student status (enrollment in at least 12 credit hours).

Of course, talking with primary academic advisors is a wise and valuable component of academic decision making as well. Do not hesitate to contact your advisors if you need help considering options and thinking about how dropping a course may impact your future progress to graduation.

TSLC Outstanding Student Awards

The TSLC program is requesting nominations for our 1st-Year and 2nd-Year Thompson Scholars for TSLC Outstanding Student Awards.

Faculty, TSLC staff, and fellow Thompson Scholars will be able to submit nominations electronically until Friday, March 29th at 5:00 PM. These awards are an opportunity for students to be recognized who are contributing above what is expected of them as members of the community, in the classroom, and beyond. Nominees should have demonstrated actions which embody our TSLC Vision of “Live-Learn-Connect-Succeed” in ways that caught your attention and/or exceeded your expectations this academic year.

Please complete your nominations at the following link for consideration by Friday, March 29th at 5:00 PM:
https://goo.gl/forms/U5PRVk4jtbA2mQxg2

If you have questions, please see Yao Zheng. Thanks!