**TSLC Annual Survey for 1st and 2nd-Year Thompson Scholars**

On April 8th, all 1st and 2nd-year Thompson Scholars will be receiving an email with the link to the Thompson Scholars Learning Community (TSLC) Annual Survey via UNK Loppermail. This survey provides the TSLC Staff with key information used to evaluate many components of the learning community including programs, academics, and student engagement.

In years past, the TSLC community has provided incredibly valuable feedback to help us improve the program, as well as to provide key information to the Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation. We expect to have near or at a 100% return rate this year, as we have had in years past. The estimated completion time to take this survey is 10 minutes.

We value your feedback, and hope you will be open and honest with us so that we can better serve future Thompson Scholars. The survey will be open for about three weeks, until **April 26th at 5PM**. Reminder emails to complete the survey will be sent regularly, so we encourage you to complete it as soon as possible to avoid these reminders. Should you have any questions regarding the survey, or notice that you do not receive it in your Loppermail on April 8th, please contact Scotty Seeba for assistance at seebash@unk.edu.

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**TSLC is Looking for Qualified Student Leaders!**

- **Peer Academic Leader (PAL):** Apply by April 17th - August 2019 to May 2020

Information about this position has been shared via email with all UNK Thompson Scholars. Application materials are available, and can be requested from Scotty Seeba, TSLC Associate Director. Stop by the office to visit with him or email him for application materials at seebash@unk.edu.

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**TSLC/TRIO Success Sessions**

Only two TSLC/TRIO Success Sessions remain this spring semester, including one that takes place this Thursday. 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 Thompson Scholars are welcome to attend any offered session**

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

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**Upcoming Events:**

**Thursday, April 11th:**
TSLC Success Session:
What Are You Paying for at UNK?
At 7:00 PM in Copeland Hall 130.

**Wednesday, April 17th:**
TSLC PAL applications and two references are due by 5:00 PM.

**Wednesday, April 17th:**
End of the Year Group Picture and Awards Program from 4:45 PM - 6:15 PM at the UNK Health and Sports Center. Required for all 1st-Year Thompson Scholars; wear your UNK TSLC shirt for the event.

**Thursday, April 18th:**
TSLC Success Session:
Professionalism & Leadership at 7:00 PM in Copeland Hall 130.

**Thursday, April 18th:**
Final Day of TSLC Study Hours for the Spring 2019 term.

**Friday, April 26th:**
TSLC surveys are to be completed by 5 PM. Please see your Lopermail account for the survey from TSLC.

**April 29th - May 2nd:**
Finals Week at UNK.

**Thursday, May 2nd:**
UNK TSLC Graduation Reception.
1:30-2:30 PM in the Health Sciences Education Complex Atrium (UNMC Building). All Thompson Scholars are welcome to attend and celebrate our graduates!

**Friday, May 3rd:**
UNK Commencement at 10:00 AM in the UNK Health and Sports Center.
Student of the Week
Name: Bethany Tebbe
Hometown: David City, NE
Major: Music Education

What is the best part about being a Thompson Scholar? Being a Thompson Scholar has been such an enabler in life. I don't have to work in order to make money for classes. The staff is supportive of not only my educational success but also my personal development.

What's the biggest challenge you have ever faced? By far my biggest challenge was coming out to my family and friends. I received mixed feedback and lost the connections I had with several people. Over time I have come to not care nearly as much about what others think of me and I learned to love myself.

What motivates you? The thought of being better than what people expect me to be. I enjoy proving others wrong and exceeding the bar that they set for me.

What do you love to talk about? If you are around me you know that I have five main topics of conversation: Food, politics, music, classes, and random facts/conspiracy theories.

What would you like to be doing in twenty years? Teaching private lessons and elementary music and researching early childhood education or infant music processing. But life will take me where I am supposed to go.

What is the most incredible item or exhibit you have ever seen in a museum? I went to an art museum in Minneapolis and they were offering an art tour but your guide was an interpretive dancer who would have you close your eyes and they lead you around the gallery and danced while you looked at art.

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Summer Term Classes with the Susan Thompson Buffett Scholarship Award

If you are considering taking classes this summer as a Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation (STBF) scholarship recipient, you may have questions about summer classes and how the scholarship can be utilized.

Per the STBF scholarship award:
- Students can use the STBF scholarship at UNK
- Students can split the STBF scholarship between UNK & another public institution in the state of Nebraska
- Students can use the STBF scholarship at other public institutions in NE

Depending on the number of enrolled hours during the summer term, and where students enroll in those hours, there are steps for students to complete to ensure that students are given the correct financial aid/scholarship funding for the summer term. This information has been distributed via email to students, and the summer term information can also be easily accessed on the TSLC website: [http://www.unk.edu/offices/tslc/summer_term_award_info.php](http://www.unk.edu/offices/tslc/summer_term_award_info.php)

Buffett scholarship recipients are responsible to read the summer term information and follow the instructions if enrolling for summer term classes. As a reminder, the summer term is much different than the regular academic year in terms of enrollment dates, drop/add dates, and financial aid processes. Students are also welcome to talk with a TSLC staff member about individual questions; financial aid questions should be directed to the financial aid offices at the institution where students plan to enroll.

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Transferring with the Buffett Scholarship

This time of year, many students are making plans for the next academic year; for some students, that may involve transferring to another institution. This may happen if a student needs to continue with a program of study not offered at the current institution, or needs to transfer to a school that offers specific professional coursework (such as UNMC).

You may use your Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Scholarship funds for courses taken at UNK, UNL, UNO, or at other public Nebraska colleges and community colleges. The Buffett Scholarship also applies to certain UNMC programs. As current UNK students with the Buffett Scholarship, if you decide to transfer to another college full-time, it is necessary for you to be admitted to the next institution before requesting a transfer of scholarship. Next, students complete an online transfer form to begin the scholarship transfer process; the NU Scholarship Director receives the form and begins communication with the Buffett Foundation, learning community programs, and financial aid offices. You can find the transfer form on the UNK TSLC website: [https://app.buffettscholarships.org/request/Transfer](https://app.buffettscholarships.org/request/Transfer)

If you are thinking of transferring, please set up an appointment with a TSLC staff member to discuss other aspects of the transfer process; the scholarship transfer form does not apply to other details such as student bills, transcripts, housing, etc. Also, be aware that if you transfer your scholarship and then do not meet the scholarship or learning community expectations for the scholarship, your funding or scholarship status can be altered per the award terms.