



Spring 2019

Welcome UNK Thompson Scholar!

Congratulations on receiving the Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Scholarship at the University of Nebraska Kearney (UNK) beginning fall 2019! As a Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Scholarship recipient, once you accept your scholarship, you automatically become a member of the Thompson Scholars Learning Community, or TSLC. The Thompson Learning Communities, which are funded by the Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation at UNO, UNL and UNK, were named in honor of Susan Thompson Buffett's father, William H. Thompson.

With the addition of the new scholarship recipients, there will be over 450 Thompson Scholars enrolled at UNK this fall 2019; students are provided support services and opportunities based on their academic level. The TSLC Program focuses heavily on the first year when students are making a transition to college. The UNK TSLC website includes information specifically for new Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Scholarship recipients; please visit the website at http://www.unk.edu/offices/tslc/new_scholarship_recipients_fall.php and be sure to watch the video prepared for you by UNK students with TSLC experience.

Once you have accepted the scholarship, please note the following details related to UNK New Student Enrollment (NSE) and learning community expectations that impact your housing at UNK:

- **Please request to join our group on Facebook: UNK Thompson Scholars Learning Community 2019-2020.** The group will help you to connect with new Thompson Scholars as you introduce yourselves, as well as to interact with TSLC professional and student staff. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/383585542480687/>
- **Each student who accepts the Buffett Scholarship at UNK will receive a phone call from one of our TSLC New Student Enrollment (NSE) Student Assistants just prior to the scheduled NSE visit day; their names are Emely Diaz and Shanelle Johnson, and they are UNK Thompson Scholars too!** The TSLC NSE Student Assistant will spend a few moments visiting with you via phone to learn a little about you, and provide some reminders prior to your NSE visit. Please be sure to connect with one of them ahead of your NSE visit day when they call, or call them back if they leave you a message.
- **For those of you who attend UNK New Student Enrollment (NSE) in May and June, after you attend the Summit Fair and Rotating Information Sessions, TSLC Staff will greet you at a table in the Nebraskan Student Union during NSE check-in between 12:00-12:15 PM. For those of you who attend NSE on Tuesday, July 16, TSLC Staff will greet you at a table in the Nebraskan Student Union during check-in at UNK New Student Enrollment between 9:00-9:15 AM.** When we greet you, TSLC staff member(s) will give you important materials for that day, including a list of TSLC classes to use during registration.
- **At the conclusion of your NSE day, the TSLC staff will provide a required presentation in Mantor Hall. We anticipate this will be at about 4:20 PM for afternoon sessions and at 1:15 PM for the one offered morning session.** As the NSE day concludes, we ask all Thompson Scholars and guests to gather in the NSU at the TSLC table where we first greeted you; we will walk together to Mantor Hall for the TSLC presentation.

- **During UNK New Student Enrollment (NSE) you will sign up for TWO TSLC-designated classes when you meet with an advisor.** Academic advisors are notified in advance that you are a Thompson Scholar; as you register for fall, you will register for one freshmen seminar course (1.0 hour) and one other general studies class (3.0 hours) that day. You will be provided with the information on classes at NSE and you can also find the TSLC class information at this link:
http://www.unk.edu/offices/tslc/files/2019-2020_unk_tsdc_academicplan.pdf
- **1st-Year UNK Thompson Scholars will be housed together in Mantor Hall.** This is an exclusive community for the 1st-Year Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Scholarship recipients; thus, as part of our program, you will room with a fellow Thompson Scholar. **Tours of Mantor Hall will be available during the New Student Enrollment Summit Fair and Rotating Information Sessions.**
 - If you have not yet completed your housing application through your MyBlue student account, please designate yourself for the Thompson Scholars Learning Community (Mantor Hall) under the Special Interest Section; you do not need to choose a room as Residence Life will assign you a room in the Thompson Scholars Learning Community. Please complete your application as soon as possible before coming to NSE.
 - If you have already completed a housing application and/or selected a room on campus, you will be automatically reassigned to a room that is held for the Thompson Scholars Learning Community; you do not need to self-select a room in Mantor Hall.
 - If you know of another incoming 1st-Year Thompson Scholar with whom you would like to room, you may go back into the housing application and make changes, so that incoming Thompson Scholar student becomes your preferred/accepted roommate for placement; **this must be completed by Monday, May 20th at 5:00 PM.**
 - If you do not indicate a preferred/accepted roommate on your application, you will be assigned a roommate in the community based on the roommate preferences from the housing application. Initial housing placements for incoming Thompson Scholars will be made **the week of May 20th**, so it is in your best interest to complete your housing application as soon as possible.

When your assignment has been made you will receive an email from the Office of Residence Life. Questions about the housing application can be directed to Rebecca Doubet, Residence Life Business Manager, at 308-865-8519 or housing@unk.edu.

- Finally, if you have special circumstances that would possibly keep you from living on campus (you are married, a parent, or already live in Kearney with family), please contact Jennifer Harvey, TSLC Director, at 308-865-8364 to discuss your situation.

You can learn more details on the UNK TSLC Website: <http://www.unk.edu/thompson> and you are welcome to call our office to ask questions at 308-865-8364. The Thompson Scholars Learning Community Staff is looking forward to meeting you at NSE this summer.

Sincerely,



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