Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, February 26th:
Completed Mid-Semester Grade Check Forms are due to the TSLC office by 5 PM.

Wednesday, February 26th:
2nd-Year Scholars: Interview Skills Presentation and Community Dinner with Alumni. From 6:00-8:00 PM in the NSU Ponderosa Room E.

Wednesday, March 4th:
1st-Year Scholars: Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Presentation and Dessert Social. From 6:30-8:00 PM in NSU Ponderosa Room E.

Friday, March 13th:
Last day to drop a full semester class with a “W” in lieu of a grade.

Tuesday, March 17th:
TSLC Community Conversations from 3:30-4:30 PM in the Mantor Hall Main Lounge. All Thompson Scholars are encouraged to attend. Featured Guest: Nebraska College of Law.

Friday, March 20th:
TSLC Outstanding Student Award nominations are due by 5 PM.

Friday, April 3rd:
2nd-Year Scholars: Major/Career Exploration Assignment is due to the TSLC Office.

Sunday, April 5th:
2nd-Year Scholars: Halfway to Graduation Celebration. 6:00-8:00 PM at the Holiday Inn. Business attire is required.

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 can submit nominations electronically until Friday, March 20th at 5:00 PM. Nominations require nominators to submit their names, the name of the nominee, and 500 words or less describing why the nominee is worthy of a TSLC Outstanding Student Award.

All nominations will be reviewed by the TSLC staff team and awards will be presented to a select few individuals. Selected 1st-Year students will be awarded at their TSLC End of the Year event on Wednesday, April 29th, while selected 2nd-Year students will be awarded at the TSLC Halfway to Graduation Celebration on Sunday, April 5th. As awards are presented, nominators will not be identified and only brief selections of the nomination may be shared. These awards are an opportunity for students to be recognized who are contributing beyond what is expected of them as members of the community and in the classroom. 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.

Examples that may be worthy of a nomination for students include:

- Serving as a leader and/or role model in the classroom and/or beyond the classroom
- Maximizing academic opportunities presented at UNK
- Embracing opportunities offered at UNK for student development
- Providing outstanding care or service to fellow Thompson Scholars
- Committing to high standards which show a dedication to student success
- Demonstrating exceptional courage, resilience, work ethic, or creativity while enrolled as a student
- Offering service to the campus/community through volunteer service which made a significant impact

Please complete your nominations at the following link for consideration by Friday, March 20th at 5:00 PM: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfLo4eZD_9_x_IsYBqAaN0amQjKsWEabfTNko7UxczkjHotWQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

We had a great turn out at our TSLC Community Conversations event on February 20th; many students were able to collect information about graduate studies programs at UNK. Join us for the next TSLC Community Conversations event on March 17th where our featured guest will be the Nebraska College of Law.
Student of the Week

Name: Nathan Allan
Hometown: Gibbon, NE
Major: Business Administration with an Emphasis in Finance

What is the best part about being a Thompson Scholar? The best part of being a Thompson scholar is the people that I have been able to meet. I would not have met some of my closest friends if it wasn’t for TSLC.

What do you wish your phone could do? I wish my phone could freeze time which would allow me to take a nap whenever I want.

What is one food that you would never give up? I could never give up Mexican food.

What do you binge-watch? I love to binge shows like The Office and Brooklyn 99.

If you could learn anything at all, what would it be? If I could learn anything, I would want to learn how to speak multiple languages.

If you could have a conversation with any historical figure, who would it be? I would love to have a conversation with Teddy Roosevelt.

What are you obsessed with? Star Wars and The Office. I pretty much know everything about them.

What are you grateful for? I’m grateful for the scholarships, such as the Susan Buffett scholarship, that have allowed me to get an education.

What is something you are looking forward to? I’m looking forward to going to Spain and Morocco this summer. I’ve never traveled internationally, so it will be an awesome experience.

2nd-Year Scholars: Interview Skills Presentation and Community Dinner with Alumni

On Wednesday, February 26th, the TSLC will be hosting a community dinner for all 2nd-Year Thompson Scholars. The focus of this event is interview skills; in March and April, each 2nd-Year scholar will have the opportunity to conduct a practice interview with a TSLC staff member while wearing business attire.

Ms. Brenda Jochum, the Associate Director of the College of Business and Technology Career Center, will be the speaker as we begin the evening together, sharing about basic interview skills students should expect to utilize. Next, students will have dinner with TSLC alumni from various professional fields who will share about their experiences with interviews and professional communication; they will also practice some basic interview skills with students seated at their tables.

The TSLC team has been working to secure alumni of our TSLC program from many majors and career fields to attend this community dinner. A few of our alumni are in graduate school, while others are in professional careers. Students will be assigned to tables based on having similar majors as the alumni or interest in related fields. We have alumni joining us who are business owners, nurses, educators, police officers, social workers, and from multiple roles in the business sector.

Following discussion at individual tables, our alumni will have an opportunity to interact with the audience and share some final tips about student involvement as undergraduates and preparing for professional life after college.

Please contact Julie Smith at the TSLC office if you have an academic conflict that evening. We are looking forward to having you interact with many of our TSLC alumni and advancing your interview skills so that you are better prepared for your interviews with TSLC later this semester.

Mid-Semester Grade Check Form Due 2/26/20

Completion of the TSLC Mid-Semester Grade Check Form is required as part of our program expectations for 1st and 2nd-Year Thompson Scholars, for spring transfer TSLC students, as well as Thompson Scholars on scholarship probation, learning community warning, or academic warning with the TSLC Program. The form will require students to calculate their GPA once all grades have been collected; please use the suggested GPA calculator on the form. This form is due to the TSLC Office by Wednesday, February 26th at 5 PM; please have it folded or in an envelope when you turn it in to keep your academic information private.

The TSLC office will make copies of your completed grade check form for you to submit to other programs or offices upon your request. Grade check forms will be reviewed by TSLC Staff; a TSLC staff member will contact a student for an individual meeting if a course grade or the overall GPA is low. 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.