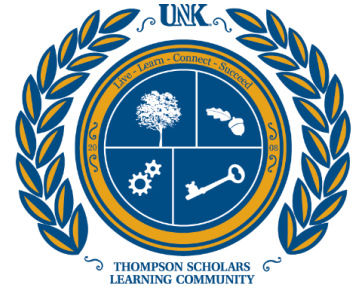


Spring 2021

Welcome UNK Thompson Scholar!



Congratulations on receiving the Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Scholarship at the University of Nebraska Kearney (UNK) beginning fall 2021!

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 350 Thompson Scholars enrolled at UNK this fall 2021; 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:

https://www.unk.edu/offices/tslc/new_scholarship_recipients_fall.php

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 2021-2022.** 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 leaders.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/808026776792319>
- **The following UNK New Student Enrollment (NSE) days have been reserved for Thompson Scholars and you must attend one of the following sessions:**
 - **Tuesday, June 8th, 2021 (in-person morning session OR in-person afternoon session)**
 - **Thursday, June 10th, 2021 (virtual afternoon session)**
 - **Tuesday, June 29th, 2021 (in-person afternoon session)**

If you are not scheduled for one of those days currently, please contact Brad Green at 308-865-8986 or admissions@unk.edu to change to a TSLC day/session. TSLC/Honors Program students should attend a TSLC day; Dr. Hollman has already agreed to this arrangement. Scholars with concerns about attending one of these sessions should contact Jennifer Harvey via email (harveyjj@unk.edu) to discuss options. Please also remember to complete your Health form/immunization records and first homework assignment before coming to NSE.

- **Each student who accepts the Susan Thompson Buffett Scholarship at UNK will receive a phone call from TSLC prior to the scheduled NSE day.** The TSLC staff member will spend a few moments visiting with you via zoom/phone to learn a little about you, and provide some information about TSLC prior to new student enrollment. Please be sure to connect with one of them ahead of your NSE day when they call, or call them back if they leave you a message.
- **The TSLC staff will plan to connect with the group of Thompson Scholars at the end of your session on your scheduled new student enrollment day.** The TSLC staff will provide more specific information ahead of your NSE day about how and when we will meet with you.
- **Thompson Scholars enroll in shared classes as part of the learning community.** Academic advisors are notified in advance that you are a Thompson Scholar to ensure that you register for the required course. Information about the offered TSLC courses will be shared with you prior to NSE.
- **First-Year UNK Thompson Scholars are 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 learning community expectations and upon acceptance of the scholarship, you will room with a fellow Thompson Scholar. (Housing information continues on the next page.)

- If you have not completed your housing application through your MyBLUE student account > Tools > Campus Housing, please do so by **Sunday, May 9th at 11:59 PM**. If you have concerns about paying the \$50 housing application fee to meet the deadline, please email housing@unk.edu for options.
- Once your housing application is complete:
 - All 1st-year Thompson Scholar students are placed in a group to view other Thompson Scholars for roommate matching.
 - To search for a roommate, log-in to the housing application through MyBLUE, go to the [Roommate Group] page. There are three ways to search for a roommate: by name or keyword, profile – to see a good match based on questions answered, or suggested roommates – with best matches rising to the top. You can add other keywords such as “Honors,” “Band,” or “Athletics” to help you find additional matches.
 - To confirm your roommate, one person must become the group leader and [Create A Group], provide group name and password to the potential roommate. Then the roommate selects [Join Group], types in group name and password provided, then group leader must [Accept] the match.
 - Roommate selection ends in the MyBLUE housing application on **Sunday, May 16th at 11:59 PM**.
 - **If you do not accept a roommate on your application by Sunday, May 16th, a roommate will be assigned within the community based on your profile questions.**

*Please note: If you were previously selected to live in another learning community, you will be moved to Mantor Hall with TSLC upon accepting the Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Scholarship. We partner with the other learning community programs at our campus, and they know Thompson Scholars must live in Mantor Hall for the first year.

- If you have not yet been admitted to UNK, please complete your housing application as soon as you have been admitted. Your room assignment will be made after you complete your application, and roommate options may be more limited.
- Finally, if you have special circumstances that would possibly keep you from living on campus (you are married, a parent, have an accommodations plan for housing, or already live in Kearney with family), please contact Jennifer Harvey, TSLC Director, at 308-865-8364 to discuss your situation.

Residence Life will assign students a room in the Thompson Scholars Learning Community in Mantor Hall by the end of May. **When your assignment is made an email confirmation is sent from housing@unk.edu**. Residence Life is happy to help with any questions you may have about the housing application by contacting Becky, Residence Life Business Manager, at 308-865-8872 or housing@unk.edu.

You can learn more details on the UNK TSLC website: <https://www.unk.edu/offices/tslc/> and you are welcome to email us with your questions at tslc@unk.edu. The UNK TSLC staff is excited to connect with you this summer and to welcome you to our TSLC family.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Harvey, TSLC Director



Dr. Julie Campbell, TSLC Faculty Coordinator



Chuanyao (Yao) Zheng, TSLC Associate Director



Julie Smith, TSLC Assistant Director