Upcoming Events:

**Tuesday, January 16th:**
TSLC Study Hours begin for the Spring 2018 term.

**Tuesday, January 16th:**
TSLC Success Session:
National Student Exchange at 4:30 PM in Copeland Hall 130.

**Thursday, January 18th:**
Hypnotist, Jim Wand, from 8:00-10:00 PM in the NSU Ponderosa Room. 1st-Year Thompson Scholars will meet and attend in mentor groups. This is the required event for January.

**Thursday, January 25th:**
TSLC Success Session:
How to Interview Effectively at 7:00 PM in Copeland Hall 130.

**Thursday, February 1st:**
TSLC Success Session:
How to Search and Prepare for Internships at 2:00 PM in Copeland Hall 130.

**Wednesday, February 7th:**
TSLC Success Session:
Scholarship Essay Writing at 3:30 PM in Copeland Hall 130.

**Wednesday, February 7th:**
UNK Career Fair for 2nd-Year DECIDED Thompson Scholars (non-education majors). Academic and Career Services sponsors the event from 12:30-3:30 PM at the Health & Sports Center.

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**Hypnotist Jim Wand: January Event for 1st-Year Thompson Scholars**

On Thursday, January 18th at 8:00PM, the 1st-Year Thompson Scholars will attend the performance by hypnotist Jim Wand. Tickets for the show will need to be picked up and signed for in the Thompson Scholars Office before noon on Thursday, January 18th. Consult with your mentor to see if you will walk to the event as a group, or if you will meet in the Union. This is the required event for January. If you have an academic commitment during the same time, please contact Yao prior to the event. Enjoy the show!

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**National Student Exchange: Application Open**

Applications are being accepted now for participation in the National Student Exchange (NSE) Program. National Student Exchange (NSE) is a program that allows UNK students the opportunity to go on exchange for one or two semesters to one of over 180 different colleges and universities within the U.S. UNK is the only school in Nebraska that participates in NSE. Many times, UNK students can continue to pay UNK’s tuition rate while on exchange, or they pay the visiting schools in-state tuition rate. You can view the list of exchange colleges at the following website: [https://www.unk.edu/student_resources/national-student-exchange/index.php](https://www.unk.edu/student_resources/national-student-exchange/index.php)

In order to be eligible, students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher, have sophomore standing at the time of placement, be a full-time student, and be in good standing at UNK. Students interested in participating in the NSE program need to submit an application, which includes a study statement and 3 letters of recommendation. Applications are available in the Admissions Office. The application deadline is February 23rd and includes a $200 non-refundable application fee. Students will be notified of their placements in early March after a placement exchange takes place. If you are interested in participating in the NSE program, please contact Lee Ann Amm directly at amml@unk.edu or 308-865-8526.

Thompson Scholars must complete a request form to receive funding/approve to participate in NSE. The Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation reviews each request and approves scholarship funds on a case-by-case basis. Your request must be submitted for review by specific deadlines prior to the start date of the program to be eligible for scholarship funds; please see the deadlines specified at the end of this article. Approval can later be denied if you do not remain in good academic standing; students will also have to submit their grades to the TSLC Director upon their return to verify good academic standing for STBF. To access the Study Abroad/Student Exchange request form, please visit the link below. If you have questions about NSE and the Buffett Scholarship, please contact the TSLC Office for assistance. [https://app.buffettscholarships.org/request/StudyAbroad](https://app.buffettscholarships.org/request/StudyAbroad)

**Deadline to request approval of scholarship funds for National Student Exchange:**
For the Fall Semester - August 1st
For the Spring Semester - December 1st
For the Summer Semester - April 1st

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**LIVE ~ LEARN ~ CONNECT ~ SUCCEED**
Student of the Week
Name: Tahya Jerabek
Hometown: Farwell, NE
Major: Elementary Education
What is the best part about being a Thompson Scholar? The best part of being a Thompson Scholar is knowing that I will always have people I can go to if I ever need help with anything.

In your opinion, what is the greatest movie ever made? The greatest movies ever made are the High School Musical movies.

Who inspires you most and why? My dad inspires me because he is a farmer and I see him working hard every day.

What would you like to be doing in twenty years? In twenty years, I would like to be an elementary teacher and be married with a family of my own.

What is your favorite song? One of my favorite songs is My Girl by Dylan Scott.

What moment in your life would you like to replay? If I could, I would replay my brother’s wedding day because it was a lot of fun and it was nice to see family.

What is your favorite season of the year and why? My favorite season is fall because I love seeing the leaves change colors and the cool, fall weather.

What is one thing you have always dreamed of doing? I have always dreamed of going to Hawaii and swimming with dolphins.

Where is your favorite place to be? One of my favorite places to be is Memorial Stadium in Lincoln on Husker game days.

What is something you wish you would never have to worry about again? I wish I would never have to worry about being short of money.

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Spring 2018 Success Sessions

This Spring, the TSLC is partnering with the UNK TRiO-SSS Program to provide fourteen Success Sessions. Thompson Scholars are encouraged to attend any and all sessions that they believe will be interesting or helpful; 1st-Year students are required to attend three sessions and 2nd-Year students are required to attend one session. Please be sure to bring a writing utensil, sign-in at each event, and attend the full session to meet TSLC attendance expectations; each session lasts approximately one hour.

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TSU Grocery Bingo
Who: Thompson Scholars United
What: Grocery Bingo
(Have the chance to win useful items for any college student by playing bingo)
When: Wednesday, January 17th, 2018 at 8:00 PM
Where: Mantor Hall Main Lounge

TSLC Mentor Applications for the 2018-2019 academic year are due January 31st by 5 PM.
Please direct questions to Scott Seeba (seebash@unk.edu) about the position or application process.