Upcoming Events:

**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.

**Thursday, February 15th:**
TSLC Success Session: Study Abroad: Student Panel at 5:00 PM in Copeland Hall 130.

**Sunday, February 18th:**
Engage for Success: Skill Development for Your Future Career presentation for all 1st and 2nd-Year Thompson Scholars. 4:00-6:30 PM at the Holiday Inn; the event will include a workshop and a meal.

**Thursday, February 22nd:**
TSLC Success Session: So You Want to Live Off Campus? at 3:30 PM in Copeland Hall 130.

UNK Continuing Student Scholarships

The UNK Continuing Scholarships are scholarships for students that do well academically while attending UNK; these scholarships do not take into account your grades or activities from high school. Here is how the system works: UNK takes the generous donations that it has received over the years, invests it, and uses the interest from this fund to give back to students. Last year UNK gave out scholarships to hundreds of students, with a combined value of over $1,000,000.

This sizeable fund is only accessible when you apply for the UNK Continuing Scholarships. If you fail to apply, no matter how outstanding your UNK grades are, you will not be considered for the money that is being given out through this program. To access the application, log onto your MyBlue and click the Continuing Student Scholarship icon that will be on the homepage. To apply for these scholarships, you fill out only one application, and then your application information is submitted to the many committees on campus who select the UNK Continuing Scholarship recipients.

The UNK Continuing Scholarships provide a great opportunity to secure additional funding to pursue your education. You do not need to be a certain academic level to apply; as long as you have an established UNK GPA, are currently enrolled, and will be registered for classes during the 2018-2019 academic year, you are eligible for these scholarships. The applications are available beginning February 1st, and close on February 28th at 11:59:59 PM. **As part of the application, an essay may be required; we recommend attending the February 7th Success Session at 3:30 PM in Copeland Hall 130 to help you learn more about writing a strong essay.** If you have any questions, contact the Office of Financial Aid at 865-8520 or visit their office in the Memorial Student Affairs Building (MSAB).

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Spring 2018 Thompson Scholars Learning Community Faculty
Front Row (L to R): Ms. Betty Jacques (Biology); Ms. Janice Fronczak (Theatre); Dr. Krista Fritson (Psychology); Dr. Julie Campbell (Criminal Justice); & Dr. Derek Boeckner (Mathematics).

Back Row (L to R): Ms. Monica Mueller (Counseling and School Psychology); Dr. Seth Long (English); Dr. David Vail (History); Dr. Ralph Hanson (Communication); Dr. Martha Kruse (English); & Mr. Aaron Blackman (Communication).

Not Pictured: Dr. Jeremy Dillon (Geography) & Mr. Ted Larsen (Family Studies).
Student of the Week
Name: Kira Oberschulte
Hometown: Grand Island, NE
Major: Pre-Nursing

What is the best part about being a Thompson Scholar? My favorite part about being a Thompson Scholar would be the friends we make. We get a lot of opportunities to make lifelong friends, by living with them, doing activities, and having classes together.

What three words would your closest friends use to describe you? Three words my friends would describe me as would energetic, thoughtful, and passionate.

Who inspires you most and why? The person that inspires me the most would have to be my big sister. She has gone through a lot of tough times in her life so far and has to work so hard to be where she is at. She graduated from college with honors, being the president of clubs, and is now a second-year teacher. She inspires me because she has proved that no matter your background or your challenges if you want something bad enough you can make it happen.

What is your favorite song? Right now, my favorite song is Scars by Sam Smith. I may have a little obsession right now.

What is your greatest talent/skill? My greatest skill is probably that I am proactive. I like to get things done and know that it will be done correctly.

If you could wake up tomorrow having gained a new talent, what would it be? If I could wake up with a new skill it would be, being organized. I always try but it never stays very organized for very long.

What are you obsessed with? I am obsessed with cheetah print. I have cheetah print everything! You name it, I probably have it.

If you had $1 million to donate to one cause/organization, what would it be? If I had a million dollars to donate to an organization it would be American Cancer Society. I have had a lot of people that I am close with been affected by cancer and I would like to help make a change.

Academic Success Habits in a New Term
At mid-year, students may feel they have figured out how college works, and slack off on some basic academic habits. The mentality of doing “enough to get by” can result in students not working up to their potential, or worse, getting too far behind to earn the grades necessary for their scholarship requirements and other academic expectations. This can put students in a bind financially, but also can impact the long-term goal of reaching graduation.

Having had conversations with many students this first few weeks, the TSLC staff generated a list of reminders for students. Many of these tips are shared on day one of 1st-Year orientation, but are relevant until the day you graduate:

• Go to class. No matter if it is required in the syllabus or not.
• Buy your books. Don’t try to borrow them from a friend, or wait a month to get them via mail just to save a bit of money. Invest in you.
• Plan out your semester by writing your readings, assignments, tests, projects into your calendar. Use your calendar daily. Plan ahead to get tasks done by breaking them down into smaller sections so you don’t get overwhelmed. Complete everything by deadlines.
• Visit instructors during office hours. Ask for help when needed. Your questions aren’t dumb and they are here to help you.
• Create sleep and exercise habits that promote your wellness. When these areas of life are not made a priority, you may not be able to give your best efforts to your academics.
• Read your emails. Everyday. Respond if you are asked to do so.
• Seek assistance if you are having troubles. The TSLC staff, as well as other staff and faculty here at UNK are here to help. Whether you are having financial troubles, personal issues, or academic difficulties, there are many resources here at UNK to turn to. Be proactive by reaching out rather than bottling up the issues; this is a healthy coping skill that can help you reach a solution.
• Set a GPA goal for the term. Don’t hope for a grade; you must engage in reviewing the points offered in your class and calculate what you must do to earn it. Your end of term grades should never be a surprise.

Remember, no one comes to college with the plan to struggle or fail. Plan to do well by developing a disciplined academic routine and sticking to it. That doesn’t mean you won’t ever have difficulties, but it certainly lessens the efforts you have to make in terms of recovery.