Upcoming Events:

Monday, January 8th:
Spring 2018 classes begin.

Wednesday, January 10th:
TSLC Success Session: How to Ask for Letters of Recommendation at 6:30 PM in Copeland Hall 130.

Monday, January 15th:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No classes and the UNK campus is closed.

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.

Spring 2018 TSLC Study Hours Information

Study hours will begin on Tuesday, January 16th, 2018. 1st-year students are required to complete 60 minutes of study hours at these locations every week, other than Spring Break week, through Thursday, April 19th. Students who do not complete study hours as required will have to meet with Yao Zheng or Maddie Moor. The TSLC PALs and Study Hour Proctors will be facilitating the study hours in the Mantor Seminar Room and the UNK Library during these hours on a weekly basis:

Mantor Hall Seminar Room (For Mantor Hall Residents Only)
Sunday – Thursday (6:00 PM – 9:00 PM)

UNK Library
Monday – Thursday (12:30 PM – 9:00 PM)

Study hours incentives will be offered again this semester. The top five students with the most minutes will be rewarded at the semester’s end. Students who attend every week will also receive an incentive. The student with the most accumulated hours will receive up to $50 in merchandise from the UNK Antelope Bookstore.

If you have questions about TSLC study hours, please contact Yao Zheng at the TSLC Office, by email at zhengc1@unk.edu, or by calling the office at 308-865-8364.

TSLC Success Sessions Begin~ How to Ask for Letters of Recommendation

A TSLC Success Session on how to ask for letters of recommendation will be presented this Wednesday, January 10th at 6:30 PM in Copeland Hall 130 by Jennifer Harvey. Students often ask UNK faculty and staff members to write letters of recommendation. During the spring term, students frequently run for office in student organizations, apply for summer jobs or internships, and/or apply for campus positions/programs for the following academic year; thus, knowing how to ask for recommendations is important so that you can secure positive recommendations by the necessary deadlines.

The presentation will help students to learn about the timeline for asking for a letter of recommendation, how to decide whom to ask for a letter, the details students should provide when asking someone to complete a letter, and basic etiquette students should follow through this process. We invite you to attend and sharpen your professional skills.

A complete listing of the Success Sessions can be accessed here, and the next newsletter will also include a complete listing of the Spring sessions:

TSLC Mentor Applications for 2018-2019: Due 1/31/18

The Thompson Scholars Learning Community is currently accepting applications for mentors during the 2018-2019 academic year. The mentor position is open to any Thompson Scholar who will be enrolled full-time at UNK during Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 (12+ credit hours) and have obtained sophomore academic status (more than 27 credit hours completed) by end of Summer 2018. At the time of application, preference for interviews will be given to students who have earned at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA; applicants who have earned below the cumulative GPA may not receive full consideration for an interview. The TSLC mentor position has a time commitment of approximately 10 hours per week, and is a great way to give back to the community while building skills in communication, time management, and leadership. Compensation for the mentor positions will be a double room and board waiver for Mantor Hall and the Loper Meal Plan for the 2018-2019 academic year.

If you are interested in applying, please email Scotty(seebash@unk.edu) to receive the application materials and instructions for securing recommendations. Applications and recommendations are due by January 31st, 2018 at 5PM to receive full consideration.

The TSLC Program welcomes the new transfer Thompson Scholars to UNK, and welcomes back the returning Thompson Scholars for the Spring 2018 term. We look forward to working with you towards your academic and personal goals this semester!

1st-Year Expectations for Spring 2018

Spring semester ushers in new learning community expectations for TSLC 1st-Year students. The TSLC works with 1st-Year students to transition into more independent choices and time management during this semester. Specific information has been distributed to you via email, and the mentors will distribute paper copies at your first meetings as well. Please add these required and independently selected events on your calendar so that you can attend and meet your learning community expectations. While many of the expectations remain similar to the fall term, there are a few changes that you should be aware of, including:

1st-Year students will schedule and attend meetings on a bi-weekly basis with their TSLC mentor, rather than weekly, as was done this past semester. Please connect with your mentor the first week of classes to schedule your regular meetings this term; scheduled meetings will begin either the second or third week of classes.

1st-Year students must attend three Success Sessions, which are selected individually by students. The TSLC, in partnership with the TRIO–SSS Program, is providing 14 Success Sessions to choose from this Spring. While 1st-Year students must attend at least three, you are welcome to attend as many as you are interested in. Be sure to sign-in at each session and attend the full session to receive “credit” for attending: you will not receive credit if you show up late to a session.

If you have general concerns about expectations, feel free to contact any TSLC staff member. Questions regarding Success Sessions, study hours, and events are best directed to Yao, who manages those expectations.

Student of the Week

Name: Logan Johansen
Hometown: Utica, NE
Major: International Studies

What is the best part about being a Thompson Scholar? The best part about being a Thompson Scholar is the sense of community. Everyone helps and supports each other when they need it.

What three words would your closest friends use to describe you? They would describe me as funny, intelligent, and well-rounded.

If you could look into the future and know one thing, what would it be? I would look into the future and see where my life didn’t go as planned, and then work to resolve the issue now.

In your opinion, what is the greatest movie ever made? I would have to say the Star Wars films, but Forrest Gump is a close second.

What moment in your life would you like to replay? I would replay the moment when I first saw Times Square in NYC. It was unbelievable.

What is your favorite season of the year and why? My favorite season is summer, as long as it isn’t too hot. During the summer, I have time to travel.

What is one thing you have always dreamed of doing? I have always dreamed of being fluent in at least three different languages.

If you could wake up tomorrow having gained a new talent, what would it be? I would have to say the ability to be ambidextrous. Being left-handed is hard sometimes!

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