**Upcoming Events:**

**Wednesday, October 11th:**
Mid-Semester Grade Check Forms are due to the TSLC Office by 5 PM.

**October 14th & 15th:**
Denver Trip for 1st-Year Thompson Scholars.

**October 15th-19th:**
No TSLC Study Hours due to Fall Break.

**October 16th & 17th:**
UNK Fall Break: No Classes.

**Friday, October 20th:**
Last day to drop a full semester class with a “W” in lieu of a grade.
All drops are processed by students using MyBlue.

**Sunday, November 5th:**
Honey Sunday for all 1st-Year Thompson Scholars. More details will be announced at a later date.

**Tuesday, November 7th OR Wednesday, November 8th:**
Résumé Writing Workshop for 2nd-Year Thompson Scholars; students must attend one of the two sessions and come prepared to take notes. 6:30-8:00 PM in Copeland Hall 130.

Due to Fall Break, there will be no TSLC Tribune distributed the week of October 16th. The next edition will be distributed on October 23rd. Thanks!

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**Priority Registration for Spring 2018 for 1st-Year Thompson Scholars**

Each semester, TSLC students in their 1st and 2nd-Year are required to enroll in TSLC classes as a condition of their scholarship. 1st-Year students sometimes found it challenging to build class schedules that included the learning community and other needed classes when they registered after all other UNK students. Thus, the UNK Registrar’s Office allows for a priority registration day for all currently enrolled 1st-Year TSLC students. **The priority registration day for 1st-Year Thompson Scholars to register for Spring 2018 will be Monday, October 30th.** A very detailed plan for TSLC priority registration will be shared with the 1st-Year Thompson Scholars via email this week, and a brief description of the process will be provided here.

First, students will have the opportunity to randomly draw a number, which will designate the order registrations will be processed for Thompson Scholars on October 30th by the Registrar’s Office. This number drawing process will take place on **Wednesday, October 25th** with TSLC staff members. Second, students who wish to take advantage of the TSLC priority registration day must meet with academic advisors to have advising holds lifted, as well as take care of any other holds or registration requirements. Students should have their desired Spring 2018 courses in their MyBlue “shopping cart” by **Friday, October 27th at 5 PM.** Students may not add more than two of the offered TSLC classes to their carts for priority registration. The list of classes for 1st-Year Thompson Scholars for Spring 2018 are available on the UNK TSLC website:


On the morning of **October 30th,** shopping carts will be processed by the Registrar’s Office electronically based on the number drawn by 1st-Year Thompson Scholars. Between 12:00-5:00 PM on October 30th, 1st-Year Thompson Scholars who did not draw number or who need assistance with their priority registration process can visit the Registrar’s Office in Founder’s Hall #123 for help. Only classes appearing in the student’s MyBlue shopping cart are eligible for processing. Registration questions about TSLC courses should be directed at Dr. Robert Luscher, TSLC Faculty Coordinator.

Students who do not take advantage of the TSLC priority registration on the designated date will register according to the registration appointment time as shown on their MyBLUE account. Students who are eligible for other priority registration dates, such as students in the Honors Program, may utilize those processes if they prefer.

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The **2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** is now open for students. Complete your application online as soon as possible to get access to the available funding: https://fafsa.gov/
Please use the UNK Office of Financial Aid as your campus resource to assist with FAFSA completion and/or questions.

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**LIVE ~ LEARN ~ CONNECT ~ SUCCEED**
Preparing for the Denver trip (Article 3/3)

In the past a few weeks, the newsletter featured articles about preparing for the trip and our itinerary. Please be sure to review that information as the trip draws closer. This week, the article will focus on expectations for the Denver trip. Here are some of the expectations for students traveling with our group:

*The buses will LOAD at 7:15 AM and LEAVE by 7:30 AM Saturday, October 14th from the parking lot to the North of Mantor Hall, by Cope Stadium. Please allow sponsors and student staff members to get the bus seats set up and the meals we are taking with us before you load; you will need to check-in with the bus leader and collect an envelope before loading. You will need to share a seat with a friend. Come dressed casually for the start of our day in Denver, which includes traveling there and a visit to the Denver Art Museum. We will go to the hotel mid-afternoon to change into our dressy clothes for Saturday night’s events.

*We will pass out envelopes with itineraries & meal selections when you load, and will pass out your cash before our first lunch stop. We will buy tickets at the museums upon our arrival at those locations for you and will hand out tickets for the show on Saturday night as you leave Maggiano’s. You are responsible for your tickets and for being at the right places at the right times once this information is in your hands. You should each keep track of time via your phone/devices for schedule purposes. Remember, we will change over to Mountain Standard Time (MST) as we travel to Denver.

*Stops along on the way to and from Denver. We need to make our stops quickly to stay on schedule, so plan to exit the bus, use the facilities, and return to the bus so we can roll on!

*Watch the weather forecast in the days leading up to our trip so that you pack appropriate clothing. With it being higher altitude in Denver, it does feel a bit colder there than the temps in NE. Definitely bring a jacket & an umbrella for the trip. Also, we’ll be walking Saturday from our hotel to the restaurant and then from the opera house to the hotel, so pack appropriate footwear and be prepared to carry items such as an umbrella should rain be in the forecast.

*Your hotel rooms have been assigned, and we will announce that information on the bus. The hotel (for safety and security reasons) requires room assignment lists in advance for student groups. Due to this fact, room switching is not allowed. Please follow the instructions given by your room leaders to make checking in and out of the hotel efficient.

*If you choose to walk around downtown area after we are back to the hotel from the show, please return to your hotel rooms by midnight. You are not allowed to participate any events or activities that are not hosted by TSLEC on Saturday evening.

*Dress for the weekend is casual, other than our Saturday evening, when dressy attire is required. Remember that you are representing UNK and the Thompson Scholars Program while on the trip. We plan to take lots of pictures, so wear what would be appropriate for pics to be posted on our TSLEC website and shared with the Buffett Foundation.

*Finally, remember that the UNK Student Code of Conduct and Learning Community Expectations apply on this university-related trip. More details about our expectations for the trip have been shared in the learning skills classes and will be reviewed on the way to Denver. We are utilizing many of the same vendors from previous years; thus, we expect you to leave a wonderful impression as a UNK student group. Act as students who appreciate the generosity of the Buffett Foundation for providing funding to make this educational and cultural trip possible for our community.

We look forward to traveling with all of you to Denver!

(This is the third article in a three article series on the Denver Trip)