Wrapping Up Study Hours: Fall 2018

November 29th is the last day for study hours to be recorded for the TSLC program this semester. There will not be any required TSLC study hours during Dead Week or Finals Week. Special thanks to our PALs and Study Hour Proctors who facilitated the TSLC-sponsored study hours each week.

Did you attend study hours every week of the Fall 2018 semester for at least 60 minutes as a 1st-year Thompson Scholar? If you did, you have earned an incentive to The Big Apple Fun Center in Kearney! The Thompson Scholars who met this weekly expectation will be notified by Yao Zheng via Lopermail during the week of December 3rd. Students who receive this email should stop at the TSLC Office to sign for and receive their incentive before leaving for winter break.

Besides these incentives, we’ll also be rewarding the five students who accumulated the most hours for their dedication to studying this fall term. The student with the most accumulated hours will receive $50 in merchandise at the UNK Antelope Bookstore and the top five students will receive an additional ticket to The Big Apple Fun Center.

Information about spring study hours, which will start on Sunday, January 13th will be included in the January 7th newsletter. We are proud of your academic efforts! Best of luck with finals!

Final Exam Policies and Schedule
Be sure to plan ahead using the UNK Registrar’s Finals Week schedule. http://www.unk.edu/offices/registrar/academic_policies_handbook/
Final_Exam_Schedules.php

Completing the 2019-2020 FAFSA

On October 1st, 2018, the 2019-2020 FAFSA application opened. While some students may have already completed the FAFSA, it is important that students who haven’t finished this process do so soon. Students are able to use their 2017 tax information to complete the 2019-2020 FAFSA. Students who are eligible have to fill out the FAFSA each year to get access to grants, loans, and work study awards. Institutional aid is available on a first-come, first-served basis, so completing the FAFSA application as soon as possible is beneficial to students to access financial resources for 2019-2020.

The first step is to make sure you have all of the personal information needed before beginning the application. The EducationQuest FAFSA Checklist is a helpful tool for gathering the information you need to complete the application: https://www.educationquest.org/pdfs/FAFSAChecklist.pdf

Students who need assistance with completing their FAFSA application, can contact the UNK Financial Aid Office for help. Contact UNK Financial Aid at finaid1@unk.edu via email or call 308-865-8520 to set up an appointment. Even if you are transferring to another institution (like UNMC) you can still get assistance at UNK Financial Aid currently. You can also view tips on their website: http://www.unk.edu/offices/financial_aid/apply-for-aid.php

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, November 28th:
2019-2020 TSLC Mentor Information Session at 4:00 PM in the Mantor Seminar Room.

Sunday, December 2nd:
2nd-Year Thompson Scholars and Fall 2018 transfer students must complete three Financial Avenue courses online by 11:59 PM. Courses required are Psychology of Money, Foundations of Money, and Earning Money.

Wednesday, December 5th:
TSLC Bowling for 1st-Year Thompson Scholars at The Big Apple Fun Center in Kearney from 7:00-9:00 PM.

December 10th-13th:
UNK Finals Week.

December 13th:
UNK TSLC Graduation Reception From 1:30-2:30 PM in the Nebraskan Student Union in the Antelope Room. All Thompson Scholars are invited to come celebrate our December graduates!

Friday, December 14th:
UNK Winter Commencement Ceremony at 10:00 AM in the UNK Health and Sports Center.

Did You Know?
As of Summer 2018, 387 Thompson Scholars have graduated from UNK since the program started in 2008. The first Thompson Scholars to graduate at UNK celebrated commencement in December 2011.
**Reminder: Mentor Information Session**

**Wednesday, November 28th at 4:00 PM**  
**Mantor Hall Seminar Room**

*Interested in being a TSLC mentor for 2019-2020? You are invited to attend an informational session to learn more about the application process & the mentor position. Questions can be directed to TSLC Associate Director Scotty Seeba via email at seebash@unk.edu.*

**Eligibility:** The mentor positions will be open to any Thompson Scholar who will be enrolled full-time at UNK during Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 (12+ credit hours) and have obtained sophomore academic status (more than 27 credit hours completed) by end of Summer 2019. At the time of application, preference for interviews will be given to students who have earned at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA; applicants below the cumulative GPA may not receive full consideration for an interview.

**Student of the Week**

**Name:** Carissa Wolfe  
**Hometown:** Bayard, NE  
**Major:** Biology

**What is the best part about being a Thompson Scholar?** The best part about being a Thompson Scholar is knowing that I have so many people who care about my success. I know that everyone in TSLC from my mentor to the staff will help me reach my goals in any way they can.

**What's the biggest challenge you have ever faced?** I was in a relatively serious car accident a few months ago. It was a challenge recovering from that both physically and mentally, especially coming to college soon after.

**What do you love to talk about?** I love talking to people about their lives and goals. I think it is interesting to learn about where people have been and how that has impacted where they want to be in the future.

**What would you like to be doing in twenty years?** I am a participant in KHOP for pre-medicine so, in twenty years, I would like to be providing healthcare to a rural area of Nebraska and hopefully have a family of my own.

**What is the most incredible item or exhibit you have ever seen in a museum?** When I visited the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum in NYC, they had an interesting exhibit building dedicated to drone technology.

**What are you obsessed with?** I love photography.

**What are you grateful for?** I am extremely grateful for my mom and sister. My mom is my greatest supporter and my sister is my best friend. I love spending time with them.

**TSLC Bowling Night**

**Wednesday, Dec. 5th at 7:00 PM**  
**Big Apple Fun Center, Kearney**  
**For 1st-year Thompson Scholars**

- Students will participate in 2 games of bowling  
- 1 snack and drink per student will be provided

This is a required event for 1st-year Thompson Scholars. Please arrive at The Big Apple between 6:45-7:00 PM to pick up your shoes and find your lane with your mentor group. If you have questions or conflicts, please contact Yao Zheng at the TSLC Office by Wednesday, November 28th at 5PM.

**Thompson Scholars United (TSU) Rock Climbing Event**

Come on over to the Wellness Center on Nov. 28th to rock climb with TSU! This free event will be from 5:00-9:00 p.m. You can fill out a climbing waiver at the event or print one off from the UNK website and bring it filled out. We can’t wait to see you there!

[http://www.unk.edu/offices/campus-rec/_files/waiver.pdf](http://www.unk.edu/offices/campus-rec/_files/waiver.pdf)