Upcoming Events:

**December 4th-December 14th:**
TSLC end-of-the-semester surveys are distributed to students via Lopermail. More information to come in an upcoming newsletter.

**Wednesday, December 6th:**
Bowling Night for 1st-Year Thompson Scholars. 7:00 PM at the Big Apple Fun Center.

**Sunday, December 10th:**
Deadline for 2nd-Year Thompson Scholars to complete 3 required Financial Avenue Courses.

**December 11th-December 14th:**
Finals Week for Fall 2017.

**Thursday, December 14th:**
UNK TSLC Graduation Reception for Fall 2017 TSLC graduates from 1:30–2:30 PM in the NSU Ponderosa Rooms C & D. All Thompson Scholars are welcome to attend!

**Friday, December 15th:**
UNK Fall 2017 Commencement at 10:00 AM in the UNK Health and Sports Center.

**December 25th-January 1st:**
UNK campus is closed for winter break.

**Sunday, January 7th:**
2nd-Year TSLC Student Orientation at 3:00 PM in Copeland Hall 130 and 131.

End of the Semester TSLC Surveys

The TSLC office distributes several end of the semester surveys in the Fall to Thompson Scholars so that we can learn more about the student experience related to several program initiatives. Student responses are also reported back to the Buffett Foundation via an annual report each summer.

The surveys are distributed via Lopermail to students, and will take only a few minutes to complete. **The deadline to complete the survey is Thursday, December 14th at 5 PM.** It is important that each student completes the survey(s) they receive, and we expect at or near 100% of students will do so.

The surveys have been/will be distributed to the following groups of students:
- 1st-Year Thompson Scholars (conducted during the TSLC LNSK class)
- 2nd-Year Thompson Scholars
- Thompson Scholars who transferred to UNK this term (beyond year 2)
- Thompson Scholars on Academic Warning
- Thompson Scholars on Learning Community Warning
- Thompson Scholars on Scholarship Probation
- Thompson Scholars who participated in the PERSYST Program
- Graduating Thompson Scholars

Thank you completing the survey(s) by December 14th!

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](http://www.unk.edu/offices/registrar/academic_policies_handbook/Final_Exam_Schedules.php)

The **TSU Food Drive Showdown** between Mentor Groups for 1st-Year Thompson Scholars began on **Wednesday, November 29th and ends on Wednesday, December 6th.**

All donated food items will go to the UNK Big Blue Cupboard for students who experience food insecurity. The winning mentor group will receive bragging rights & a pizza party on Friday, Dec. 8th, courtesy of TSU. The donated food items need to be delivered to the TSLC office and the mentor name should be identified for the desk worker so that donations can be tallied towards the competition. 2nd-5th Year Thompson Scholars can also donate items to the food drive.
Student of the Week

Name: Haley Parlin
Hometown: Wood River, NE
Major: Deciding

What is the best part about being a Thompson Scholar? The best part about being a Thompson Scholar is having so many extra resources that I can use. It is nice to know I always have the rest of the learning community to help me out when I need it.

In your opinion, what is the greatest movie ever made? Any movie in the entire Harry Potter series is one of the best movies ever made.

What is your favorite song?
Traveling Soldier by the Dixie Chicks.

What is your greatest talent/skill?
My greatest talent is probably that I can sing pretty well.

What is your favorite season of the year and why?
I love Winter because that is when Christmas is and I love Christmas time so much.

What is one thing you have always dreamed of doing?
I have always dreamed of traveling around the world. That is definitely a goal I have for myself.

If you could wake up tomorrow having gained a new talent, what would it be?
I would wake up being able to play the violin because it's so beautiful.

Where is your favorite place to be?
I love being at my grandparents’ house during a family gathering because being with my family makes me so happy.

What are you obsessed with?
I am obsessed with the Beatles, Harry Potter, Oreo cookies, Scrunchies, and socks with funny prints on them.

TSLC Bowling Night
Wednesday, Dec. 6th 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 concerns, please contact Yao Zheng.

Thompson Scholars Graduation Reception
Thursday, December 14th
1:30-2:30 PM
NSU Ponderosa Rooms C and D

Please join us to celebrate the Fall 2017 commencement of the following UNK Thompson Scholars:

Kenny Baires
Miranda Cherry-Banas
Erica Dorn
Kendra (Halley) Elmshauser
Andrea Guzman
Samantha Hajek
Neleigh Hall
Christopher Hernandez
Hannah Hoefler
Danny Ibarra
Paige Jenkins
Kyler Kaping
Kayla Lindell
Stephanie Novoa
Elizabeth Paddock
Vanessa Salcido
Cassandra Schachenmeyer
Amanda Skalka
Laura Tercero
Brookelyn Trampe
Cole Wellnitz
Taylor Wolf