Upcoming Events:

**Tuesday, September 12th:**
Tune-Up Tuesday at 4:00 PM in the Mantor Seminar Room. Session topic is “Making the Grade: Setting Realistic Expectations.”

**Sunday, September 17th:**
Bystander Intervention Training for 1st Year Thompson Scholars. 7:00-9:00 PM in NSU Ponderosa A & B.

**Tuesday, September 19th:**
Tune-Up Tuesday at 4:00 PM in the Mantor Seminar Room. Session topic is “Finding Your Middle Mood.”

**Thursday, September 21st:**
Etiquette Dinner from 7:00-8:30 PM in the NSU Ponderosa Room E for all 2nd Year Thompson Scholars. Business attire is required.

**Tuesday, September 26th:**
Tune-Up Tuesday at 4:00 PM in the Mantor Seminar Room. Session topic is “Finding Balance: Family and School.”

**Friday, September 29th:**
Denver Trip Risk and Responsibility forms are due to the TSLC Office from all TSLC 1st-Year students. A parent/guardian signature is required if the student is under the age of 19.

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**Early Warning Referrals (EWRs)**

Early Warning Referrals (EWRs) are used by professors at UNK to notify students of possible academic issues. The goal of the EWR system is to provide early interventions with students who are struggling academically. To generate an EWR, an instructor notifies Academic & Career Services about their specific academic concerns about a student. Next, an email is generated and sent to the student from Academic and Career Services which identifies the reason for the instructor’s concern; the instructor and academic advisors for each student are also copied on the email.

Reasons an instructor may send an Early Warning Referral include:
- Poor class attendance or no class attendance
- Lack of participation or engagement in a class
- Low scores on assignments/quizzes/tests
- Missed assignments/quizzes/tests
- Other concerns about a student that may be impacting academic success (showing up late, not coming to class prepared, etc.)

If you receive an EWR for a class, it is important that you read the email entirely. Follow the suggestions of the instructor to address the concern, including talking to the instructor one-on-one as soon as possible. Consider the support services listed in the email as resources you should utilize to improve your academic situation. It is likely that your academic advisor will reach out to you to discuss your EWR; a visit with your academic advisor may even help you decide to change your study habits, drop a class, or change your major. If you live on campus, a residence hall staff member may also contact you about the EWR to be sure you are aware of resources.

Finally, if you receive an EWR, the TSLC Office will also contact you to discuss your academics in an effort to advise you regarding your scholarship requirements. We look forward to supporting your academic success at UNK!

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**Tips for Thompson Scholars:**

Several Thompson Scholars have come to the TSLC staff with questions or concerns recently regarding topics such as not understanding homework assignments, being unclear on how to prepare for a quiz or exam, or being confused about how an assignment was graded.

**If you are unsure about an academic matter, be proactive and ask for guidance and/or clarification immediately.**

The more quickly you take action in moments of uncertainty, the closer you will be to resolution. This may include taking a perceived risk, such as asking a question in front of your peers or approaching a faculty member independently. However, staying on track academically is worth the risk. Always use your syllabus as your guiding document for course questions, but know that your instructors are the primary experts to approach about these matters. Do be respectful in your contact with faculty members by making an appointment if your question or concern might take some time to discuss. Finally, if you feel emotional about a situation, write out your questions or discussion points before attending a meeting so that you stay on topic.
Student Injury and Sickness Insurance Plan Available for UNK Students

All degree seeking domestic undergraduate students enrolled in at least 6 credit hours (lecture and/or online) are eligible to purchase insurance through United Health Care Student Resources (UHCSR). UHCSR provides students with an affordable, low deductible plan that includes medical, prescription drug and dental insurance.

Students interested in more information about UHCSR can contact UNK Student Health & Counseling or visit the following website for more details: https://www.uhcsr.com/school-page

UNK Student Health offers many services to students, and you can learn more at their website: https://www.unk.edu/offices/counseling_healthcare/health-care/index.php

Thompson Scholars United Officers for 2017-2018

Congratulations to the following Thompson Scholars who were recently selected to serve as officers for Thompson Scholars United (TSU) this academic year.

President: Sara Hinds
Vice President: Makenzie Petersen
Secretary/Treasurer: Llicel Rodriguez
Programming Chair: Brooke Lee
Public Relations Chair: Lupe Perez

UNK Student Employment Services

UNK Student Employment Services is a service provided through the UNK Office of Financial Aid; the primary purpose of this service is to help students connect to jobs through work study or community opportunities.

http://www.unk.edu/offices/ses/index.php

Work Study is connected to a student’s financial aid package, through a Federal program. Students who are eligible for work-study must accept the work study funding, secure a work study job, and work hours to earn the financing in the form of a paycheck. Work study positions are offered on and off campus, and information is available on the Student Employment Services website.

Non-work study employment is also available to students. On-campus positions are listed as under the category of student worker. Many community partners also list job opportunities in categories like childcare, health care, seasonal, and administrative. Non-work study positions are available to view on the Student Employment Services website as well.

As students search for jobs, remember that academics should come first. Make sure employers are reputable before accepting positions. Look at positions that fit your academic schedule, and provide flexibility, if possible.

(Student of the Week)

Name: Samiya Alexander
Hometown: North Platte, NE
Major: Deciding

What is the best part about being a Thompson Scholar? I think the best part about being a Thompson Scholar is that we get to meet a lot of new people, and that we are not alone. We have mentors and RAs to help us with whatever we need.

What three words would your closest friends use to describe you? My closest friends would probably find me funny, trustworthy, and smart.

What’s the biggest challenge you have ever faced? It would have to be moving away from home, my family, and friends.

If you could look into the future and know one thing, what would it be? If my life will be successful or unsuccessful. I could figure out if what I am doing now needs to be changed.

Who inspires you most and why? My dad, because he does whatever he can to help out and he is hard working.

If you had to choose the title for your autobiography, what would it be? The title of my autobiography would be, The Journey of Samiya Alexander.

What is your favorite song? No Fear by Dej Loaf.

What moment in your life would you like to replay? Going to Alabama to spend time with all my other siblings.

What is your greatest talent/skill? Playing the viola.

What is your favorite season of the year and why? Summer, because there is no school, and I can go on trips and stay out late with my friends.

Where is your favorite place to be? In Chicago spending time with my family.

(Information gathered from http://www.unk.edu/offices/ses/index.php on 9/5/17)