**Upcoming Events:**

**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.

**Tuesday, October 3rd:**
Tune-Up Tuesday at 4:00 PM in the Mantor Seminar Room. Session topic is “It’s Complicated: College Relationships.”

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

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

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**Mid-Semester Grade Check Forms**

Mid-semest er grade check forms will be distributed soon to 1st and 2nd-year TSLC members, as well as to students who are new transfer students or who are working with the TSLC staff with an academic intervention status. Completion of the form is required as part of the TSLC program expectations. 1st-year students will receive their forms in the Thompson Scholars Learning Skills class, while other TSLC students will receive the form via email. The form is due to the TSLC Office by Wednesday, October 11th at 5 PM; please fold your form in half when you submit it at the desk to protect your academic information.

The TSLC office has collaborated with several other offices on campus to create a uniform grade check form, so that students are able to submit one form or a copy of that form for multiple organizations. Please ensure that if you do intend to submit a copy of your grade check to a different office, that they are willing to accept a copy of this uniform version. The TSLC office will make copies of your completed grade check form for you to submit to other programs or offices upon your request.

Mid-semest er grade checks are helpful to students in several ways. First, the form provides a chance for students to gauge where they are academically given the scholarship requirements to keep a 2.0 cumulative GPA. Second, the process allows students to compare the current grade against the syllabus, so that goals can be set for the remainder of the semester. Third, completing grade checks presents an opportunity for students to interact with faculty members and have conversations about the current grade in individual classes; we suggest you visit your instructors during office hours to have them sign the forms. Fourth, it gives students the chance to consider if they need to drop a class prior to the final day to drop classes, which is October 20th, 2017.

The form will require students to calculate their GPA once all grades have been collected; please use the suggested GPA calculator on the form to calculate your GPA. Grade check forms will be reviewed by TSLC Staff; if low grades are reported, a TSLC staff member will contact students for an individual meeting. Any questions or concerns about the deadline for grade report forms should be directed ahead of the deadline to a staff member at the TSLC Office.

**Tools for Thompson Scholars:**

Success Coaches offer individualized academic support to all UNK undergraduate students through the UNK Learning Commons. In sessions with a Success Coach, students can identify what academic skill they wish to work on and learn how to improve their practices for academic success. The Success Coaches can assist with skills necessary for college, such as organization and time management, or skills that apply to academic work like note-taking and test preparation.

To set up an appointment with a Success Coach, visit the Learning Commons or call their welcome desk at 308-865-8905. Also, you are all invited to attend the Learning Commons Re-Open House on Tuesday, September 19th from 5:30-7:00 PM for free pizza, games and fun!

Student of the Week

Name: Keaton Kleespies
Hometown: Tecumseh, NE
Major: Biology with a Health Science Emphasis

What is the best part about being a Thompson Scholar? The best part about being a Thompson Scholar is having a close group who will push you to do your best.

What three words would your closest friends use to describe you? Three words my friends would use to describe me would be intelligent, funny, and kind.

If you could look into the future and know one thing, what would it be? If I could look into the future and know one thing, I would want to know what day I would die.

In your opinion, what is the greatest movie ever made? I think that the greatest movie ever made is The Shawshank Redemption.

Who inspires you most and why? My grandpa is the person who inspires me the most because he is a righteous man and he has taught me so much about life.

What would you like to be doing in twenty years? In twenty years, I would like to be practicing family medicine in rural Nebraska.

What is your favorite song? My favorite song is “Welcome to the Jungle” by Guns N’ Roses.

What is one thing you have always dreamed of doing? One thing I have always dreamed of doing is travelling around Europe.

What are you obsessed with? I am obsessed with sports, especially baseball and golf.

If you had $1 million to donate to one cause/organization, what would it be? If I could donate $1 million dollars to a cause or organization, I would choose the Wounded Warrior Project.

Preparing for the Denver Trip (Article 1/3)

October is drawing near, which means it is time to start our preparations for the Denver Trip for TSLC 1st-year students. Important information will be provided via this article series, so be sure you are reading each week to be prepared for our trip!

- Risk/Responsibility/Food Selection Forms were distributed during TSLC orientation to all 1st-year students. Those forms are due to the TSLC Office by Friday, September 29th. Please remember to fill out the form completely. If you have concerns about getting a parent/guardian signature by the deadline, please see Yao Zheng ASAP.

- We will leave for Denver on Saturday, October 14th by 7:30 AM. The buses will load at 7:15 A.M. in the parking lot to the North of Mantor Hall, by Cope Stadium.

- In order to account for all our Thompson Scholars, we will do a bus sign-up sheet in the entryway of the TSLC Office. Bus lists for signing up will be posted on Thursday, September 28th at 8 AM. Please sign up for bus 1, 2, or 3 by October 4th at 5 PM. If you don’t sign up for one of the buses by the deadline, you’ll be assigned to a bus for the trip.

- Dress for the trip is casual, except for Saturday evening. You will need to pack one business casual/dressy outfit for our Saturday evening, which you will change into after we check into the hotel on schedule afternoon. Dressy attire is REQUIRED for the evening; jeans, shorts, t-shirts are not appropriate for the evening at the theater.

- Hotel room assignments have already been sent to the hotel, as they are required a month in advance of our stay for security/safety reasons. Yao will be emailing students appointed to be room leaders later this week to explain those responsibilities, which will help us stay on schedule as a large group. We will announce room assignments on the bus ride to Denver. Three to four students have been assigned per room.

This is the first article in a three article series on the Denver trip; next week’s article will cover the itinerary and the third article will cover the trip expectations.

On Saturday, September 16th, the UNK TSLC hosted a 10th Year Celebration for TSLC students and alumni. Pictured are the Thompson Scholars who were present at the event including individuals from every cohort between 2008 and this academic year.

The TSLC Program is grateful for the TSLC students and alumni who spent months planning for the UNK TSLC 10th Year Celebration. This group of Thompson Scholars provided a memorable event that proudly displayed the history of the community, and included several tributes that reflected the community values.

The TSLC Office will be distributing items that were shared with guests at the celebration to current UNK Thompson Scholars in the near future; an effort to pay tribute to Susan Thompson Buffett for her generous scholarship program is underway, and will be an incredible way for the UNK TSLC students to show appreciation for their experience.