Upcoming Events:

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

**Thursday, September 28th:**
Bus sign-up lists posted at the TSLC Office. Please sign-up for a seat on one bus by October 4th at 5 PM.

**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 are due to the TSLC Office by 5 PM.

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

The 10/2 and 10/9 editions of the TSLC Tribune will include more details about the Denver trip itinerary and the trip expectations.

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Pay Tribute to Susan Thompson Buffett in Honor of UNK TSLC 10th Year

Thompson Scholars and guests at the UNK TSLC 10th Year Celebration learned of a social media initiative the UNK TSLC is promoting to pay tribute to Susan Thompson Buffett and the generous support of her Foundation for scholarships and the learning community. The Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation has been providing scholarships to deserving college students in Nebraska for over 50 years. Susan Thompson Buffett was very committed to acts of philanthropy and civil rights; each student who receives her scholarship is part of her legacy. While Susan passed away in 2004, her vision carries on through her scholarship program, which is currently the largest private scholarship program in the United States.

Bracelets were distributed to the guests at the UNK TSLC 10th Year Celebration, which feature the Twitter user names for the Buffett Foundation and the UNK TSLC, so that individuals can tweet to share positive actions they have taken, using the #ForSusan. 1st-Year students who have not already received one of these bracelets can get one at their 1st-Year Learning Skills classes on 9/27/17; Thompson Scholars beyond year one are welcome to stop by the TSLC front desk to pick one up before supplies run out. TSLC alumni are welcome to stop by the TSLC office to pick up a bracelet too.

By using the #ForSusan and tagging the Buffett Foundation and the UNK TSLC, this allows the Buffett Foundation and our community to be aware of the many good actions our students and alumni take that continue to honor Susan’s vision. Examples would be tweeting when completing community service, earning good grades, completing undergraduate degrees, sharing with others about the STBF Scholarship, and getting involved on campus as difference makers. This initiative also helps future Buffett Scholars to see the positive impact scholarship recipients are making here in the state of Nebraska by paying forward the investment the Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation has made in each of you.

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Tools for Thompson Scholars:
http://www.unk.edu/offices/tslc/tools_for_students.php

On the UNK Thompson Scholars Learning Community website, students can find a “Tools for Students” link which can connect students to many helpful resources. First, Thompson Scholars can access several UNK resources from this page, such as an academic schedule planning page or the university calendar. Second, students can view outside resources that can assist with college life, such as the Purdue Online Writing Lab for help with formatting citations, or a GPA calculator which is useful as students complete grade checks. Third, an entire section is dedicated to resources for the PRAXIS, including some practice testing centers and links to textbooks available to students via the Calvin T. Ryan library.

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Overcoming Academic Challenges

As we move toward mid-semester, if you are experiencing challenges with some of your academic coursework, you can take some basic steps for improvement and support.

*Speak with your Instructor:* By taking some time to visit with your instructor during office hours, you might be able to learn more about your performance on an exam. For instance, the instructor may be able to identify some patterns in the questions you answered incorrectly or even provide some particular study tips you can use to improve your scores on upcoming exams.

*Study Differently/More:* No matter if you never had to study or if you spent much time studying in high school, college is an adjustment for every student. Students should commit to their studies as if their class attendance and study time is a full-time job. It is a student’s responsibility to learn, which means preparing for each class, attending class, completing all assignments, and preparing over time for tests (not cramming for exams).

*Use Campus Resources:* While you may not have used academic resources before college, it is common on college campuses for students to access support services to achieve better grades. Plan time to use resources such as the writing center, learning commons tutors, or language tables. Ask other focused students in your classes to create a study group to help you learn more actively. If you are unsure of available resources, reach out to instructors, mentors, PALs, or TSLC staff for assistance.

*Set Achievable Goals:* Review your syllabus and consider how your current grade impacts your overall ability to succeed in the class. How many points will be recorded in the class? Determine how you have to perform the rest of the semester to achieve a particular grade, reset your goals if needed, and put focused attention into achieving that grade for the rest of the semester.

*Don’t Give Up!* Yes, earning a low grade can be upsetting, but you should consider it to be one step in your collegiate learning experience. Admit to yourself if you need to work harder, if that is the case. Do speak to an academic advisor or TSLC staff member if you feel you cannot be successful in a particular class so that you can assess your academic options. Know that one grade is not a reflection your ability to succeed in college; earning a degree will include experiencing failure as well as success.

Student of the Week

Name: Maggie Salas
Hometown: Lexington, NE
Major: Molecular Biology

What is the best part about being a Thompson Scholar? The best part of being a Thompson Scholar is getting to know and connecting with other Thompson Scholars and creating friendships.

What three words would your closest friends use to describe you? Intelligent, funny, and outgoing.

If you could look into the future and know one thing, what would it be? I would like to know if I do reach my goals, or if as I grow older my goals change.

In your opinion, what is the greatest movie ever made? The greatest movie I believe ever made would have to be Seven Pounds starring Will Smith.

If you had to choose the title for your autobiography, what would it be? "Who’s that girl? It's Maggie!"

What is your greatest talent/skill? One skill that I have is that I am bilingual; I find it very useful in our world today due to the fact of how diverse our country has become.

What is your favorite season of the year and why? I love fall time because it’s not too hot or not too cold, there isn’t very many bugs around, and I love wearing sweaters!

What is one thing you have always dreamed of doing? I’ve always dreamed of traveling the world without having to worry about money and time!

Where is your favorite place to be? My favorite place to be is Johnson Lake on a windy day. The waves crashing against each other is just very relaxing.

UNK Leads is a new leadership program at UNK that students can complete over a two-year period, by focusing on twelve core leadership competencies. The program is self-guided, and the technology platform Engage will be used by the UNK Office of Student Engagement for monitoring student progress. Students can receive incentives as they progress through the UNK Leads program. Interested students can learn more at the first meeting to discuss the program on Tuesday, October 3rd at 6 PM in NSU Room 312. Questions about UNK Leads can be directed to Laura Matthies, Assistant Director for Student Activities at mattiesla@unk.edu or by calling 308-865-8398. We encourage Thompson Scholars to engage with this leadership opportunity on our campus!