Upcoming Events:

**Wednesday, October 16th:**
Mid-Semester Grade Check Forms are due to the TSLC office; forms will be distributed to students in September.

**Saturday, October 19th and Sunday, October 20th:**
Kansas City fall break trip for all 1st-Year Thompson Scholars.

**Sunday, October 20th and Thursday, October 24th:**
No TSLC Study Hours due to Fall Break.

**Friday, October 25th:**
Deadline to drop a full-semester class in Fall 2019.

**Monday, October 21st and Tuesday, October 22nd:**
No classes at UNK - Fall Break

**Sunday, November 3rd:**
Honey Sunday service activity for all 1st-Year Thompson Scholars. Exact time and meeting location to be announced, but the event is typically during afternoon hours.

**Tuesday, November 12th OR Wednesday, November 13th:**
Résumé Writing Workshop for 2nd-Year Thompson Scholars. 6:30-8:00 PM in Copeland Hall 130. Scholars will need to attend one of the two sessions.

**Sunday, November 24th and Thursday, November 28th:**
No TSLC Study Hours due to Thanksgiving Break.

**Friday, December 6th:**
2nd-Year and Transfer Scholars deadline to complete three Financial Avenue online courses.

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Mid-Semester Grade Check Forms

Mid-semster grade check forms will be distributed this week 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 this week, while other TSLC students will receive the form via email. **The form is due to the TSLC Office by Wednesday, October 16th 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 some other programs on campus to create a uniform grade check form, to make it easier for students to submit the form or a copy of that form for multiple programs. Those specific programs are identified on the form. If you do intend to submit a copy of your grade check to another organization, please verify that they are willing to accept a copy of this version of the form. The TSLC office will make copies of your completed grade check form for students to submit to other programs upon request.

Mid-semster 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 grading scale in 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; we suggest you visit your instructors during office hours to have them sign the form. 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 Friday, October 25th, 2019.

The form will require students to calculate their GPA once all of the letter 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 Yao Zheng at the TSLC Office.

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Share Your September SHINING MOMENTS with TSLC!

Submit SHINING MOMENTS TODAY for the month of September via the nomination forms at the TSLC Office. Thompson Scholars can share their own SHINING MOMENT or nominate a fellow Thompson Scholar for their actions that reflect our TSLC Vision:

*Live—Learn—Connect—Succeed*
Student of the Week

Name: Michelle Guido
Hometown: Gibbon, NE
Major: Business Administration

What is the best part about being a Thompson Scholar? Knowing I’m part of a community that supports me and are willing to help me succeed.

What’s a movie you can practically quote from start to finish? *White Chicks* or *Mean Girls*.

What motivates you? I want to make my family proud and be a role model for my younger siblings.

What is one food that you would never give up? Chinese—I’m always craving it.

If you could learn anything at all, what would it be? How to speak different languages.

What are you obsessed with? Mango dragon fruit refresher with coconut milk from Starbucks.

If you could have an all-expenses paid trip to see any famous world monument, which monument would you choose? The Eiffel Tower I’ve always wanted to go to France. I think it would be a lifetime experience.

What are you grateful for? The amount of support I have in my life. It’s what keeps me going every day.

What is your greatest hidden talent/skill? I can roll my tongue into a taco.

What is something you are looking forward to? I’m really looking forward to our fall break trip; it will be a fun experience.

Preparing for the Kansas City Trip
(Article 1 of 3)

October is drawing near, which means it is time to start our preparations for the Kansas City 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!

- We will leave for Kansas City on Saturday, October 19th between 6:00 and 7:00 AM. More specific details will be shared soon. The buses will load in the parking lot to the North of Mantor Hall by Cope Stadium.

- In order to easily account for all our Thompson Scholars during the trip, we posted a bus sign-up sheet in the entryway of the TSLC Office. Sign up lists for the buses were posted inside the office on Thursday, September 26th. Please sign up for bus 1 or 2, by Wednesday, October 2nd at 5:00 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 Saturday afternoon. Dressy attire is REQUIRED for the evening; jeans, shorts, t-shirts are not appropriate for the evening at the theater.

- Hotel rooms have already been assigned, as they are required in advance of our stay for security/safety reasons. Julie will be emailing the students who will be room leaders soon 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 Kansas City. Three to four students have been assigned per hotel room.

(This is the first article in a three-article series on the Kansas City trip; next week’s article will cover the itinerary and the third article will cover the trip expectations.)

Thompson Scholars United in the UNK Homecoming Parade

All TSLC students are invited to walk with TSU in the UNK Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 5th at 10:00 AM. If you are interested in walking with TSU, please sign up on the Google form that has been posted on the UNK TSLC Facebook pages. We will send an email with more details about the parade to those who sign up in the near future.

Please watch the Facebook pages for surveys about a TSU t-shirt design for 2019-2020; we are collecting feedback from all Thompson Scholars. Thank you!