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# TLS Transportation & Logistics Society University of North Florida

## TLS NEWSLETTER: BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

### TLS FALL KICK-OFF MEETING

Inspirational Speaker, Ryan Reeves

Got Lemons? Make Lemonade

Positive Solutions to Manage Stress and Balance Life

Wed., Sept. 17, 9–10:30 p.m.  
Coggin Stein Auditorium (42/1020)

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### TLS PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome back!

I hope everyone is ready to get back into the swing of things after a fun-filled summer. **All UNF students are invited to join TLS** and take advantage of networking events, facility tours, guest speakers, Career Day, and fun meetings and social events. Speaking from personal experience, there are many benefits that may surprise you when you are willing to get out of your comfort zone and become an **active** member. For those of you who are interested in leadership opportunities, I recommend joining the TLS Task Force, a new group created to offer members a chance to serve while learning about different positions on the board. If you are interested in being a part of the TLS Board in Spring or Fall 2015, it's a great way to gain valuable experience. Contact any TLS board member for more information. I look forward to leading TLS as president this year and wish everyone the best of luck for the fall semester.



Yours truly,  
James Flannagan

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday, August 25:** Fall semester begins. Welcome back!
- Wednesday, September 3:** Coggin Welcome Back Cookout 11:30 – 1:30
- Wednesday, September 17:** TLS Kick-Off Meeting 9:00 – 10:30 p.m. 42/1020
- Friday, September 19:** T&L Flagship tour of Dollar Tree Distribution Center and Port of Savannah
- September 20 – 23:** IANA Expo, Long Beach, CA
- September 20 – 24:** CSCMP Annual Global Conference, San Antonio, TX
- Friday, October 31:** T&L Fall Career Day

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### GET TO KNOW: FALLON McDONALD, TLS NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Fallon McDonald was born in Vernon, Connecticut and raised in Monson, Massachusetts until she moved to Jacksonville, FL three years ago to attend the University of North Florida. Fallon will graduate in December with her BBA in Transportation and Logistics with a minor in Geography. She has been active in TLS for three years and was TLS Team Captain for UNF's Relay for Life in 2013 and 2014 and also served as Relay for Life Luminaria and Subcommittee Chairs. When asked how TLS has benefitted her Fallon stated, "TLS has been a huge asset in terms of providing the guidance and experience necessary to start my professional career in logistics."



In addition to taking classes and participating in TLS, Fallon can also be found on campus at the Academic Center for Excellence. She started tutoring Math in August 2012 and Operations Management in August 2013. Fallon spent the summer at the Henry Schein distribution center as an Inventory Control intern. Her responsibilities include analyzing data for receiving, moves, and shorts. Reflecting on her three months with Henry Schein, Fallon enjoyed applying the knowledge that she gained in the classroom to processes that occur in a distribution center on a daily basis.

For students who are interested in gaining real world experience in Transportation and Logistics, Fallon shares her success story and offers the following advice. "T&L Career Day is crucial in finding an internship in the T&L field. In the Spring 2014 Career Day I had three interviews which resulted in job offers from Total Military Management and Henry Schein. Thanks to T&L Career Day I enjoyed a successful summer internship with Henry Schein."

By Olivia Musselwhite

## T&L FALL CAREER DAY 2014

Career Day is a great event to match companies and students for internships and jobs. Students majoring in Transportation and Logistics with a minimum GPA of 2.75 are eligible to register. You must be STAR Certified by October 10th. Visit Career Wings to register for STAR workshops. Fall 2014 Career Day's registration deadline is September 12th. Register at [http://www.unf.edu/coggin/trans\\_logist/career\\_day.aspx](http://www.unf.edu/coggin/trans_logist/career_day.aspx). Your resume must be submitted before Friday, September 26th. All resumes must be approved by the Coggin College Career Management Center prior to submission.

Registered students must attend one of the following mandatory information session in Coggin College of Business, Room 2108:

- Tuesday, September 16, 5-5:45 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 17, 7:30-8:15 p.m.

For questions or to volunteer for the Career Day committee, email [Lynn.Brown@unf.edu](mailto:Lynn.Brown@unf.edu).

## JUMP-START YOUR CAREER - HOW TO GRADUATE WITH A DEGREE AND A JOB

The UNF T&L degree program is a terrific way to develop skills and knowledge; and an opportunity to build a platform for launching successful career. To improve the odds of finding a great job when you graduate, it's up to you to create an action plan while you are still in college. Here are a few ideas to consider:

**Take advantage of resources** – Get STAR Certified, register in Career Wings for job opportunities, hone your skills with InterviewPro and participate in the T&L Career Day early and often. Use LinkedIn and other professional networking sites, but be sure to keep your profile current and professional.



**Learn outside the classroom** – Facility tours connect coursework to the real world and offer insight into future career options. Executive Spotlights, T&L professional meetings and T&L alumni Excel workshops are informative and good for networking. If you are invited to be on a case competition team, say yes! Internships offer practical experience and the chance to learn different aspects of business - critical information when deciding on a career path.

**Join TLS - become a student leader** – If you are a T&L major it is in your interest to be an active member of TLS. Getting involved in community service projects, networking events, student travel, professional development, and social activities will strengthen your resume and build confidence as you move into a career.

**Build a UNF Network** – UNF is your first and most fun network. Many alumni come back to recruit and often look for fellow Ospreys to fill positions at their companies. Your professors are a resource for knowledge and industry contacts. The friends you make in college will be your friends in business.

**Build a professional network** – Many T&L professional organizations provide programs, networking, and mentoring. Active chapters of AST&L, CSCMP, ISM, NDTA, TCJax, WTS, and the Propeller Club fund annual scholarships and sponsor events such as the spring banquet, case competitions, and Big Sea Day. Get involved as a student and continue to attend meetings and events after you graduate.

**Apply for the CTL when you graduate** – UNF T&L graduates are eligible for CTL certification from the American Society of Transportation and Logistics. It is an internationally recognized industry credential that will set you apart professionally.

**Final thoughts** - I often say that students wear a "golden halo" because business professionals are willing to help and mentor any way they can. Invest that time to build a network, take risks, and learn new skills because it won't be the same once you graduate. Take time to thank you, stay connected, and give back. These are the secrets to building a bright future.

By Lynn Brown, CTL

## UNF T&L STUDENTS TRAVEL TO NATIONAL CONFERENCES

T&L Flagship students will hit the road to represent UNF on a national stage. Steven Garcia, Maurice Johnson, Lisa Nguyen and Delaney Robinson will attend the IANA Expo in Long Beach, CA thanks to funding from Student Government and the UNF Alumni Association. The T&L Flagship Program will sponsor 3 students to compete in the IANA Academic Challenge Case Competition during the Expo. All students will tour the Port of Long Beach and the Union Pacific ICTF and have opportunities to network and attend educational sessions. James Flannagan and Valerie Seaman will be in San Antonio, TX at the CSCMP Global Conference thanks to a grant from the Jacksonville Roundtable. They will serve as student ambassadors, attend sessions, and participate in a national recruitment event. Opportunities abound for highly motivated students who want to get involved in opportunities to learn and network outside the classroom.

By Lynn Brown, CTL

## LIFE AFTER GRADUATION:: VEER PATEL

Veer Patel graduated from UNF in Fall 2013 with a double-major in Transportation and Logistics and Business Management. Upon graduation Veer accepted a position with Total Military Management as a Customer Support and Operations Performance Analyst. He works for 40-45 hours a week tracking percentages of shipment assignments to agents, preparing reports and sending them out to various teams, building/updating reports to track performance of the company, and working on special requests by the management team.

Veer was on the TLS Board as Assistant Newsletter Editor. He stated that being on the board prepared him to be a better communicator with team members. It helps him most when he is multi-tasking and says that by communicating with the management team, they are able to come up with a game plan to complete tasks in a timely manner.

While in school, Veer interned with ShipXpress for seven months. He also represented UNF at the Michigan State Supply Chain Challenge in 2013. He participated in Career Day, several facility tours including Big Sea Day, and Executive Spotlight events. Veer also applied for the CTL certification as part of the blanket waiver with AST&L.

When asked for words of wisdom for current students in the T&L Program, Veer said to "understand the power of networking. Building and maintaining strong relationships with others will open many doors that will offer opportunities to further your career."

By Fallon McDonald

