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TLS Transportation & Logistics Society University of North Florida

TLS NEWSLETTER: BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

TLS KICK-OFF MEETING

Sponsored by Total Quality Logistics



Wed. Jan. 27, 9 - 10:15 p.m.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 21: TLS Kick-Off Social— 6-8:30 p.m. SU 58W, Rm. 3804

Jan. 27: TLS Kick-Off Meeting sponsored by Total Quality Logistics

Jan. 29: T&L Facility Tour— BMW Distribution Center, Transportation and lunch is provided. RSVP by Jan. 22 to Lynn.Brown@unf.edu

Feb. 5: Deadline to register for T&L Career Day on March 25

TLS PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The New Year is filled with new beginnings. You might be starting a new job, moving to a new city or changing your major. For many, a new year calls for a resolution. I suggest you pick one thing you want to accomplish and give it all you've got. If you decide to "climb Mount Everest next month" it probably isn't going to happen, but if you set an achievable goal like running a 5k, losing a few pounds or procrastinating less you might surprise yourself. Maybe your first goal will be to go to more TLS meetings and events. To help make that goal a reality we are adding more options to get involved in TLS with lunch and learn meetings and other exciting programs. **Everyone is invited to come out to the TLS Social on Jan. 21** to find out what is in store. The T&L Career Day is another great event to help you get comfortable interviewing and networking with professionals, which will lead to another goal that most students share... an internship or a full-time job after graduation! No matter what it is you want to achieve, stay focused on the positive and "keep your eye on the prize." There is no time like the present to set your sights on a successful future!



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TLS MEMBERS.**

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GET TO KNOW: NICK LAMANTIA, DIRECTOR OF RECRUITMENT

Nick Lamantia was born in San Diego on the military base at Camp Pendleton. His father is a retired United States Marine who specialized in logistics, so he traveled around a great deal in his childhood before his family settled in Jacksonville. He decided to come to UNF and soon learned about the logistics program from a TLS presentation given in one of his classes. Knowing the region is a hub for transportation and logistics with many great career opportunities in the field, Nick declared Transportation and Logistics as his major and joined the Transportation & Logistics Society to meet fellow students majoring in T&L. He made a lot of friends in the program and established many connections with professionals in the industry by attending meetings and events. Within five months of declaring the major, he was offered his first internship with a logistics company.

Since then Nick has worked for three more logistics companies and gotten even more involved with the T&L program at UNF. He says, "I put a lot of effort into the program and it has paid off ten-fold."

As a senior who graduated this past December and outgoing TLS Recruitment Director, Nick offers advice to fellow students: "Take advantage of the opportunities available to you. Gain every bit of knowledge you can and meet T&L alumni and professionals in the field. That way you can recognize the best, partner with the best, and realize your potential."



By: Adrian Ross

T&L FLAGSHIP FACILITY TOUR—BMW DISTRIBUTION CENTER



Friday, January 29

Depart UNF 9:00 a.m. Return to UNF 1:00 p.m.

With 214,000 sq. ft. of space, the BMW Distribution Center in Jacksonville is one of only six in the nation. The facility serves 94 BMW and MINI franchises and 80 models. A truly global company with a highly sophisticated supply chain, BMW of North America receives 77% of all parts from Dingolfing, Germany.

Transportation and lunch is provided. The tour is open to all UNF students, but space is limited. Email Lynn.Brown@unf.edu to register.

ALUMNI RECOMMENDED READING: VISIT TO THE NEW PANAMA CANAL

This month we have a special treat for you! While interviewing TLS past president, James Flannagan for the Life After Graduation piece he mentioned an article about the Panama Canal he thought would be of interest to UNF students because of potential implications for the Jacksonville business community. Source: Graumann, Eva. 'Visit To The New Panama Canal'. Hamburg Sud News 2015: 41. Print.

"Shortly before the test flooding of the new Pacific facility, the Panama Canal Authority announced an Open Lock Day in May. The chance to see the technical masterpiece was something the staff of Hamburg Sud Panama were determined not to pass up. Together with family members and accompanied by their colleague Emma Martinez, Manager Operations and Logistics, they marveled at the new lock with its three chambers. "The gigantic dimensions are really impressive", reported Carlos M. Olmos, Country Manager for Hamburg Sud Panama. And the technical details speak for themselves: the lock chambers are each 427 meters in length, 55 meters wide, and 30 meters high—this is equivalent to the height of an eleven-story building. In actual fact, the new canal, with its two new locks at the Pacific and Atlantic ends, was supposed to come on stream last year, just in time for the 100th anniversary of this significant waterway (news 3-2014). But the building work, which has been going on for around eight years now, is experiencing considerable delays. The canal authority has now scheduled the official opening date for April 2016."

inbound logistics magazine had a special feature on the Panama Canal in the December 2015 issue. Expansion is 94 percent complete and the largest project since original construction in 1907. Existing locks allow vessels that carry up to 5,000 TEUs. Upon completion, an additional lane with a new set of locks will allow Post-Panamax vessels with capacity up to 13,000 TEUs to move through the canal. The Port of Savannah is preparing for the projected increase in cargo by deepening the Savannah River channel to 47 feet, purchasing larger cranes and RTGs, state of the art gates, and roadways. The Port of Miami has invested more than \$1 billion in capital infrastructure projects including a 50-52 foot dredge project, a fast access tunnel that connects the port directly with the interstate highway system, and on-dock intermodal rail service and a 43 acre Intermodal Container Transfer Facility in partnership with Florida East Coast Railway. Jim Hertwig, president and CEO of FECR says, "When the doors on the locks open, we are ready for business." For a free subscription visit www.inboundlogistics.com.

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LIFE AFTER GRADUATION: JAMES FLANNAGAN

James Flannagan graduated from UNF in May 2015 with Bachelor's degrees in Transportation and Logistics and Business Management along with CTL certification from APICS. He was actively involved with TLS and served on the Executive Board for 2 years as Treasurer and as President in his senior year. He participated in several T&L Career Days, attended many facility tours and had internships with Landstar and C.H. Robinson.

In July 2015 he began his professional career in Jacksonville on the Inland Operations team of the global shipping giant, Hamburg Sud. His typical 40 hour week involves running reports to show available cargo at rail depots in the Midwest, ensure cargo clears customs, provide rail pick up numbers to customers, final release shipments to logistics team, and assist customers with any issues that arise.

James reflected on his time at UNF and when asked how TLS involvement helped prepare him for the real world he said, "TLS taught me how to get the job. I learned networking and interview skills which helped me land my position. The internships helped me get experience and prepared me for the daily duties and responsibilities at work."

James also had a few words of wisdom for current students. "College is all about finding yourself. The best way to do that is to get involved in a club or organization and test your limits. UNF offers more than 300 student clubs and I found my connection within TLS. By being involved and taking a leadership position, I was able to learn the most important rule in business... *it's not what you know, it's who you know*. Networking is the best tool anyone can use to propel their career. Make sure the job hunt begins long before commencement. Research companies and positions to discover a challenging opportunity that suits your education, talent, and personal goals. If you find a job you love, you will never work a day in your life." Fly Hard, Fly Fast, and Fly Far. SWOOP!!



By Lynn Brown