

TLS Transportation & Logistics Society University of North Florida

TLS NEWSLETTER: BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

*Join us for the
Next TLS
meeting!*

March 11th @ 9PM

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IN THE KNOW: BLITZ ABOUT LITS!

By Lynn Brown In a culmination of more than a decade as one of the Coggin College's strategic initiatives, in 2006 the Transportation & Logistics (T&L) program was recognized as one of the university's four flagship programs. This recognition also coincided with the program's ranking by academics as the #13 such program in the country, according to a survey published in the September 2005 issue of *Supply Chain Management Review*. The ranking placed the T&L program as the highest among non-doctoral-granting institutions. A Spring 2007 *Journal of Supply Chain Management* article also placed the program in the top 25 in terms of institutional thought leadership in the discipline, as measured by the last 40 years of publications in that journal.

The most highly anticipated initiative for the T&L Flagship Program is the Logistics Information Technology Solutions Laboratory (LITSLAB) in the Coggin College of Business. Under the direction of Drs. Bolumole and Frankel, construction of the \$300,000 project was completed in the fall of 2008. LITSLAB will give students a hands-on learning experience in state-of-the-art supply chain management software such as Oracle and SAP. The LITSLAB will be open to all students enrolled in transportation and logistics courses, and will be one of the core tools used in TRA 4210, Logistics Sub-Systems Analysis.

According to Dr. Bolumole, "One of the things we found was that the industry in general was suffering from the inability to find experienced well-trained students or graduates with technology skills, and a lot of companies were having to train from within because of that." Considering the economic downturn and mass hiring freezes instituted by many companies, finding a job right out of college has become harder than ever. With such software available to logistic majors, UNF students will have a competitive advantage when entering the work force.

To date, UNF is the only school in Florida and one of very few college campuses in the U.S. with a supply chain technology lab of this level of sophistication. Coupled with the many other accomplishments of the program, such as an automatic qualification for CTL professional certification by the American Society of Transportation & Logistics (AST&L), the T&L Flagship has reached an even greater level of national prominence. In *March 2006, the Princeton Review* placed UNF as number five on its list of "best value" public colleges in the nation, noting its commitment to small class sizes and putting students first. Needless to say, the T&L Flagship Program's LITSLAB is one more shining example of the commitment to students both in and beyond the classroom.

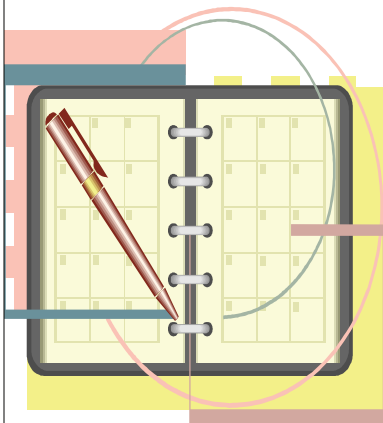


PROFESSIONAL SPOTLIGHT: COUNCIL OF SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS

CSCMP is a global organization which brings together professionals from all parts of the supply chain and provides a platform for sharing information and research, networking, and staying in touch with the industry. Jacksonville has its own roundtable providing tours and guest speakers to members. They also sponsor up to two students per year to attend the CSCMP Annual Global Conference. All events for students are only \$10 but an annual membership of \$25 provides students with the resources to search out mentor-relationships, set up networking interviews and increase their visibility and industry knowledge with professional educational opportunities. Up Coming Events: **Women in Logistics** Tuesday, March 10th from 11:30AM to 1:00PM. Please visit the website for more information: cscmp.org.

Become a member of TLS today!

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TLS Voted UNF's Club of the year for 2008



FYI: RELAY FOR LIFE A CURE IN MOTION

This event strives to create awareness and raise funds to support the American Cancer Society. To join our team, visit the official website at www.relayforlife.org/unffl and scroll down to find the Transportation and Logistics Society. We are asking that all team members attempt to raise \$100 in donations. All donations are used to fight a global killer that does not discriminate man from woman, black from white, or young from old. We will need volunteers at the 18 hour event to run a booth, sell food, and walk the track. Do not miss this unique opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer! For more information please contact: Jon Brannen jon.brannen@unf.edu



Date: March 27-28
 Time: 6:00 p.m.-12 p.m.
 Location: University of North Florida on the Green

By Rachel Cecil

IMPORTANT SPRING DATES

- March 11 **9 PM- (42/1020) TLS Meeting**
- March 27 **Big Sea Day Tour sponsored by [Propeller Club](#)**
 RSVP Lynn.Brown@unf.edu
- April 2-4 **Michigan State Univ. Case Competition @ MSU**
- April 8 **9 PM- (42/1020) TLS Meeting & Elections for Fall**

MEET THE NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE!

Ben Richards: Web Production, Logistics Major graduating Fall 2009 and lover of hot sauces

Rachel Cecil: Writer of Professional Spotlight and FYI articles, Logistics graduate Spring 2009, and dedicated to TLS

Rachel Slone: Researcher, Logistics graduate Fall 2009, arranges all dollar bills in serial code order

Kendrick Philpart: Photographer, Logistics graduate Spring 2010 and amateur bear wrestler

Alison Peters: Writer of In The Know articles, Logistics & Marketing graduate in 2009 with a minor in communication and Seattle native

Guesley Leger: Researcher, Logistics major graduating 2010 and U.S. Air Force veteran
Rose Mueller: Editor and compiler, Logistics major graduating in 2010 and Supermom

GET TO KNOW:

TLS SECRETARY MICHAEL BIVINS



Photo By Rose Mueller

In the beginning I was just a management major trying to figure out if business school was for me. I remember the day when I first figured out that I loved logistics. I also remember the day when I did not know if the Transportation and Logistics major was for me. The lead time in between those memorable days was less than nine months and it was due to my involvement with the Transportation Logistics Society. Now when I graduate in April of this year, I will have two degrees and an enhanced shot at launching my professional career.