UT LEAD STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

Taylor Coppock

Hometown: Maynardville, TN
Major: Biochemistry & Hispanic Studies
Desired career: Pediatric Oncology, I feel that is the area that I can help the most.
Involvement on campus: UT LEAD, Aspire (where I am doing research), Discovery LLC/ Research LLC, Team Leader for Ignite- Summit.
One piece of advice: Take advantage of UT LEAD! It's nice to be a part of a community & they have so many resources & tools to help you succeed. I think if I had used UT LEAD more in the beginning I would've started stronger.
Favorite part about being a volunteer: The sense of unity & knowledge that if I was struggling someone would help me.
Favorite hobby: Swim, I'm a water dog.
Favorite Resource: Student disability services, which I am a note taker for.
Event that had the biggest impact on you: Torch night! All of the freshman gather in Thompson Boling, are given their tassels & Chancellor Davenport speaks. It really motivates you!
Danny Gomez

Hometown: Nashville, TN
Major: Exploratory- Arts & Science track
Desired career: I want to be in a position where I can make either a social, economic or environmental change.
Involvement on campus: Student Government Association Environment & Sustainability branch & First Year Council, UT LEAD, & Peer Mentors
One piece of advice: Be open to involvement! At first I was reluctant & overwhelmed with getting involved. You don't have to do everything but do something!
Favorite part about being a volunteer: Representing my people & my family. As a first-generation U.S. citizen I am taking advantage of the opportunity my parents have provided me.
Favorite hobby: Skateboarding & making art- usually prints
Favorite Resource: The SSC, specifically academic coaching! Also the free printing!
Event that had the biggest impact on you: The Student Organization Fair helped me get connected, network & navigate UTK.

Keely Williams

Hometown: Knoxville, TN
Major: Psychology
Desired career: Clinical child psychologist. I want to help people get through some of the hardest times in their life.
Involvement on campus: UT LEAD & Ambassadors for Mental Health Awareness & Suicide Prevention.
One piece of advice: Don't be afraid to get out of your comfort zone! I'm a quiet person & I talked to someone each day, which is how I met one of my best friends at orientation.
Favorite part about being a volunteer: The community, we all can relate to each other and understand what each other is going through.
Favorite hobby: Listening to & playing the tenor/learning guitar.
Favorite Resource: Academic coaching. Stephanie helped me set up my schedule & see I could potentially graduate early.
Event that had the biggest impact on you: A movie premier for LGBTQ about legalizing gay marriage. It was cool to see the history & learn more about it.
$CHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS OPEN THIS MONTH!

The scholarship application will go live on our website by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 11th! Applications will remain open until 5:00 pm on Friday, May 11th.

REQUIREMENTS:
1) Attend one event from each category: Leadership; Excellence & Achievement; & Diversity. Be sure to record your experiences on VOLink!
2) Earn a 2.75 semester GPA or higher.
3) Meet with assigned academic advisor.
4) Complete UT LEAD Scholarship Application.

RESOURCE OF THE MONTH!
ACADEMIC COACHING!

What is academic coaching? Academic coaches are professionals trained in helping you succeed! They are housed in the Student Success Center and can assist you in developing test taking strategies, creating personal and academic goals, and strengthening your time management skills.

Our data shows that students who meet with an academic coach regularly achieve academic success!

How can you see an academic coach? You can make a one-on-one appointment by following this link or simply visiting Gradesfirst!

REMINDER: Advising is coming!

Freshman Fall registration will be April 23rd & 24th! We are so excited for you to start your Sophomore year & continue on your journey to graduation! Be sure to set up a meeting with your advisor to plan out your exciting next steps!