T.L.C. is the Tukwut Leadership Circle where Students engage in 30 hours of leadership development by participating in the following activities:

- Self-assessment
- 7 Workshops
- 7 Hours of Civic Engagement
- 7 Hours of Campus Engagement
- Create LinkedIn profile
- Create resume
- Reflection paper
- Panel exit interview

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Get Involved!

For a list of student organizations go to http://www.csusm.edu/sll/index.html

SLL office located in USU 3600
Office Hours:
Mon. - Thur. 8am to 5pm
Friday 8am to 1pm

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How were you involved in HD club and how have you benefited from your involvement?
I was the member benefits coordinator and was also in charge of fundraising. I was in the club for almost my whole time here; I would say probably 4 out of my 5 years. It’s a spot that’s near and dear to my heart and it’s been really cool to now be on this side of things where I help the student leaders and treasurers of the club. HD club was the first time I had ever been responsible for something outside of my academics. It was really my chance to apply what I was learning in the classroom and who I thought I was as a leader and a person. We started to assign points and it was really cool to implement and brainstorm with my team. I just remember having lots of meetings about why we wanted to do this, why it’s important, and what the impact was going to be on our membership, and was it going to inspire? I think it ended up inspiring members to be more accountable and to attend our events. It was such a great community, a great team, so I think it gave me good practice on how to project manage, how to work with others, and how to execute projects.

What qualifications are important to be successful in your position?
Experience is key. I think it helps that I was involved as a college student. Having the education helps, but it’s really the experience that helps me talk to students, relate to where they are at, and to challenge them. You need to have empathy and compassion, be a hard worker, and be willing to work the non-traditional hours, because students are here Monday thru Sunday.

What do you enjoy about your current position?
What I love about this position is this is development! I get to develop with students and with staff all day long, there’s no typical day. It’s really cool to see a first year student come in who wants to get involved and in four years they are just blossoming. I enjoy having conversations with students, helping them navigate their challenges, and supporting them through their circumstances or adversity. One of the joys of my job is coordinating the Tukwut Leadership Circle. I bring in different faculty, staff, and community leaders to come in and present workshops on leadership. This last semester I infused a partnership with a local non-profit called Mountain Shadows that helps adults with disabilities. Students went every Friday from 12-3 and partnered with the clients of Mountain Shadows and created these beautiful murals.

What advice do you have for returning students?
Get involved in something. If you’re not involved in something you’re missing out. Students who are involved at least 5 hours a week (during U-hour events, TLC workshops, TED talks, moving night, anything outside of the classroom) are 17% more likely to get a job 6 months after graduating because they build a network, a community, and have something to add to their resume. So get involved in something that you like! Take advantage of university hour and go to some of the events.

What advice do you have for graduating students?
A lot! The first thing is don’t chase titles, be open, try your hardest in whatever you do. The wealth will come, the fame will come, but you have to do something that you love. I love my job, I love what I do, I feel very fulfilled and your first job is probably not going to fill that way so just being patient with the process and not being hard on yourself or the system. Try and enjoy the journey. Just start somewhere and give yourself some grace!