

2015 UNL Parent Association Grant

First-Year Experience & Transition Program

Impact Statement – Syllabus Party

First-Year Experience & Transition Programs (FYETP) was awarded \$310 from the UNL Parents Association for a Syllabus Party event. The \$310 assisted in the purchase of colored markers, colored pens, printed calendars, and printed schedules.

FYETP used these supplies at the Syllabus Party, which was a station at an event called Big Red Ruckus. Big Red Ruckus was held in Love Library on Sunday, August 30 and had an attendance of 300 students. The Syllabus Party was a station where event participants had the opportunity to create an individualized weekly schedule one-on-one with a UNL student affairs professional or graduate student from the Educational Administration program.

There were 75 students who attended the Syllabus Party. These students were able to create a weekly schedule, complete with appropriate study times, sleep, and social times. The supplies purchased with money from the Parents Association Grants allowed student to personalize their semester-long calendars and weekly schedules. FYETP chose to offer a Syllabus Party because time management is the number one reason students come to FYETP. These 75 first-year students created a schedule allowing them to start their college career with a tool to assist them in meeting the demands of college-level coursework. The conversations held with these students provided strategies for managing their time wisely as well as realistic ideas of the work and learning that will need to be done outside of class. In addition, they made a connection with a professional or graduate student on campus.



