STLR | STUDENT TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING RECORD

What Do We Mean by Transformative Learning (TL)?

- Experiences and assignments you have at UCO that change the way you think and understand the world
- Going beyond passively attending class or activities, but instead engaging in the concepts and ideas behind the courses you take and activities in which you participate
- Making the most out of your time as a Broncho
- Giving you skills, across UCO's Central Six Core Tenets, to help you be even more effective in future graduate schools and/or careers
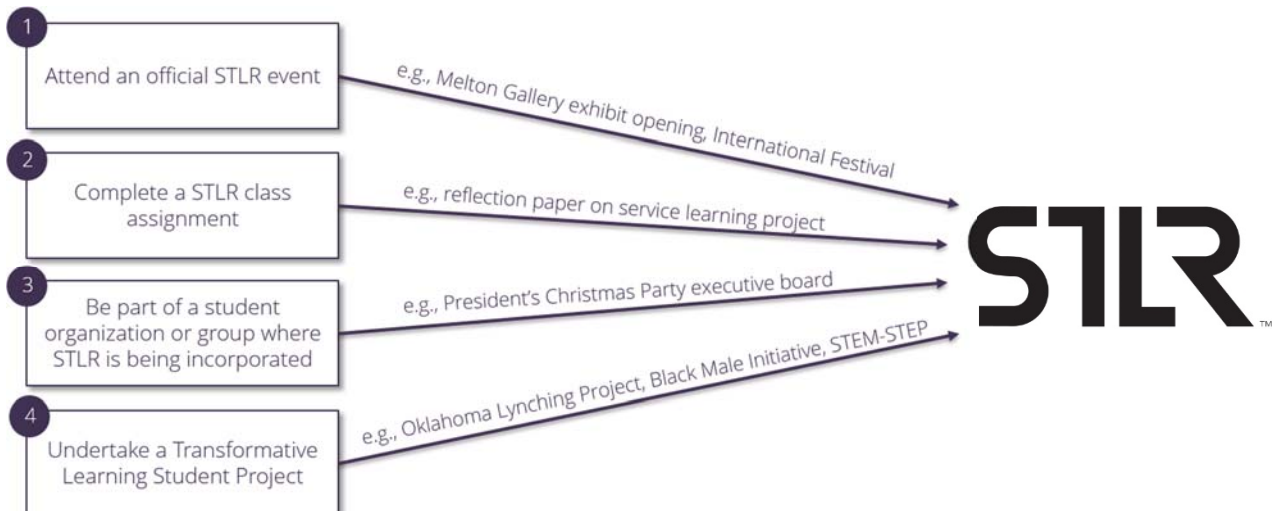
UCO's Central Six Core Tenets

Discipline Knowledge | Global & Cultural Competencies | Health & Wellness | Leadership | Research, Creative & Scholarly Activities | Service Learning & Civic Engagement

What is STLR?

- STLR stands for the **S**tudent **T**ransformative **L**earning **R**ecord.
- STLR tracks your TL experiences at UCO – kind of like a second transcript of what you've learned beyond the content in your major.
- You'll use the ePortfolio tool in D2L (Desire2Learn) to collect examples of these experiences from classes and other campus activities.
  - Your ePortfolio presentation pages will let you highlight your ideas, experiences, growth, and skills to: professors, scholarship committees, potential employers, graduate schools, and others.

How Can Students Connect to STLR?

UCO Students can connect to STLR in four ways:

1. Attend an official STLR event — e.g., Melton Gallery exhibit opening, International Festival
2. Complete a STLR class assignment — e.g., reflection paper on service learning project
3. Be part of a student organization or group where STLR is being incorporated — e.g., President's Christmas Party executive board
4. Undertake a Transformative Learning Student Project — e.g., Oklahoma Lynching Project, Black Male Initiative, STEM-STEP

STLR Events

Check our website, http://uco.edu/stlr, for a list of events, watch for flyers or emails with the STLR logo, and be sure to take your UCO ID Card to swipe-in at official STLR events.

STLR Class Assignments

- Your instructors may have one or more STLR assignments in classes. Often, he/she will grade your assignment as usual, but will also use what's called a *STLR Rubric* to assess your level of transformation across one or more of UCO's Central Six Tenets.
- A rubric is a tool that looks like a chart. It helps an instructor quickly, at-a-glance, rate your growth.
- The three levels on the rubric are: *Exposure*, *Integration*, and *Transformation*. In other words, were you just exposed to a new idea, did you begin to incorporate the concept into your life, or is there evidence that you were truly transformed by doing the assignment?
- Your level on the STLR rubric will <u>not</u> impact your grade on your assignment or in the course.
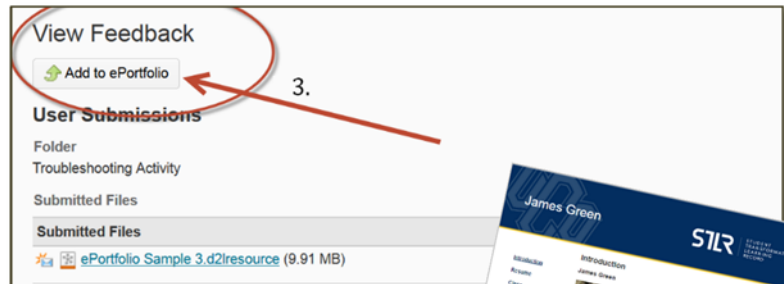

STLR Groups

Some student groups and executive boards on campus are linked to STLR. If you're elected for office, your group sponsor may ask you for a final report or reflection about what you learned through your experience. He/She will then assess the reflection using the *STLR Rubric*.

TL Student Projects

Do you have an idea for an independent project through which you're likely to experience growth in one or more of the Central Six Tenets (beyond Discipline Knowledge)? Find a STLR-trained faculty or staff supervisor, discuss the project with him/her, then submit your proposal at http://ucostlr.infoready4.com. If selected, we'll pay you to perform your project and submit at least one final project to be assessed by your supervisor using a *STLR Rubric*.

Then What?

Once you get your STLR feedback, you will then "push" your project and feedback directly from your D2L Dropbox to your D2L ePortfolio file storage space. From the D2L ePortfolio, you can make a limitless number of presentations (i.e., webpages) to highlight your various experiences, skills, and goals including links to these STLR files. Then, share the links to these ePortfolios on your résumé, social media, scholarship applications, and job applications.

Want to Learn More?

- **Attend our Student Info Session, Monday, Feb. 15, 3:00 PM in NUC 314 (Henry Bellmon Room)**
- STLR: http://www.uco.edu/stlr
- Transformative Learning @ UCO: www.uco.edu/tl
- The Central Six: www.uco.edu/central/tl/central6
- For D2L questions: support@uco.edu or 405.974.2255