**MLSPC Snapshot**

The Medical Laboratory Science Professional Club (MLSPC) was founded in 2011 by a former student, now faculty member, Professor Lacey Murphy. This student-led club is an alumni association and networking community for Medical Laboratory Science and Pre-Medical Laboratory Science students at the University of Utah. Leadership experiences, volunteer opportunities and engagement with prestigious guest speakers help enhance the academic and professional careers of club members.

Summer BBQs, evening bowling, and community blood drives are some of the events that the MLSPC sponsors to promote networking and professional camaraderie. Club meetings are held once a month and the MLSPC would love for you to join them! For further information about the club click [here](#).

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**Congratulation Kara Ebisuya!**

The Medical Laboratory Science Division would like to congratulate Kara Ebisuya on passing her ASCP blood bank national certification examination!

Originally from Hawaii, Kara is a student in the Master of Science in Laboratory Medicine and Biomedical Science program and is a member of our MLS teaching laboratory staff.

Well done, Kara!

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**2019–2020 Class Representative**

Each fall, first-year MLS students elect one of their peers to serve as class representative. This person acts as an official liaison between students, staff, and faculty. They are expected to be a positive role model, maintain good academic standing, represent the views of all students, facilitate communications, and provide constructive feedback for program improvement. This year’s chosen representative is Chris Wallace-Carrete.

Chris is a post-baccalaureate student and a U.S. Army veteran. He has a bachelor’s degree in biology and a minor in military science from the University of Nevada, Reno. Upon completion of the MLS program, Chris plans to pursue a master’s degree in Laboratory Medicine and Biomedical Science at the University of Utah. The MLS faculty and staff are delighted to have Chris as this year’s representative and look forward to working with him.

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**MLS Jumps in National Rankings**

We are proud to announce Medical Laboratory Science is one of the 12 most meaningful majors in the nation, Medical Laboratory Science is number 2 on the list!

Researchers identified the majors based on one of the questions answered by the 2.3 million graduates representing 2,700 colleges and universities who have completed PayScale’s employee earnings survey. MLS is honored to be on this list! The full article and ranking of most meaningful majors can be found [here](#).

“Up to 85% of physician decisions regarding a patient’s diagnostic and treatment are based on laboratory test results.” – Vida Foubister
**MLS Community Outreach**

The month of September brought many outreach events for the MLS division! Adri, our new addition to the team is working with MLS faculty to make sure we stay connected with students and the community. Our outreach program involves working with schools and colleges to deliver a range of activities that aim to inform potential higher education applicants, teachers, parents and counselors about our programs. MLS participates in events on campus and in community, including tailored programming for individual school and colleges, as well as annual events such as the Major Expo and Connecting U. In October we will be visiting campuses such as Snow College and Salt Lake Community College to talk about pathways into our programs.

We invite all of our students, faculty and staff to spread the word and show how Medical Laboratory Scientist impact patient care.

**MLS Goes Green!**

In Fall of 2019, the MLS Division took its first step toward a paperless and “greener” environment in the MLS Biosafety Level-2 Teaching Laboratory. During laboratory sessions, students routinely handle pathogenic microorganisms and potentially infectious biospecimens as part of their clinical laboratory medicine training program.

Previously, students completed worksheets, quizzes, assignments, study questions, and laboratory reports using a traditional paper format. This posed a safety concern as students, staff, and faculty would then take potentially contaminated papers to their offices or homes. With funding awarded by the Learning Spaces-Student Computing Fees (LS-SCF), as well as resources and PATH-IT support from the Department of Pathology, the division has now purchased and implemented 40 electronic tablets (iPads). This enables students to have direct access to electronic course materials via Canvas and to annotate and complete assignments during laboratory sessions without the use of paper.

Many thanks to those providing financial support and kudos to all the faculty, staff, and students for their efforts in facilitating this transition!

**Medical Laboratory Science Polo Shirts**

We have ordered a large quantity of MLS Program polo shirts for students, staff and faculty. These are gray shirts with the University of Utah Health logo embroidered in red, as well as “Medical Laboratory Science” on the sleeve. Shirts are available for purchase for $25 each. To request and pay for a polo shirt, click here.

**Student Resources**

Scholarship Applications, go to the Financial aid website for more information!

ASUU Student Child Care Program: Drop-in child care program: Call or email for more information! 801-585-7393 / ascuchildcare@sa.utah.edu

Get the most out of your U Card Benefits: Go to ucard.utah.edu

FEED U: Available to all U students. For more information go on their Facebook @FeedUFoodPantry account or website!

**Upcoming Events**

OCT25: MLSPC Lunch & Learn in room HSEB3420. For more information, contact Professor Muñoz.

OCT28: MLSPC Blood drive at the Marriott Gould auditorium, sign up to volunteer!

NOV2: Science Day at the U

**Important Reminders**

OCT 18: Last Day to Withdraw from classes

JAN 6, 2020: Deadline to apply for Graduate student scholarships (More information to follow).

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“Excellence is doing ordinary things extraordinary well.” -John W. Gardner