

THE UPDATE

Official Newsletter of the Undergraduate and Graduate Programs

1st Year Mandatory Advising Program

The University of Utah and the Medical Laboratory Science program are committed to student success and degree completion. We encourage students to meet with their advisors multiple times throughout their college life.

The 1st year Mandatory Advising Program (MAP) opened on September 28th. This required meeting will help students to continue to navigate through their major and ensure they are informed about upcoming opportunities. The 1st year MAP milestone advising appointment benefits students by allowing them to get early registration for April 2021 classes!

To schedule a 1st year MAP appointment, students should use the following link on our [website](#).

Students in the Honors College are required to meet with their major advisor OR major exploration advisor AND honors advisor. Students who are pursuing pre-medical, pre-dental, or other pre-professional programs should also meet with their respective [pre-professional advisor](#).



U Matter!

The University of Utah has facilitated a website dedicated to all safety-related information, reporting and support resources, training and more. We encourage all students to visit the [website](#).

We would like to also share the website for the [Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion](#) team.

If you need help, make sure you reach out and speak up. This is a very unprecedented year and we must help each other. The [University Counseling Center](#) is another great resource for students seeking guidance or help.

Featured Faculty - Omar Munoz

We are very honored to feature Assistant Professor Omar Munoz. Omar was born in Mexico City. He and his wife Michelle have two children, a 20-year-old daughter, and a 13-year-old son. He has two brothers and two sisters; he is the oldest. Most of his family still lives in Mexico.

He moved to the United States to study architecture, but got a job in the laboratory which he fell in love with. He had several mentors in the laboratory, which lead him to Salt Lake Community College to earn an associate's degree in Medical Laboratory Technology. He then pursued his bachelor's degree and later a master's degree in Medical Laboratory Science and Biomedical Science.

He is an assistant professor in the Medical Laboratory Science Program at the University of Utah. He enjoys teaching Hematology and

Hemostasis. He believes Hemostasis is "a very artistic and beautiful science that is possible to see with your own eyes."

"Growing up, I played many sports, if you can think of a sport, I most likely played it. Now, I spend time coaching my kid's little league teams."

"Our program is very fortunate to have Professor Munoz. He is full of ideas and is constantly looking for ways to improve his courses or better our program. He is a great colleague and is always willing to help other faculty members when they need him." - Lacey Murphy

Omar, we are honored to have you as part of the MLS family!

Virtual Panel

The MLS Division will host the last virtual panel of the year, called "Pathways to Clinical Research."

Interested in learning about the clinical research? Have questions about what it entails? Wondering what path to follow after graduation?

If you would like to learn more about clinical research, stay tuned for additional details.

MLS Open House

We are thrilled to announce that our first MLS Open House will be held on October 16th from 2-4 PM. Join this virtual event where you can meet representatives from hospital, clinic, and reference laboratories.

Laboratory professionals are in high demand, now more than ever. Employers may even have work opportunities for freshmen and sophomore level students. Even if you are not looking for a job at the moment, we encourage you to visit the event and start networking with the local laboratory community.

For those who register for the event before October 12th, we will be handing out swag packets. Instructions for when and where to pick up your swag will be emailed to you after registering.

Do not miss this wonderful opportunity to meet employers, learn more about the MLS job opportunities!



MLSPC

The MLSPC is excited to announce the kick off of an undergraduate journal club with our first lecture by Dr. Diana Wilkins, PhD., M.S., MT(ASCP) about breaking down and reading scientific manuscripts. Dr. Wilkins is the Division Chief for the Medical Laboratory Science and the Biomedical Science graduate programs. We are fortunate for the chance to learn from her and will meet via Zoom Friday, October 16th from 4:00-5:00 pm. Following this lecture series the MLSPC will meet every quarter to review and discuss literature relating to medical laboratory science. This is a great opportunity for undergraduate science majors to practice reading and evaluating primary literature and will greatly benefit not only those who plan to continue onto graduate or professional degree programs, but for anyone who will be working as a professional Medical Laboratory Scientist. Please [RSVP here](#) to join us for this event!

But wait, there's more! Dr. Karen Moser, MD will join us for a Zoom discussion about her role as an Associate Professor of Pathology at the University of Utah and the Co-Medical Director for ARUP's Hemostasis & Thrombosis laboratory. Dr. Moser was recently selected as one of the Top Six in this year's ASCP 40 Under Forty. Come listen to her talk about her profession and how she became a leader in our local laboratory community on Friday, October 30th from 5:00-6:00 pm. [RSVP here](#) for this event.

As always, if you'd like to join the MLSPC, you can [apply online](#)! We will be holding elections for MLSPC Executive board positions in November. In order to be eligible for an executive board position, you must be a member of the MLSPC, so don't wait, submit your application today!



Financial Aid Opportunities

The new 2021-22 FAFSA form is here! Some states and schools have limited funds, so don't delay! Many other scholarships and financial aid opportunities requires submission of FAFSA. To begin your application go [here](#).

Applications for F.A Davis Scholarship Program are now available. The deadline for submissions is October 12, 2020. If you have any questions, contact scholarship@fadavis.com. F.A Davis has 3 awards of \$1000 each. Pre-MLS students are also able to apply, contact the MLS Advising email for an enrollment verification letter.

Junior and senior Medical Laboratory Science students are eligible for a \$2000 scholarship through The American Proficiency Institute. Deadline for application submission is November 9th. To begin your application go [here](#).

Webinar Sessions

For our last two webinar sessions of the year we have prepared great material! October's webinar session will be featuring our Pre-MLS Academic Advisor, Lauren Bustamante. Lauren will talk about "The Importance of Laboratory Professionals in Health Care: Mapping Your Way Through The Medical Laboratory Science Program".

In November, our feature speaker is Adjunct Professor Karen Brown presenting "The Importance of Laboratory Professional in Health Care: The CCs of MLS: Career Chances and Certification Caveats".

Make sure you sign up!

Student Resources

ASUU Student Child Care Program: Drop-in child care program: [Email](#) for more information!

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

Upcoming Events

OCT 8: October Webinar

OCT 16: MLS Open House

OCT 16 from 4-5:00 Lecture with Dr. Wilkins

OCT 30 from 5-6:00 Lecture with Dr. Moser

NOV 12: November Webinar

NOV: MLS Panel: Pathways to Clinical Research

DEC 3: Ornament Laboratory-Themed Event

Important Reminders

1. Make sure you are checking your Umail account. It is the official means of communication between faculty and students that meets FERPA requirements.

2. Adjust your notifications in Canvas to make sure you are receiving updates and announcements for each of your classes.

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"I'm a very strong believer in listening and learning from others." - Ruth Bader Ginsburg

