Thankful for U!

On behalf of the Medical Laboratory Sciences Division, we want to wish you and your loved ones a Happy Thanksgiving. This has been a very unique and challenging year for all of us. We appreciate you and applaud your resiliency through it all.

Welcome Class Co-Representatives

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. We are happy to announce that Tyler Erickson and Isaac Leyva-Cardenas have agreed to serve as Co-Representatives for the remainder of the 2020-21 academic year and throughout the 2021-22 academic year.

"My name is Tyler, I've always loved learning about how things work and how the tiniest of interactions can lead to the biggest changes. My goal is to learn as much as I can and create an excitement towards the health science field that I have with others." - Tyler Erickson

"I am a Utah native. I am an Undergraduate Research Assistant for UROP and I study zebrafish liver development at the Huntsman Cancer Institute in the Evasion Lab. My pursuit to becoming a Medical Laboratory Scientist began with my parents, when their previous jobs were DNA extraction and kit creation for scoliosis, and I thought it would be great to work in that capacity. Their influence continued when I attended a Summer Biotechnology Academy at Utah State University between my junior and senior year, where I was bouncing between either pursuing music performance or health research. After performing experiments and presenting results on the importance of iron-sulfur clusters in our bodies, I realized that I loved working in a lab and that I really wanted to help mankind in that way, thus I decided to pursue the Medical Laboratory Science major here at the U." - Isaac Leyva-Cardenas

The MLS faculty and staff are delighted to have Tyler and Isaac as this year's representatives and look forward to working with them.

Webinar Sessions

We are delighted to wrap up our Webinar sessions for the year 2020 with Adjunct Professor, Karen A. Brown, MS, MASCP, MLS(ASCP)CM. Karen Brown will be presenting "The Importance of Laboratory Professional in Health Care: The CCs of MLS: Career Chances and Certification Caveats". She will describe career opportunities for Medical Laboratory Scientists (MLSs) in the clinical laboratory and in other work settings and identify specific processes and procedures associated with a national certification examination for MLSs. Register here!

Virtual Panel

The MLS Division is excited to host the last virtual panel of the year! ARUP Laboratory Supervisor, Jeffrey Chumley, MS, MLS(ASCP)CM will lead the panel called "Pathway to Clinical Research." Interested in learning about the clinical research? Have questions about what it entails? Wondering what path to follow after graduation? Register here!

Laboratory-Themed Salt Dough Holiday Ornament Event

You are invited to join our annual event! Due to this year's circumstances the event will be held virtually. Our team will provide all of the items needed for us to make these together from home! Confirm your attendance by Nov 15th in order to receive your salt dough packets and join the fun on Dec 3rd!
Featured Faculty - Sheri Hohmann

Sheri Hohmann, MSPH, SM(ASCP)C, has been associated with the University of Utah her entire life. Her father was a professor of Geophysics, and her mother and brother both received degrees from Utah.

Sheri earned a BS in Biology from the U of U and began working at a local clinical laboratory, where she fell in love with laboratory medicine, and Infectious Diseases in particular. She returned to the U of U to complete the Microbiology Categorical program, and later a MS degree in Public Health. Sheri has been adjunct faculty at a community college and at the U of U for a number of years, and is thrilled to have joined the MLS Division in 2020 as a full time Assistant Professor.

Sheri teaches the Parasitology and Mycology course for MLS Students and Medical Microbiology for pre-nursing, pharmacy, and other allied health students. Sheri and her husband have two wonderful teenagers.

Welcome to the MLS family!

MLSPC

The MLSPC would like to announce and congratulate the newly elected executive board members!

President – Renee Corbin
Vice President – Maria Chavez
Membership Chair – Maddie Castillo
Pre-MLS Co-representatives – Brianna Gagon & Genavive Leanna Napolillo

We also want to extend our gratitude to the previous board members for their incredible work to keep the club active during the pandemic.

Please don’t forget about our upcoming events! On November 11th from 5:00-6:00 PM we will be hosting the Career & Professional Development Center who will be leading a resume writing workshop. For those who are nearing graduation, looking for new employment, or simply need to revamp your old resume, please RSVP here.

Also, Dr. Wilkins will be giving part 2 of her lecture series about breaking down and reading scientific manuscripts. Even if you missed part 1 you will still benefit from this additional information. This is highly recommended for all students who are currently enrolled in or considering pursuing a graduate or professional degree program and is also relevant for anyone who will be working in the field as an MLS professional. Please RSVP here to join us on November 18th from 4:00-5:00 PM.

Apply here to become an MLSPC member today!

2nd Year Mandatory Advising Program

The 2nd year Mandatory Advising Program (MAP) starts on November 16th. This required meeting will help students to continue to navigate through their major and ensure they are informed about upcoming opportunities. The 2nd year MAP milestone advising appointment benefits students by helping determine which courses to take and allows students to stay on track for application to the MLS Program.

To schedule a 2nd 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.

Summer Program for Undergraduate Research (SPUR)

The Office of Undergraduate Research is currently recruiting for the Summer Program for Undergraduate Research (SPUR). This is a full-time summer program.

The SPUR provides undergraduates with an intensive 10-week research experience under the mentorship of a University of Utah faculty member. SPUR 2021 will begin on May 26, 2021 and end on August 5, 2021.

Program benefits include: On-campus housing, $4,000 stipend, travel reimbursement, social programming, professional development events, and publication and presentation opportunities.

This is a great opportunity and we encourage all students to apply, visit their website for more information.

*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*

NOV 11: MLSPC Resume writing workshop
NOV 12: November Webinar
NOV 18: Lecture with Dr. Wilkins
NOV 30: MLS Panel: Pathway to Clinical Research
DEC 3: Ornament-Themed Salt Dough Holiday Ornament 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.

3. American Proficiency Institute Scholarship: Deadline is NOV 19.

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