



MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES

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# THE UPDATE

## Official Newsletter of the Undergraduate and Graduate Programs

### Welcome to the Academic Year

Welcome to the start of the new academic year! Whether you are a returning member of our University of Utah or joining us for the first time, we are so pleased that you are part of MLS!

Even as the pandemic makes this fall unlike a normal one, we can't help but feel the same excitement and sense of possibility as in years past. The year ahead holds discoveries, successes and achievements yet unknown, and we are more grateful than ever to be embarking on this new chapter with all of you.

This fall, we are welcoming new Pre-MLS students, MLS students, Post-Baccalaureate students, Categorical students, and Graduate students who will enrich our community as they join their colleagues.

We hope you will seek ways to get involved and to indulge your intellectual curiosity. We encourage you to ask questions and ask for help when you need it.

We look forward to a wonderful year together — even if some of it will be spent 6 feet apart.



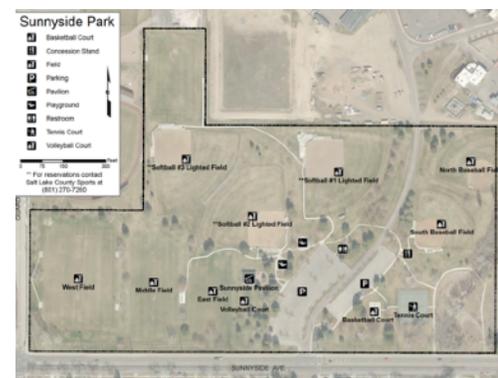
### MLS Summer M&E

The Medical Laboratory Science Division would like to invite all Pre-MLS, MLS, Post-baccalaureate, and Graduate students to our Summer semester social! After many virtual events, we are happy to slowly transition to in-person activities. We have organized a picnic style get together. Join us at the Sunnyside Park pavilion on Friday August 20th from 5-7 PM.

Please join us for fun games, ice cream, beverages, and an opportunity to meet other students, faculty and staff in the MLS community at the U.

Feel free to bring your family, pets, and friends along too!

To RSVP click [here](#)



# The Medical Laboratory Science Professional Club

The school year is almost here! Join the Medical Laboratory Science Professional Club (MLSPC) so you are in the know about all our great, upcoming events!

The MLSPC aims to create a networking community for Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) students, Pre-MLS students, and MLS alumni at the University of Utah. It seeks to provide members with social and professional opportunities that will foster mentorship and promote academic success. Members will undergo personal and professional development through exposure to prestigious guest speakers, leadership experiences, and volunteer opportunities, both domestic and abroad.

The club promotes ethical thinking and practice parallel to academic integrity. These tenets will produce an elite group of members who are stewards of the profession ready to undertake the field of Medical Laboratory Science.

We are planning a get together in September to get reacquainted with one another as we prepare to kick off a new year. We also have our 2021-2022 executive board elections that will be held in October. To make sure you are eligible for nominations apply now! Be sure to join if you'd like to be informed about our upcoming virtual lab case study and career development activities, and follow us on our social media pages.



    @TheMLSPC

## MLS Virtual Hike Series

We want to invite you to our upcoming MLS Hike on Monday, August 9th at 8AM.

Pick a location that fits for you, download the GroupMe app and join the hike chat. We will be able to share our experience (videos/photos) live!

Don't have enough time to go on a hike? No problem! You choose what is best for you. The idea is to get outside, stretch your legs, and enjoy the nice weather!

If you have any questions email [adriana.callahan@path.utah.edu](mailto:adriana.callahan@path.utah.edu)



## Let's Do It TOGETHER!

We all hope our state and nation get back to the conditions that will enable more in-person instruction and activities.

We strongly encourage everyone 12 and older who is not vaccinated to schedule a vaccination appointment as soon as possible. Do you have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine?

We invite you to watch the [facebook event](#) recording the U of U Health hosted last week, where they answered general vaccine questions.

Although masks are currently required in buildings where direct clinical care is provided, U of U Health leadership has expanded this requirement to include **ALL U of U Health facilities**. We understand that many employees work in buildings that are shared with other organizations and may not be exclusive to U of U Health. In these instances, the expectation is that all U of U Health employees and students will wear a mask.

By following the 3 W's – Wear a mask, Wash your hands, and Watch your distance, we can each do our part to reduce the impact of the pandemic so we can get there as soon as possible.



## \*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](http://ucard.utah.edu)

## \*Upcoming Events\*

AUG 18 & 19: New MLS Student Orientation

AUG 20: MLS Graduate Student Orientation

AUG 20: [MLS Summer M&E](#)

AUG 23 : Classes begin

## \*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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"Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well." – Voltaire

