



MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES

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THE UPDATE

Official Newsletter of the Undergraduate and Graduate Programs

Welcome students!

It's official! We would like to welcome you all to the new academic year, especially our new MLS students!



Watkins Endowed Chair

The C. Scott and Dorothy E. Watkins Endowed Chair in Honor of Ernst J. Eichwald, M.D. was established in 1999 to promote research and education within the Department of Pathology.



The recipient is named for a 3-year term. We are very pleased to announce the selection of Dr. Diana Wilkins as the 2021 – 2024

recipient.

Dr. Wilkins is Medical Laboratory Sciences Division Chief, Director of the Master of Science in Laboratory Medicine and Biomedical Science (MS), and faculty professor. To learn more about Dr. Wilkins journey and research interests, visit her faculty profile.

Please join us in congratulating Diana on this well-deserved honor!

The MLSPC

The MLSPC has participated in the Legacy of Lowell service project for many years, and we are happy to announce we will be participating again this year on Saturday, September 11th from 9-12:30! Since groups cannot sign up to participate in projects together, we will first be meeting for coffee and then dividing up to do our own projects after. If you haven't already signed up and want to participate, information and registration details can be found on their [website](#).

Come grab a drink with us that morning at the Cottonwood Heights location of Alpha Coffee at 9:00 am. They are a veteran and military-spouse co-owned and operated company that gives back to veterans. We will be supporting them and remembering the events of September 11th before serving our local community.

Alpha Coffee
7260 Racquet Club Dr
Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121

Also, we will be holding elections for Executive Board positions in October! If you are interested in being on the Executive Board, please make sure you are eligible by becoming a member [now](#). If you are already a member, be on the lookout for an email in the near future calling for nominations.



What a Successful MLS Summer M&E!

The Medical Laboratory Science Division hosted its first in-person MLS M&E (since the pandemic started). It was a great afternoon, where Pre-MLS, MLS, Post-baccalaureate, and Graduate students were able to meet each other, eat yummy snacks, and relax in a stress-free atmosphere.

On behalf of the MLS faculty and staff, we would like to thank you for being part of this event. We hope to see you at our next one! Stay tuned for upcoming details.



MLS Open House

We are thrilled to announce that we will be hosting the MLS Open House for the second year in a row! It will be held on October 19th from 3-5 PM.

Join this 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.

Do not miss this wonderful opportunity!

F.A. Davis Scholarship

Applications for the F.A Davis Scholarship Program are now available. The deadline for submission is October 12, 2021. If you have any questions, contact scholarship@fadavis.com. F.A Davis has 3 awards of \$1000 each.



Let's Do It TOGETHER!

There is a continuing spread of coronavirus across the United States, and Utah is no exception. The Delta variant is more transmissible, which means we need to make sure we stay protected now more than ever.

With the full FDA approval of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, the U is now requiring COVID-19 vaccination. We want our students, faculty and staff to be able to interact fully in-person in classrooms, laboratories, libraries and offices across campus. The safest and most effective way to get back to those experiences is through these proven vaccines. For more information, see <https://studenthealth.utah.edu/services/immunizations/index.php>



Please continue to take care of yourselves and each other so we can continue to care for our community. Pandemics do end, but only with the help of broad vaccination across our community.

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 19: MLS Fall M&E- Open House

NOV: Lab Tour

DEC: Lab-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.

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"Learning never exhausts the mind."
- Leonardo da Vinci

