



MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES

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# THE UPDATE

Official Newsletter of the Undergraduate and Graduate Programs

## Meet Josh Wardle!



Josh advises prospective students interested in applying to the Medical Laboratory Science Bachelor of Science and Post-Baccalaureate Programs. He has been an academic advisor since 2014 and began working at the U in 2021. He has primarily advised students majoring in the sciences, including Biology, Chemistry, and Pre-Nursing. He graduated from Utah State University with a B.S. in Health Science and from Southern Utah University with an M.A. in Organizational Communication.

Born in San Mateo, California, Josh grew up in that area until he was in middle school, when his family moved to West Jordan, Utah. Josh enjoys being physically active. Some of his favorite activities include hiking in Moab and paddle

boarding with his wife in St. George and at the beaches of California. He is an avid fan of the San Francisco Giants and the Utah Jazz. He also enjoys deep, philosophical conversations about a galaxy far, far away and binge-watching Star Wars and other science fiction films.

To schedule an advising appointment with Josh, [follow this link](#).

The MLS Division is happy to have you, Josh!



## Financial Opportunities

Applications for the [American Proficiency Institute Scholarship program](#) are now available. The deadline for submission is November 8, 2021. If you have any questions, contact [switkoske@api-pt.com](mailto:switkoske@api-pt.com).

Senior and junior-level clinical laboratory science students are encouraged to apply for this scholarship.

Five \$2000 scholarship awardees will be announced by Monday, December 6th, 2021.

## 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 in September. This required meeting will help students navigate through their major and ensure they are informed about upcoming opportunities. In addition, the 1st year MAP milestone advising appointment benefits students by allowing them to access early registration for April 2022 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](#).

## MLSPC

The Medical Laboratory Science Professional Club will be holding elections for next year's executive board in October!

This is an exciting opportunity to gain leadership experience, plan fun events, and make connections with your peers. We are hoping to fill several positions including President, Vice President, Treasurer, and more.

In order to be on the board you must be a member of the MLSPC. If you are interested in running and you are not already a member, please apply!

If you have any questions about any of the positions, please e-mail us at [uofumlspsc@gmail.com](mailto:uofumlspsc@gmail.com), and we will get back to you 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\*

OCT 19: MLS Fall M&E- Open House

NOV 8: API Scholarship Deadline

NOV 8: 1st Year MAP Deadline

## \*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.

## 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. Please join us at the Alumni Hall at the Health Sciences Education Building!

Join this event, where you can meet representatives from hospital, clinic, and reference laboratories.

Laboratory professionals are in high demand, now more than ever. 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.

We have merged this event with the Fall Meet & Eat which means we will have prizes, yummy snacks, and fun games too!

Do not miss this wonderful opportunity! [Register here.](#)



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## This is BeaUTAHful!

We have all been looking forward to the cooler weather and beautiful changing leaves. Fall is one of Utah's favorite seasons. There are many activities to do this time of the year, and we wanted to share some of them.

**Fall Drives:** We are always on the lookout for the best places to see the changing Fall leaves. Logan Canyon, Big Cottonwood Canyon, Guardsman Pass, and the Alpine Loop are a few of the beautiful drives in Utah this time of year.

**Fall Hikes:** There is nothing like a beautiful and cool hike. Enjoy the fall colors while you work on your steps!

**Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze:** This is a family favorite kind of activity. You could try Cornbelly's or

Cross E Ranch. Both will have fun rides, corn mazes, food, and beautiful pumpkins!

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### Utah State Fair:

Utah's biggest and longest event! Lots of rides, food, and shops! All in one place!

**Heber Valley Railroad:** This train takes you on a short ride and includes karaoke and dancing to entertain the whole family!

We hope you enjoy this wonderful season as well as our beautiful state!



"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it." - Marian Wright Edelman

