Thankful for U!

On behalf of the Medical Laboratory Sciences Division, we want to wish you and your loved ones a Happy Thanksgiving.

We send our love to you and your family this Thanksgiving. While many things are looking better and more hopeful this year, we know that challenges from events of the past few years still remain. We hope that the coming months bring more certain times for you.

We in the MLS Division have a lot to be grateful for, most importantly for all of you! We hope your Thanksgiving is full of wonderful food, laughter, joy, and a celebration of all that means the most to you.

MLS Application Workshop

Application materials for admission to the MLS Undergraduate Program for Fall 2022 will be available on our website beginning December 1. For those intending to apply this cycle, the MLS Program Director and MLS Academic Advisor will host an application webinar in early December.

During the webinar, an overview of the admission process, components of the application, and the selection criteria will be presented, including a timeline for submission of materials. Questions will be encouraged throughout the presentation.

Additional details will be sent out in the coming weeks. For immediate inquiries, please contact Josh Wardle, Academic Advisor (josh.wardle@path.utah.edu).

Welcome Class Representative!

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 Autumn Holden as the Class Representative for the remainder of the 2021-22 academic year and throughout the 2022-23 academic year.

Autumn Holden, a Salt Lake City native, recently graduated from Salt Lake Community College with an Associate’s Degree in Biology. She now joins the University of Utah Medical Laboratory Science program and is in the first year of the program. She also works at ARUP Laboratories as a Microbial Immunology Technician. She loves all things biology and is excited to be a part of the MLS program.

When not at school or work, interests of hers include riding and training horses, snowboarding, and even working as a snowboard instructor during the winter months. She can often be found with her girlfriend, Dayton, as they take their horses Banjo and Moose for backpacking trips with their border collie Eddie Vedder in tow.

In the future she hopes to continue to graduate school for Pathology or Medicine. If you see her around campus, please reach out to her! She loves meeting new people and building relationships in and out of the classroom.

The MLS faculty and staff are delighted to have Autumn as this year’s representative and look forward to working with her.
Our Numbers Are Going Up!
You are probably aware that the University of Utah enrollment numbers have smashed previous records, including an increase of 19.6% in enrollment of first-time freshmen. But did you know that our Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Sciences program numbers have also increased significantly? The MLS Division is happy to share that overall completed applications increased by 15% this past year, from 46 in 2020-2021 to 53 this year! Our current student enrollments are in the table below. Notice the dramatic increase in the number of juniors from last year to this year!

Medical Laboratory Scientists continue to be in high demand throughout various areas of the healthcare field, with the employment outlook for laboratory professionals projected to increase throughout this decade. Our goal is to expand our program and continue to increase the numbers of students being admitted, in order to help meet this crucial need.

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MLSPC
The MLSPC will be hosting a lecture by the Career and Professional Development Center to teach skills that can help you nail your next job interview! To join us on Tuesday, November 16th from 5:00-6:00 via Zoom, RSVP here and we will send you the link.

Not a member yet? Its not too late to join us! Fill out a membership application and follow us on social media.

2nd Year Mandatory Advising Program
The 2nd year Mandatory Advising Program (MAP) starts on November 29th. This required meeting will help students 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 to keep them 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.

Fall Backwards
Get ready for the BETTER time change as we end daylight saving time by moving our clocks back one hour this November. The switch happens this year on Nov. 7 at 2AM.

“Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things.” - Robert Brault