Greetings from the Division of Clinical Laboratory Science!

In September 2017, an external review team visited the Division of CLS to review the CLS and MDS programs. The review team noted many strengths of the programs including:

- Highest NAACLS accreditation ratings for both programs
- Excellent outcomes on certification examinations and job placements
- Qualifications, productivity, and commitment of the CLS faculty
- External grant funding
- Support from clinical sites and corporate partners
- Clinical instructors’ and employers’ satisfaction with the programs
- Successful and supportive program alumni
- Curricula that prepare graduates for professional life in the 21st century

The reviewers had two main suggestions for the CLS and MDS programs. They thought that we should have more advanced automated equipment in the student laboratory and that we should increase enrollment in the MDS program. The CLS faculty spent the past year discussing these recommendations. Because our excellent clinical sites provide students with many opportunities to work with cutting-edge automation, the faculty did not see the need to add more automation to the student laboratory. We did agree with the reviewers’ recommendations to increase enrollment in the master’s degree and we have been working on curriculum options to accomplish that.

The CLS Service Society conducted a survey of CLS and MDS graduates in the fall of 2017. They wanted to know what graduates have done with their degrees and they sought advice as they prepared to start their careers. We are grateful to everyone who responded to that survey and provided the updates that you will see in this newsletter. In addition to conducting the alumni survey, students in the CLS Service Society helped at the Ronald McDonald House and promoted the profession through laboratory tours and other recruitment activities. The students’ enthusiasm for CLS has been a great recruiting tool for the program.

We are also happy to announce we have filled our faculty position. In August, Shawn Luby will join our faculty. Shawn is a 2006 graduate of our program and was selected as the outstanding senior student in his class. After graduation, Shawn worked in the Core Laboratory of UNC Hospitals’ McLendon Laboratories for eight years. He taught some courses in the CLS program as an adjunct faculty, and he received the Louise Ward Excellence in Teaching Award in 2017. Shawn is completing his Master of Science in Microbiology and Cell Science at the University of Florida, and he will bring his clinical experience, teaching experience, and enthusiasm for learning to the CLS program. We are fortunate to add Shawn Luby to the faculty.

-Dr. Susan Beck

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Keep your contact information up to date!

We use the General Alumni Association contact information for mailings and email communications and we want to make sure that we have your current information. Please go to the alumni section of the CLS website to add or update your information. You do not have to join the GAA to update your information. Many people have "opted out" of emails from the GAA. The Division of CLS would like to know if you also want to opt out of CLS emails (program announcements, e-newsletters, etc.) If you do not want emails from the Division of CLS, please contact Susan Beck (sbeck@med.unc.edu).
The eleventh annual awards ceremony for scholarship recipients in the Department of Allied Health Sciences (DAHS) was held on November 11, 2017 at the Rizzo Center in Chapel Hill. At this event, each division in the DAHS recognized the accomplishments of scholarship winners and thanked the generous scholarship donors. The Division of CLS was proud to recognize 13 scholarship winners and the donors who made the scholarships possible:

Kay and Marvin Johnson with the 2017-18 Allene W. Alphin and Jesse C. Alphin Clinical Laboratory Scholarship winners: Kaitlin Walsh (Hazlet, NJ) and Alyssa Cunningham (Charlotte, NC).

Dr. William McLendon with the Louise Ward Scholarship winners: Jessie VanGaasbeck (Madison, Nevada), Phoebe Xu, (Hangzhou, China) and Yoohna Shim (Charlotte, NC).

Cheshire Cole with the Raleigh Pathology Laboratory Associates Clinical Laboratory Science Annual Scholarship and WakeMed Health and Hospitals CLS Annual Scholarship winners: Jennifer Munt (San Luis Obispo, CA), Phoebe Xu, (Hangzhou, China) and Ellen Tuck (Greenville, NC).

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Molecular Diagnostic Science Corporate Partner Program Scholarships

Four Molecular Diagnostic Science (MDS) Corporate Partner Program Scholarships were awarded in the 2017-18 academic year thanks to the generosity of our Platinum and Gold partners in the MDS Corporate Partners Program. Scholarships were awarded to: Kameron Bright (Fayetteville, NC), Kyle Miller (Crossville, TN), Enzo Palma (Lima, Peru) and Michelle Campbell (Cherry Valley, IL). Each of these students is profoundly grateful to the scholarship donors for supporting their education. Many thanks to the donors who made these scholarships possible!
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science Celebrates 2018 Commencement

The Division of Clinical Laboratory Science celebrated its graduates on Sunday, May 13, 2018, at the Louis Round Wilson Library immediately following University commencement exercises. Drs. Susan Beck and Stephen R. Hooper addressed graduates, encouraging them to be proud of their accomplishments and what they will contribute to health care.

The program featured recognition of award recipients and the senior class campaign presentation. The CLS Class of 2018 pledged and made gifts totaling $4,125.00 to the CLS Advancement Fund over the next five years. Dr. Beck recognized CLS Service Society members for their work to promote the profession and serve the community while students in the program. The 2018 Outstanding Senior, Neil Patel, was recognized for his communication skills, knowledge, work ethic, preparation for rotations and willing to help others.

MDS Corporate Partner Recognition and Capstone Presentations

On May 4, 2018, the MDS students presented their Capstone projects to the CLS faculty, MDS Corporate Partners, and clinical instructors. The speaker, Dr. Christina Bridges from the Fullerton Genetics Laboratory in Asheville, told graduates that they were well prepared to address the needs of today’s molecular testing laboratories. Dr. Bridges served as an adjunct faculty member in the 2017-2018 academic year and taught two MDS courses. The MDS Corporate Partners spoke about the need for graduates who have the education and perspective that that MDS program provides. The clinical instructors and the Corporate Partners were very impressed with the students’ Capstone project presentations.
2017-2018 MDS Platinum Partners

The Division of Clinical Laboratory Science is grateful for the support of the members of the MDS Corporate partners programs. This program supports scholarships and educational resources for the MDS program.

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Meet Erin Kinney, Allied Health Sciences Development Director

Hello! My name is Erin Kinney and I, first and foremost, want to thank you for welcoming me into your world. I have been here about a month now and I already consider myself a Tar Heel. I have had the opportunity to work with so many wonderful faculty members, students, alumni, our corporate partners, my colleagues at the UNC Medical Foundation, and many more.

As your development director, I will work closely with everyone to continue to build and enhance our alumni network and relationships. I will reach out to you soon in hopes of the opportunity to meet you, hear your Carolina story and chat about all the wonderful initiatives at your alma mater, a place where so many of you called home. I am excited to explore your legacy here and impact on the University’s newly launched Campaign for Carolina, where opportunity is For All Kind. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is led with excellence, and we all have a part in leading with humanity during this Campaign. I am eager to explore how you can make a difference on campus, in our students’ lives, in rural North Carolina, in world-renowned research, and beyond.

As I mentioned, you’ll hear from me soon. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me. I have truly enjoyed all the warm welcomes I have already received.

My email is erin_kinney@med.unc.edu, and my phone number is (919) 966-3352.

All the best,
Erin
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
2017-2018 Annual Donor List

The UNC Chapel Hill CLS program proudly recognizes our annual individual donors from July 1, 2017 to June 1, 2018 by the giving levels below.

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Genevieve Lowry Cole. (’54): Recently honored by UNC-Chapel Hill as a pioneer as the first American Indian female to graduate from UNC-Ch.

Annette Rogers Peretti (now Anne Scott Rogers) (’66): Works as an actor.

Michael Beard M.S. (’85): Currently president/CEO of his own consulting company - Common Sense Consulting LLC and Living in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Janet B. Callahan. (’72): Retired and enjoying family and hobbies immensely. My husband and I travel, do historic preservation projects, and I paint.

Margaret Johnson. (’76): Twenty-six years at LabCorp on July 1, 2017. best friends with classmates Debi Radisch and Donna Conrad Hollowell, and celebrating our children’s careers, weddings and grandchildren.

Robertita Michael DeLuca. (’78): Currently Administrative Director of Pathology for Raleigh Pathology Laboratory Associates. Responsibilities include administrative duties at WakeMed Health and Hospitals, including directing of Laboratory Outreach Program.

Jan Atkins Mock. (’78): Retired. working part-time in brewery ruling out wild yeast and bacterial contamination!


Lisa Ballard. (’82): Owner of Nutrishop Lake Norman in Huntersville, North Carolina, a sports nutrition and vitamin store.

Lesa Edwards Banks. (’82): Retired this past May from 25 years in public education as anatomy and physiology teacher and dean of the School of Medicine and Human Services at Dorman High School; now volunteering at The Bridge, an outreach center for the Northside of Spartanburg.

Jane Bullock Parker. (’82): I am currently a Clinical Data Specialist at Duke Clinical Research Institute.

Natalie Young Walker. (’82): Specialist technologist at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. Employed for 35 years.

Kathleen Campbell Heagie. (’83): Retired.

Gina Woodrief. (’86): Currently working as an Officer in the U.S. Public Health Service. I serve as the laboratory manager of a large medical referral laboratory in the Bureau of Prisons in Butner, North Carolina. My husband, Dan, and I have two kids. Our oldest, Claire, is currently a Clinical Data Specialist at Duke Clinical Research Institute.

Carol Ferrua Steiner. (’86): Opened solo pediatric practice two years ago, also working as pediat-

Elisabeth Holesh Gibbons. (’88): Currently partner of Market in View, LLC.

Susan Lanning Taylor. (’89): Currently director of marketing at Diagnostica Stago.

Melissa Jones. (’91): Technical specialist of the Microbiology Laboratory, UNC Health Care.

Shannon Lancaster Woodhouse. (’93): I have been a stay at home mom since 2014 and during that time I learned to sew and embroider. It was a hobby I enjoyed in my spare time, but now that my daughter is in school I have opened up a small business online selling embroidered gifts. You can check it out at www.polkadotsandnails.com.

Nicole Boylorn. (’98): Currently employed at Pfizer as a senior scientist in quality control.

Mark Schagane. (’98): After working as an account rep for Beckman Coulter for 17 years I have recently taken an account manager position with Bio-Rad. I was ready for something different and a new challenge.

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Alumni Updates

Charity (Grieco) Hertzog. (’00): My husband, James, and I are both private practice ophthalmologists and we own practices in Cabot and Jacksonville, Arkansas. We have three boys: Jacob (9), Jonah (7), and Isaac (6). Life is good, and we are blessed beyond measure.

Jeneva Tewalt. (’00): I am currently working part time in microbiology at a local hospital, my full-time job right now is taking care of my two beautiful girls!

Jessica Cox Traver. (’00): Currently working at Pfizer in Sanford, North Carolina as a QC scientist in the method transfer validation group.

Adrienne Bangle Helms. (’01): Currently a lab services coordinator with Novant Health Medical Group. Living in Advance, North Carolina with husband, Mike, and kids Will (7) and Rae (6).

Fran Blanpain. (’02, MDS ’06): Working for the largest private pathology lab in the U.S., performing the most complex molecular testing that is currently available.

Laura Ruby Murphy. (’03): I am currently the pharmacovigilance manager for Fleet Laboratories based in Lynchburg, Virginia. I am pursuing a master’s degree in regulatory science through the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. I have two children, ages eight and five, and a two-year-old golden retriever. I get back to Chapel Hill frequently for UNC-Ch football and basketball games and to visit friends! Go Heels!

Brian Moon. (’03): Currently Interventional Radiologist at Mori, Bee, and Brooks Radiology, Jacksonville, Florida.


Jennifer Cicale. (’08): Employed as an associate veterinarian at All Creatures Veterinary Clinic in Wilsall, Alaska. I work primarily in small animal practice, but I also see exotic animals and small mammals.

Rima Karsalia. (’08): Works for UNC Physicians Network and was recently promoted to regional manager.

Natalsha Howard. (CLS ’09 and MDS ’10): After graduation, I worked in the Histocompatibility Lab at UNC Hospitals for almost six years. While I was there, I became a CAP inspector for HLA labs and was able to learn next-generation sequencing. In December of 2016, I took a position at CRL Laboratories in Alpharetta, Georgia, in the molecular division. This is a fairly new part of the company. We are busy validating new assays, which has been a very rewarding experience.

Kyle G. Rodino. (’09): Finishing a PhD in Microbiology and Immunology at Virginia Commonweath University School of Medicine. Joining the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota as the clinical microbiology fellow in July 2018.

Preeyaam Patel. (’11): After graduating with a PhD in Microbiology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham I took a position as a postdoctoral fellow at National Jewish Health in Denver, Colorado. I’m a Windsweeps Farm Fellow working on regulation of ILC2 subsets by AP-1 transcription factors.

Erie (Hester) Fleig. (’12): Manufacturing manager, Hemo bioscience.

Saachi Patel. (’12): Currently first-year pediatric resident at Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Leandra Cenea (formerly Doniae). (’13): I have been employed at the Durham VA for more than four years. I started as a general technologist, then promoted to outreach coordinator during my third year, then six months after that promotion, I got promoted again to quality management technologist. My new role has allowed me the opportunity to deal with issues outside the lab such as new instrument validation and CAP inspections.

Callie Barker. (MDS ’16): I am a molecular technologist at a hospital in oncology.