
ROCKY VISTA UNIVERSITY
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

CLASS OF 2023

INDUCTION CEREMONY
FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2022



PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

Welcome to Rocky Vista University's Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences program. I am pleased that you have chosen to pursue your next academic and professional steps with us.

This program will encourage you to learn broadly about scientific principles, think critically about applying your scientific knowledge to the real world, and reflect deeply about sciences' effect on the lives of real people. We will challenge your ideas, inspire your curiosity, and develop your drive.



We are committed to your education and success; we will conduct ourselves with professionalism, honesty, and integrity—and when you put on your white coats today, we expect the same conduct from you. By dedicating yourself to the quest for knowledge and committing yourself to this journey, you dedicate and commit yourself to becoming respected and respectable healthcare professionals, researchers, and people.

The path toward success is not always an easy one; however, those with dedication see obstacles as challenges and opportunities rather than hindrances and deterrents. I applaud you and look forward to seeing what you will accomplish as part of RVU-SU's MSBS class.

Sincerely,

Francina D. Towne, PhD

MSBS Program Director, Associate Professor of Immunology

MSBS MISSION

The Rocky Vista University Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences program will provide an opportunity for students with diverse backgrounds and life experience to strengthen their educational foundation in the biomedical sciences, cultivate critical thinking skills, and prepare for careers in the health sciences.

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STUDENT PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF PURPOSE

Francina Towne, PhD

WELCOME FROM ROCKY VISTA UNIVERSITY

Stephen Miller, PhD

MSBS WELCOME

Heidi Arreola, OMS II

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MSBS PROFESSIONAL COAT

Ricarda Hallstrand, PhD

PRESENTATION OF THE MSBS PROFESSIONAL COATS

MSBS Alumni

CLOSING REMARKS

Francina Towne, PhD

STUDENT RECESSIONAL

MSBS CLASS OF 2023

Spencer Anderson
Mikaela Bassil-Cavaliere
Sarah Chaudhry
Griselle Davila
Logan Freeman
Jose Gonzalez
Trevan Hendry
Weston Ivison
Hayden Jardine
Christian Karren

Alisha Murphy
Nicholas Padilla
Nathan Richards
Meagan Smith
Johnelle Suto
Porter Taylor
Joshua Tronier
Kathleen Villaluz
Catherine Wheelless

VISION STATEMENT

The RVU MSBS program is a pivotal part of RVU's growth and it contributes to RVU's mission and vision as a major health sciences center comprised of a diverse student population, serving the Rocky Mountain West region.

The RVU MSBS program offers resources for students to achieve personal and academic success, including: a) exposure to quality educators and researchers; b) a rigorous curriculum consisting of the application of active learning by faculty and students; and c) the requirement of individual responsibility.

The RVU MSBS program promotes life-long learning and competency in its students via its emphasis on the development of educational skills and critical thinking, and through the encouragement of scientific inquiry.

The RVU MSBS program curriculum and learning environment integrates a strong foundation of biomedical knowledge with the professional, cultural and ethical traits desired in its students and graduates.



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