

MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

CLASS OF 2026

INDUCTION CEREMONY
FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025



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 professional 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-UT's MSBS class.

Sincerely,

Francina D. Towne, PhD
MSBS Program Director, Professor of Immunology



MSBS MISSION

The Rocky Vista University
Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences program
will provide an opportunity for students with all 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
MSBS Program Director
Professor of Immunology

WELCOME FROM ROCKY VISTA UNIVERSITY

Mark Wardle, DO
Associate Professor and Chair, Tracks and Special Programs
Director of Global Medicine

MSBS WELCOME

Kevin Guo, MS; OMS I
MSBS Alumni, Class of 2025

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MSBS PROFESSIONAL COAT

Amberly Reynolds, PhD
Assistant Professor of Anatomical Sciences

PRESENTATION OF THE MSBS PROFESSIONAL COATS

Nick Rodrigues, MS; OMS I
MSBS Alumni, Class of 2025

CLOSING REMARKS

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