



Minnesota Association of Blood Banks Newsletter



WELCOME 2022, LETS TALK ABOUT SOME BLOOD BANKING

Hello everyone and welcome to the **second newsletter of 2022!**

My name is Alex Negro and I wanted to personally welcome all of you to this place where we can share our passion about Transfusion Medicine. Thank you all for saving lives every single day! It is a privilege to be writing this letter to you!



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- See page 3 about our upcoming 2022 Fall Conference. AGENDA NOW AVAILABLE



THE CONTINUATION OF OUR MISSION

We are dedicated...

- To provide educational opportunities and to support the education of those practicing Blood Banking and Transfusion Medicine in order to encourage high standards of service in blood product collection, testing, and administration throughout the state of Minnesota.
- To foster, promote, aid, and encourage additional activities that may extend the best possible blood banking service throughout the state of Minnesota
- To encourage communication and networking between Blood Banking and Transfusion Medicine professionals
- To increase the visibility of Blood Banking and Transfusion Medicine and those working in this field



*“I am still learning”
- Michelangelo (Age 87)*

EDUCATION

Our big news right now is the FOUR scholarships that are being offered right now for students!



CHECK THIS OUT!

MNABB SCHOLARSHIP—WANT MONEY TO LEARN?



This year we are pleased to offer up to four \$1,000 scholarships to **Minnesota students in MT/CLS/MLS or SBB programs**. For more information, please contact the Education Coordinator, Kelly Gillaspie: kelly.gillaspie@innovativeblood.org

If you are interested in applying for one of our annual scholarships, a copy of the application, along with eligibility requirements, is below. Application deadline for 2022 is August 31st.

[CLICK HERE](#) (If reading digitally to be directed to our website to apply or to share the application to others who are interested)



INFORMATION ON THE ROOM WHERE IT HAPPENS

Embassy Suites by Hilton Minneapolis North

Adjacent to the Earle Brown Heritage Center and two miles from Brooklyn Center. 15 minutes from downtown Minneapolis hotspots such as Target Center and Guthrie Theatre, and the Mall of America is 23 minutes away.

[CLICK HERE](#) for directions or to check out what is around the area!



**MNABB ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE—
SEPTEMBER 21, 2022**

SAVE THE DATE for this awesome event that will have presentations on topics ranging from education tools within Transfusion Medicine to trends happening within the world of Blood Banking today. Rooms are available at the Fairfield Inn right outside the door from the conference. Please call this number for reservations: 763.561.8000

2022 AGENDA AND UP TO DATE INFORMATION

[CLICK HERE](#) to download a copy of the agenda for the 2022 conference

Check out our website for updated information as well as previous years agendas. [CLICK HERE](#)



Do you have a burning desire to show off your blood bank knowledge? You will have 2 opportunities to test your skills against other blood bankers.

Have you ever wondered how to get your SBB? Michelle will show you how at our MnABB meeting!

Is irradiation overused? Why do we do it? Dr. Bachowski will be presenting on this topic.

Are you in charge of training new employees and wonder how to engage them? Come and listen to Jody's presentation on that topic.

LINKS TO MUSIC

[Chris Kläfford - Wicked Game, Kitchen Session](#)

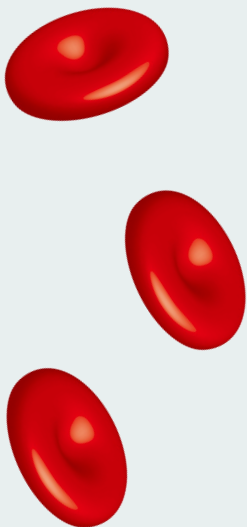
[Noah Mash Up of "Ain't No Sunshine" & "Harder to Breathe" by Bill Withers/ Maroon 5](#)

[Noah Cover of "Man in the Mirror" by Michael Jackson](#)



REMINDER

If you get sick and tired of only hearing my recommendations, please send me some!



WHAT BLOOD BANKERS ARE RECCOMENDING

Within this section I will be sharing some recommendations from myself as well as any suggested recommendations. Please contact me to let me know something you would enjoy sharing!

Recommended Book from Alex: Happy People are Annoying by Josh Peck



- “A wonderfully candid memoir from one of the most recognizable faces of a generation, actor, writer, Youtuber, and television superstar, Josh Peck. In his warm and inspiring book, Josh reflects on the many stumbles and silver linings of his life and traces a zigzagging path to redemption. Written with such impressive detail and aching honesty, Happy People are Annoying is full of surprising life lessons for anyone seeking to accept their past and make peace with the complicated face in the mirror. step up and lead.”
- I also reviewed this book on my own if you are interested in reading my thoughts on my site! [CLICK HERE](#)

Recommended Music from Alex:



- Want to hear an unbelievable singer? This guy, **Chris Kläfford** is a Swedish singer who appeared on America's Got Talent and blew everyone away with his performance covering a famous John Lennon song! Check this out! [CLICK HERE](#)



- The second recommendation that I have for you this week is Noah Guthrie... NO JOKE, this is one of my favorite artists of all time that got famous from covering LMFAO's famous song! Check this out! [CLICK HERE](#)
- I will link more of there music on the left

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Follow us on Facebook!

Our group WANTS YOU to join us! If you are interested in joining our team in the future, please email us and let us know!

Open positions include the following:

2 members-at-large: this is a great way to get your toes wet and learn more about the Transfusion Medicine community. We do have 1 person interested at this time but are always looking to gain new members, especially in the smaller hospitals.

Vice President: this person will help with conference planning and then move into the President role at the fall 2023 conference.

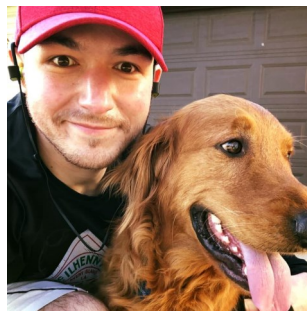
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Have a safe and fun end to your summer! From our blood bank to yours, happy life until next time!



SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS?

Please send an email
HERE to share with me
(Alex)!



ABOUT NEWSLETTER AUTHOR

Hello everyone! My name is Alex Negro and am your brand new newsletter editor! I am very excited to be working with all of you and am excited to have more to share with you in the future. If you are curious about me, you should check out this article that I was featured in here at Mayo Clinic! [OUR STAFF, OUR STORIES: Alexander Negro](#)

