



Minnesota Association of Blood Banks Newsletter



WELCOME 2023, LETS TALK ABOUT SOME BLOOD BANKING

Hello everyone and welcome to the **first newsletter of 2023!**

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 2 for your SAVE THE DATE for our upcoming 2023 Fall Conference.
- See page 3 for a recap of the 2022 Fall Conference.
- See page 6 for your SAVE THE DATE for the upcoming Clinical Laboratory Collective.





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)*

WHAT TYPES OF TOPICS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THIS YEAR?

The MNABB board is currently working on this year’s agenda, full of relevant, engaging, and interesting topics. Do you have a topic of particular interest? Feel free to contact our Education Coordinator, [Kelly Gillaspie](#).

HOW DO YOU REGISTER TO COME TO THIS AWESOME EVENT

Online registration will be activated closer to the event. Keep your eyes peeled for information on our [website](#).

WE HAVE SET A DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE!

NOVEMBER 1st, 2023



MNABB 2022 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

This year we offered up to four \$1,000 scholarships to Minnesota students in MT/CLS/MLS or SBB programs. DRUM ROLL PLEASE... Congratulations to:

Alexzandra Klobassa

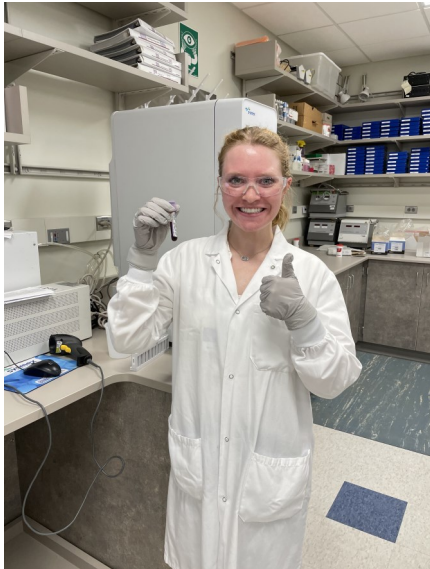


Abby Maruska



INFORMATION ON SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2023

Stay tuned to the [MNABB WEBSITE](#) for the latest on when these applications will go live! Who wouldn't want some money to help jumpstart your education for the future you!



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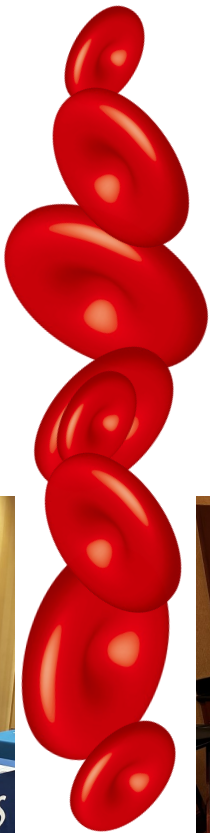
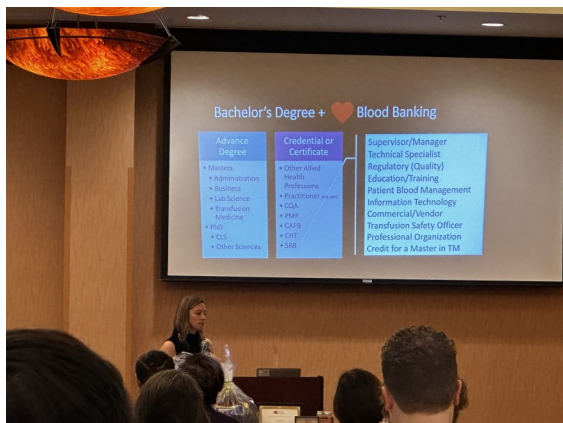


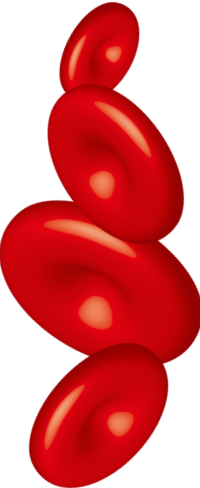
Kaylee Schelonka



MNABB ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE RECAP IN PICTURES—SEPTEMBER 21,

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR AN
EXCELLENT CONFERENCE! What a great
day filled with outstanding presentations,
excellent vendors and great company! We
are excited for next year!





ANOTHER SUPER EXCITING EVENT COMING
TO A SMALL TOWN NEAR YOU!

Any questions about this outstanding event can be directed to [Kelly Gillaspie!](#)



save the date

APRIL 12-13, 2023
MAYO CIVIC
EVENT CENTER
MANKATO, MN

Calling All Medical
Laboratory Professionals
and Industry Partners!

Join us for a 2 day, in-
person conference with 32+
Presentations, Vendor
Booths, and Social Events.

Presented by:
AGT ASCLS-MN
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MNABB MNAMT

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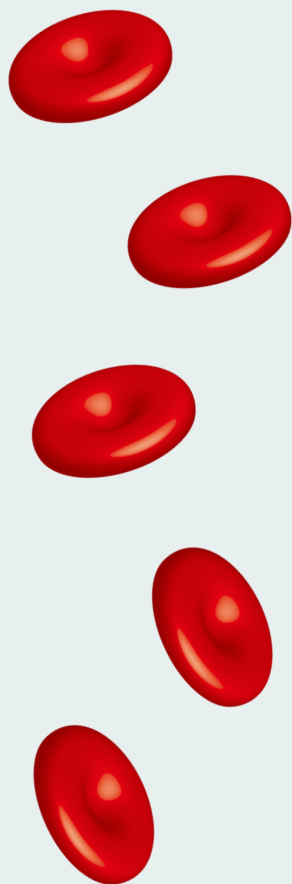


LINKS TO MUSIC

- [You're Still the One \(Shania Twain Cover\) -Teddy Swims](#)
- [Teddy Swims - Valerie \(Amy Winehouse Cover\)](#)

REMINDER

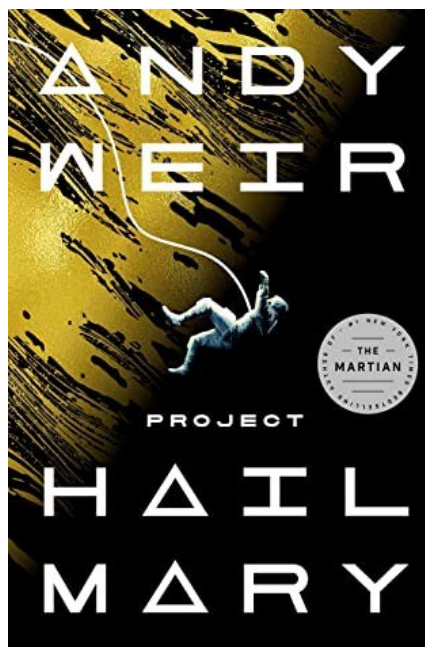
If you get sick and tired of only hearing my recommendations, please send me some!



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:**



- “Project Hail Mary follows Ryland on a last-chance mission to save humanity from extinction. He’s the sole survivor on a spaceship heading toward a nearby star. And as if the stakes weren’t already high enough, Ryland has amnesia and can’t even remember his name!”
- “Andy Weir’s unique writing style makes the book highly entertaining to read! It made me laugh, cry, and appreciate this beautiful planet we call

home. Even if you don’t normally read Science Fiction, you’ll enjoy Project Hail Mary.”

- This is one of my favorites from 2022! I hope that you’ll give it a shot in 2023!
- [LINK TO REFERENCE](#)



- **Recommended Music from Alex:**
- Teddy Swims is my recommendation for you all this time around! This guy does some unbelievable covers of songs and has a growing library of his own as well! Links will be on the left as always!

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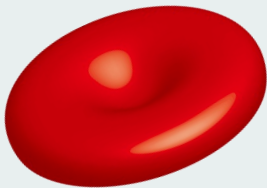
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Have a safe and fun beginning to your 2023! From our blood bank to yours, happy life until next time!



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 I am your 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.