

# Scintillating News

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## University of Findlay Day of Giving—March 21, 2024

The work we do within the Nuclear Medicine Institute and the University of Findlay has a lasting impact. Thanks to the generous support of alumnus Mr. Tony Marini, we have a matching gift challenge of \$1,000.00 for the Nuclear Medicine Institute Scholarship Endowment Fund. Tony started this scholarship because he wanted to “give something back” to the program.

The formation of the scholarship was his way of acknowledging the role the University of Findlay and the Nuclear Medicine Institute played in allowing him to build a successful career. We are hopeful that others will consider donating toward this scholarship so that future NMI students can benefit.

As the endowment increases, more NMI students will benefit. You may donate in memory of a family member, friend or fellow classmate. Donations can also be made in honor of a high school or college instructor, mentor, or technologist who you feel has assisted you in reaching your career goals.

Consider giving using the QR code to the right or clicking below:

[give.findlay.edu](http://give.findlay.edu)



### Donations made to NMI

- Blanchard Valley Hospital
- OhioHealth Marion General
- Hermes Medical Services

## Alumni Update Form

We love to hear from our alumni and get an update on their current endeavors in nuclear medicine. If you have had any changes to your contact information, place of employment, want to become a new clinical affiliate for our program, or have interest in giving us feedback about NMI, please complete the following survey online: <https://forms.gle/PZ6yEJU8byykJyw78>

## NMTCB / ARRT Results

At this time, the three year-pass rate for 2020, 2021, and 2022 NMI graduates on their first attempt at the certification boards is 79%, below the JRCNMT benchmark of 80%. Although graduates are successful in finding work quickly after graduation, NMI is dedicated to improving this first-time pass rate. New review tools and increased experiential learning in the classroom are being utilized to better prepare students for their boards and the workplace.

## Dr. Ann Whithaus NMI Endowed Scholarship



Dr. Ann Whithaus

Through the generosity of Dr. Ann Whithaus, the Dr. Ann Whithaus Nuclear Medicine Institute (NMI) Scholarship Endowment fund was established in recognition of the

program's contribution to the profession of nuclear medicine technology.



Fall 2022 Cohort Award Recipient:  
Austyn Grandits



Spring 2023 Cohort Award Recipient:  
Reagan Christian

## HeartLight Pharmacy Services Operating Scholarship



Eric Schaaf, owner of HeartLight Pharmacy Services located in Lima,

Columbus, and Dayton, Ohio, continues to support the future of nuclear medicine through endowment of an operating scholarship.



Fall 2022 Cohort Award Recipients:  
Austyn Grandits & Sonya Sabbagh



Spring 2023 Cohort Award Recipient:  
Reagan Christian & Taylor Kawa

## Eric R. Theis NMI Operating Scholarship Fund

The Eric R. Theis NMI Operating Scholarship is in memory of Eric Theis, a 2005 NMI graduate who passed away in October 2010. Eric was passionate about nuclear medicine and cherished his co-workers and friends. It is the desire of his family and friends that his legacy continues through this scholarship to assist others in obtaining an education in nuclear medicine technology.



Fall 2022 Cohort Award Recipient:  
Sonya Sabbagh



Spring 2023 Cohort Award Recipient:  
Reagan Christian

## Nuclear Medicine Institute Scholarship



The NMI Scholarship is an endowed scholarship that honors the students, technologists, physicians, and faculty who have contributed to the success of the NMI students.



Fall 2022 Cohort Award Recipient:  
Zakkary Klinzing



Spring 2023 Cohort Award Recipient:  
Taylor Kawa

## Lori Kloman and Clarence Williamson NMI Endowed Scholarship



Lori Kloman

Established by her beloved husband, Clarence Williamson, the Lori Kloman and Clarence Williamson NMI Scholarship Endowment Fund was created at The University of Findlay

to honor Lori's memory, as well as the long-standing commitment to higher education and the field of Nuclear Medicine of both Lori and Clarence.



Fall 2022 Cohort Award Recipient:  
Steven Kargobai



Spring 2023 Cohort Award Recipient:  
Taylor Kawa

## New member of the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board



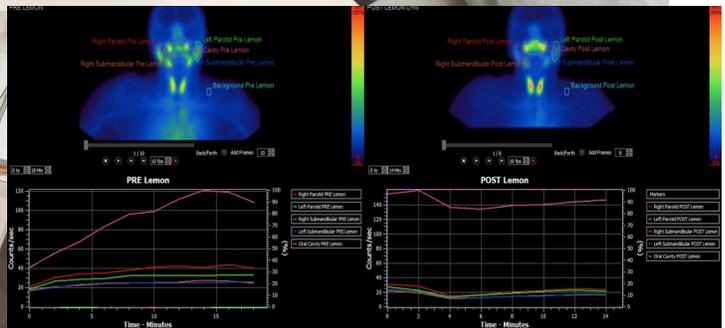
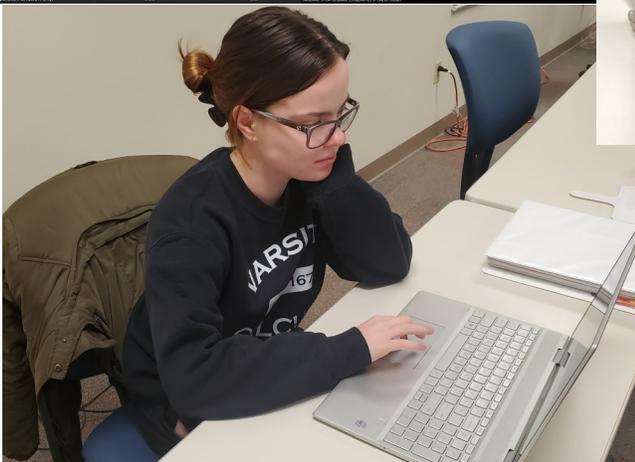
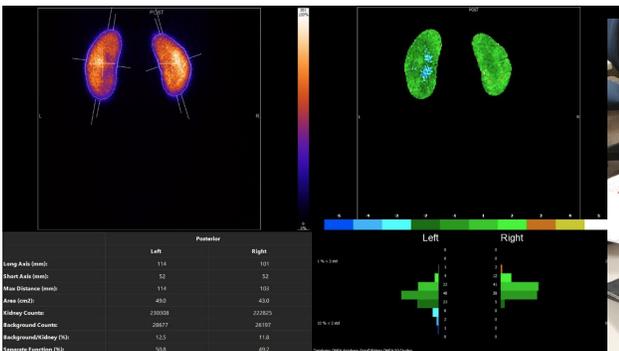
We are happy to announce that NMI's program director Eric Hertenstein was recently elected to serve a four-year term as a Director on the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB). Eric is excited to be serving in this capacity and looks forward to advocating for our future generation of nuclear medicine technologists.

# Hermes Medical Solutions - Donate Processing Software

It is with immense gratitude and appreciation that we acknowledge the invaluable contribution made by Hermes Medical Solutions, marking a significant stride forward for our pursuit of excellence at the University of Findlay Nuclear Medicine Institute.

The software provided by Hermer Medical Solutions will allow for students to have

a deeper understanding of nuclear medicine through hands-on experience with software, comprehend how different settings and parameters affect quality and diagnostic value of images, and incorporating image processing software into the curriculum enriches students' learning experiences.



## Guest Speakers



Fostering education isn't just about textbooks and lectures – it's about real world experiences that shape the minds of our future technologists. Recently, we had the pleasure of hosting both Novartis and Bayer to engage our students in discussion about the landscape of radiopharmaceuticals and their professional journey in the field of nuclear medicine.



On October 4th 2023, our students spoke with Dani Beitko, Bernie McKay, and Lisa Cain from Novartis. Their insight shed light on Novartis products such as Pluvicto, NETSPOT and Locametz, and the products contribution to the field of nuclear medicine.

Then on October 5th 2023 Dr. Ryan Smith visited NMI students to discuss Bayer's Xofigo.



## Scrub Station Donations



The Diagnostic Service Department is excited to announce our ongoing initiative focused on providing essential scrubs to students. We've launched a new project aimed at collecting donations of new and gently used scrubs to give to students that might otherwise struggle to purchase them. Students need a dedicated pair

of scrubs for their class in the cadaver lab and also need several pairs of scrubs for other classes, observations, and clinicals.

We are actively working to continue to collect scrubs and for the Scrub Station. If you are interested in donating scrubs, you can drop them off to the Diagnostic Service Department at 401 West Trenton Avenue, Findlay, Ohio between of 9:00am and 3:00pm Monday through Friday, or you can reach out to Christy Stinehelfer to make arrangements at 419-434-5594 or at [christy.stinehelfer@findlay.edu](mailto:christy.stinehelfer@findlay.edu)



**Congratulations, Graduates!**



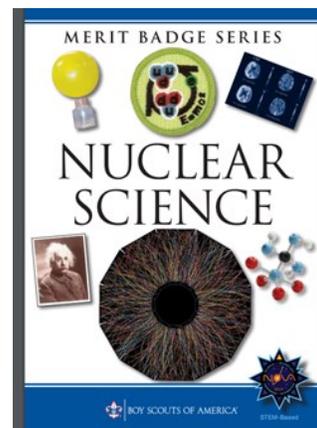
Fall Class 2022



Spring Class 2023

## Boy Scout Troop 302 Earn Nuclear Science Merit Badge

September 18, 2023, Boy Scout Troop 302, in Findlay, Ohio, visited the University of Findlay Nuclear Medicine Institute as a prerequisite to attaining their Nuclear Science Merit Badge. The Scouts were given hands-on experience with Geiger-Mueller Survey Meters, as well as the Counting lab, Iso-lab, and Nuclear Camera lab. They learned what radiation is, the difference between radiation exposure and contamination, and the ALARA principle. NMI faculty Eric Hertenstein and Christy Stinehelfer discussed the education, training, and experience required for the nuclear medicine profession.



In addition to their experience on the University campus, the Scouts also took a trip to Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station in Oak Harbor, Ohio.



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## Advisory Committee

We appreciate everyone who was able to attend the Advisory Committee Meeting last year –thank you!

**Next Meeting: Friday, May 3, 2024**

## Lambda Nu National Honor Society - Mu Iota Chapter



UF has its own chapter of the Lambda Nu National Honor Society for the Radiologic and Imaging Sciences. To date, there are approximately 100 members in the UF chapter, Mu Iota. There are three levels of membership: student, faculty, and alumni.

Student members must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher (based on a 4.0 scale) in the professional courses after one full semester at NMI, be enrolled as a full-time student in an imaging program at The University of Findlay, and meet two of the following: GPA higher than 3.8, actively pursuing a research project,

presentation of a professional paper or poster, compete at a Quiz Bowl, clinical-based employment in an imaging science field, or attendance at two or more conferences.

Faculty members are eligible for membership if they are actively teaching at The University of Findlay, have an active membership in an imaging science professional organization, and possess a current professional certification by a nationally recognized credentialing organization.

Alumni of an imaging program at The University of Findlay may apply for membership if they show evidence of a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher after completion of an imaging science program, baccalaureate, or graduate degree OR, in lieu of an overall GPA of 3.5, alumni are eligible to become members by providing

evidence of a GPA of 3.0 or higher in an imaging professional program. Alumni must also provide evidence of active membership in an imaging science professional organization, as well as current certification by a nationally recognized credentialing organization.

Alumni who may be interested should contact the Diagnostic Service Department office at 419-434-4708.

