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**Subject:** Why we are here....

At last night's Board of Trustees meeting, we had the opportunity to highlight the success of our Radiologic Technology students who attended the Association of Collegiate Educators in Radiologic Technology Conference, for both baccalaureate and associate level programs, in Las Vegas and what happens in Las Vegas does NOT stay in Las Vegas! Our students competed in the Student Bowl and two of our students placed in the top 25, **Abby Lotten** and **Erik Johnsgard**, and Erik placed first among over 330 students competing!! Congratulations, Erik and Abby!

What's more, our students swept the poster competition, taking 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, in both the literature review and research categories! Congratulations to our students and to our faculty, especially **Melissa Wu** and our program director, **Rachelle Campbell**.

The success of these students is a wonderful reminder of why we do what we do, and while it is easy to get mired in day to day concerns and in important tasks surrounding the educational enterprise, there is nothing more important than in how we contribute to the success of our students. And the success of our students depends upon so many of us, working together toward this common goal. Groups are already getting together to begin our **Self Study** for the reaccreditation process. The "kickoff" was last Friday. You will have the opportunity to participate in a collegial process that helps the college move forward. Departments will be asked to review and revise, update, student learning outcomes (**SLO's**) or service area outcomes (**SAO's**); to assess whether the present ones were effective and/or should be updated; do they have an equity lens; how can they be improved? The success of the students noted above is but one example of what we strive for, for all of our students. We are setting aside one of the professional development days at the beginning of Spring Quarter for this work to be done, but it is not too soon to start thinking about it now. Our **Guided Pathways** work is nearing completion for the first iteration, after much hard and diligent work and we are indebted to all those involved, many of whom I have yet to meet because of Covid.

And have you done any other reading assignment for African American History month? If you haven't, you should know the story of **Henrietta Lacks** and **HeLa cells**. Look it up..... it's sobering. Any of you reading or have read a book or article you want to share in honor of African American History month? Let me know and I can share with the campus via these emails. If I had the bandwidth, I would start a book club or a reading club but would certainly entertain any volunteers to do so.

Here's the link to my read of the day:

[https://www.google.com/books/edition/The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks/GFevO-QxQDgC?hl=en&gbpv=1&printsec=frontcover](https://www.google.com/books/edition/The_Immortal_Life_of_Henrietta_Lacks/GFevO-QxQDgC?hl=en&gbpv=1&printsec=frontcover)

Best regards,

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