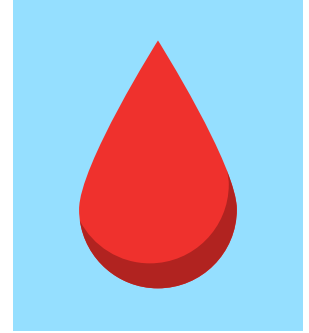


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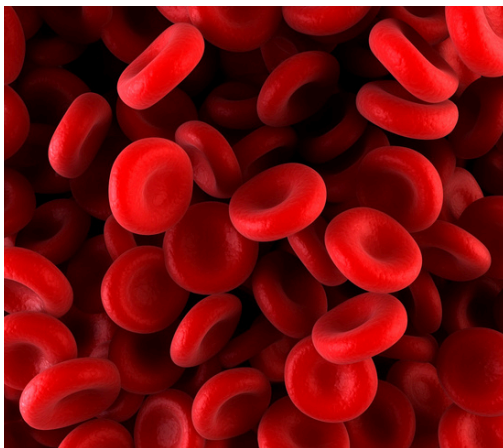
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## What a great year for blood bankers it has been!

Greetings to all, and a hearty welcome to the final newsletter of 2024! As we close out the year, I invite each of you to reflect on our shared passion for Transfusion Medicine. Your unwavering dedication to saving lives every day is truly commendable. It is my privilege to connect with you through this letter as we celebrate the accomplishments and progress we've made together.

### What you will find in this issue:

- Our Mission
- 2024 Fall Conference Recap
- 2025 Save the Date
- 2025 Scholarship Information
- Blood Bankers Recommend
- Words from Vendors
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- Suggestions for the Future



## Our Mission as MNABB

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 MN.
- To foster, promote, aid, and encourage additional activities that may extend the best possible blood banking service throughout the state of MN.
- 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.

### Recap of our 2024 Annual Fall Conference

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the 2024 Annual Fall MNABB Conference, from our dedicated attendees to our incredible vendors. Your enthusiasm and contributions played a vital role in making this event a success. By coming together, we've strengthened our commitment to ongoing education and innovation in our field. We're grateful for your support and look forward to building on this momentum in the future!



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## Recap of our 2024 Annual Fall Conference (cont.)

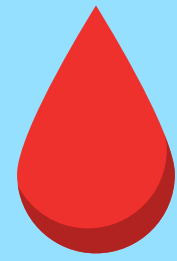




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# THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!



# 2025 CONFERENCE

## What to expect and plan for this year!

Mark your calendars and save the date for the 2025 Annual Fall MNABB Conference! While the exact date and location are still to be determined, this event promises to be another incredible day filled with insightful discussions and valuable networking opportunities. We are still looking for speakers—if you have an idea for a speaker, please email Angela Dahl at [angela.dahl@innovativeblood.org](mailto:angela.dahl@innovativeblood.org). Stay tuned for updates and additional information, which will be available on [mnabb.com](http://mnabb.com) as details are finalized. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to connect and learn with your peers!

### Visit our website!

Registration will soon be available on our website! Stay tuned for updates on when registration will open. Be sure to visit our website regularly for the latest information and details on how to register for the 2025 Annual Fall MNABB conference.



## 2025 SCHOLARSHIP INFO

### How to get your hands on some cash!

Exciting news awaits! Scholarship opportunities for aspiring Minnesota students in MT/CLS/MLS or SBB programs will soon be announced. Stay tuned to our website and newsletters for the latest updates. We're thrilled to continue supporting education in our field and can't wait to share more details with you. For further inquiries, please reach out to our Education Coordinator, Kelly Gillaspie, at [kelly.gillaspie@innovativeblood.org](mailto:kelly.gillaspie@innovativeblood.org). More information coming soon!







# WHAT ARE BLOOD BANKERS RECOMMENDING...

## Books to check out:

### ***The Trees by Percival Everett***

An uncanny literary thriller addressing the painful legacy of lynching in the US, by the author of Telephone

Percival Everett's *The Trees* is a page-turner that opens with a series of brutal murders in the rural town of Money, Mississippi. When a pair of detectives from the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation arrive, they meet expected resistance from the local sheriff, his deputy, the coroner, and a string of racist White townsfolk. The murders present a puzzle, for at each crime scene there is a second dead body: that of a man who resembles Emmett Till.

The detectives suspect that these are killings of retribution, but soon discover that eerily similar murders are taking place all over the country. Something truly strange is afoot. As the bodies pile up, the MBI detectives seek answers from a local root doctor who has been documenting every lynching in the country for years, uncovering a history that refuses to be buried. In this bold, provocative book, Everett takes direct aim at racism and police violence, and does so in a fast-paced style that ensures the reader can't look away. *The Trees* is an enormously powerful novel of lasting importance from an author with his finger on America's pulse.

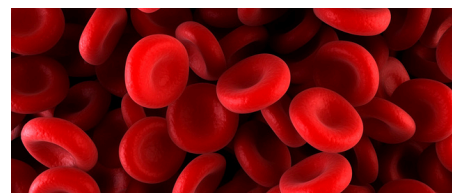


## Music to look into: George Ezra

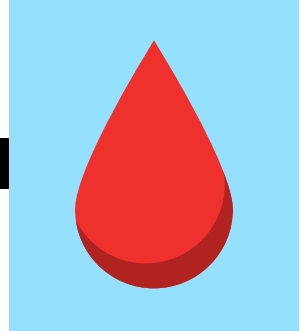
George Ezra is a British singer-songwriter known for his deep, soulful voice and folk-pop sound. He rose to fame with his hit single Budapest, followed by chart-topping albums like *Wanted on Voyage* and *Staying at Tamara's*, which feature popular tracks like Shotgun. With his distinctive style and heartfelt lyrics, George has captivated audiences worldwide, earning multiple awards and acclaim for his musical talent.

### Have something to recommend?

Send Alex Negro an email at [negro.alexander@mayo.edu](mailto:negro.alexander@mayo.edu)







# WORDS FROM OUR VENDORS!

We will give a shout out to our vendors throughout the year! Here is the next one:

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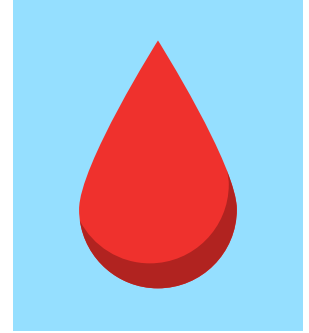
## About Alba Bioscience Inc.:

Alba delivers value to your lab through a broad menu of high-quality manual blood bank reagents that enable the safe and efficient delivery of life-saving treatments around the world. Our products are expertly designed to meet the varying demands of our diverse customer network that includes more than 1,800 customers across the US. Alba reagents are an ideal fit for blood banks that exclusively use manual testing, and are also well-suited for labs that are using an automated platform but seeking a reliable and affordable manual reagent supplier. Building on over 30 years of company heritage in transfusion diagnostics, Alba proudly develops and manufactures all products in-house to sell directly to labs or through our industry partners. Alba is committed to delivering high-quality products at affordable prices – learn more at [www.alivedx.com/alba](http://www.alivedx.com/alba).





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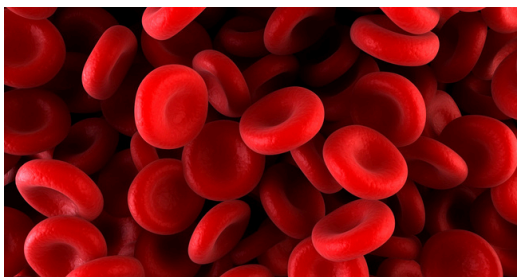
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## Thank you for reading!

Thank you all so very much for reading the last newsletter of 2024! Look forward to many new and exciting things this next year from MNABB! We are here for you and want to help bring blood bankers together!

### About the Author:

My name is Alex Negro and I am your newsletter editor. Please let me know if you have anything you'd like to see in future issues. I want to make this YOUR newsletter, I need your input!



### Suggestions for the future?

Email me at [negro.alexander@mayo.edu](mailto:negro.alexander@mayo.edu) with any suggestions you may have. I am excited to work with all of you! Hope everyone has had an excellent 2024 and is excited to welcome 2025!

