The Department is also excited to welcome back Dr. Hiroshi Kidokoro, a histopathologist. He joins us from the Digestive Disease Institute in New York. We are thrilled to have him on our team and believe he will make a significant contribution to our department.

Happy New Year! The Department of Pathology is looking forward to another exciting year. We are excited about the developments we will see in our field and are committed to advancing our mission of excellence in education, research, and patient care.
COPPAGE NAMED PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF ASHI LAB ACCREDITATION

Myra Coppage, Ph.D. was named Program Director for Laboratory Accreditation by the American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics (ASHI) in October. The position was previously served by laboratory immunogenetics consultant Dr. James Katzman, whose five years in this role included assessing HLA/Tissue Typing laboratory accreditation for about 290 labs worldwide, including most U.S. and Canadian transplant labs, as well as labs in Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Ireland, India, Thailand, and China. ASHI accredits about 250 clinical and research laboratories worldwide, including most U.S. and Canadian transplant labs, as well as labs in Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Ireland, India, Thailand, and China.

earlier this month, the new Ever Better Board attracted 126 new ideas in forms, including 36 from other unit's needs. "We used illustrations of our bins to indicate when an idea was a minor, a major, or was forwarded, or was unnecessary for the unit's needs."

"Of course, you're welcome to just drop by, but I'd welcome a note or email to let me know you're coming. We'd love to have you join us for a light meal and conversation in the lounge."

"It’s easy to get lost in the details of our work, and so it’s really important to slow down and take the time to appreciate what we do."

"The new Ever Better Board is a metaphor for the SMS' culture of continuous improvement and the Bloomington-Smoky Hill teamwork. We’re all part of something bigger than ourselves, and working together we can make a difference and have a real impact on the improvement of everything we do."

"We are working to make the Ever Better Board a tool that is used daily in the lab by all employees. Our goal is to make sure that everyone understands what it is and how it works, and that it becomes a regular part of their daily routine."

"Our philosophy is that small changes can lead to big improvements, and that by working together we can achieve great things."

"The Ever Better Board uses a metaphor of the SMS's system, the "Ever Better Board" — a graphical representation of the unit's emphasis on process improvement. Removing from the SMS's emphasis on our vision is the need to drive continuous improvement initiatives throughout the entire organization."

"Our vision is to become a world-leading laboratory in process improvement, and the Ever Better Board is a key component of that vision."

"We need your help to make the Ever Better Board a success. Your ideas and contributions are valued, and we welcome your feedback and suggestions."

"We encourage you to take the time to get familiar with the Ever Better Board and to participate in its ongoing development."

"We appreciate your support and look forward to working together to create a better lab for everyone."

DAVID BAILEY ROAD UPDATE

Alan Katzman, Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, was recently named to The Pathologist’s "Top 100 Power List" for 2015. The list was compiled by Dr. Bruce Smoller, Professor and Chair of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, who was recently named to The Pathologist’s "Power List."

"I am part of the ASCP career ambassador program, and as an ambassador I speak to local groups about the medical laboratory profession and the role of the medical laboratory technician in providing patient care."

"I have been in the medical laboratory profession for over 25 years, and have seen many changes in the field. It is exciting to see how far we have come, and how much more we can achieve in the future."

"I am very proud of the work that we do, and I am excited to be a part of such a great profession. Thank you for your support and for allowing me to be a part of this incredible journey."

"I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to serve in this role, and I am looking forward to continuing to serve and contribute to the profession. Thank you again for your support."