The Dead Teach the Living, But the Living Help, Too

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Andy Anderson shows a human heart to USU Cadaver Lab visitors

Among the most popular stops on campus tours is the Department of Biology’s Cadaver Lab, where principal lecturer and pre-health advisor Andy Anderson and the USU Cadaver Tour Club (his volunteer team of student and alumni helpers) provide a unique experience. The club welcomes high school students, yoga instructors, health care professionals-in-training, including; emergency medical technicians, paramedics, certified nursing assistants and medical assistants, where they have the opportunity to view the lab’s human bodies donated for learning and research.

“Each week, I receive multiple appreciative emails from people in the broader community who have visited the lab and had such a rewarding experience,” says Biology Department Head Diane Alston.

Among the lab’s enthusiastic fans is USU Admissions Campus Tour Coordinator Maggie Porter.

“I advise a group of student ambassadors and, during training, the number one thing they want to tour on campus is the cadaver lab,” Porter says. “I’m also so appreciative of Andy Anderson and his willingness to accommodate hundreds of prospective students and other visitors with lab tours. I love the passion he has for this program and his desire to educate each person who comes into the lab.”

Read the entire story here.