



ASCLS is excited to introduce the ASCLS Voices Under 40, a monthly recognition of one of our many, talented and committed young professionals under 40 years old. The ASCLS Voices Spotlight has been developed to honor ASCLS members who have shown exceptional commitment to ASCLS, the laboratory profession, and their community at large at a younger age in their professional career. Each month we spotlight one of the Shining Voices who were selected from many nominations across the country.

Please meet Kelcey Harper, Bachelor of Science, MLS(ASCP)^{CM} from Lowell, Massachusetts.

Kelcey is currently working as an Associate Technical Service Specialist at Sekisui Diagnostics in Lexington, MA. She is responsible for supporting rapid and molecular product lines. In addition, Kelcey is an adjunct faculty member at the University of Massachusetts Lowell in the Department of Biomedical and Nutritional Sciences. She continues to practice as a laboratorian, working per diem as a generalist for New England Baptist Hospital in Boston, MA.



"I continue to be motivated by the opportunities to network with leaders in the field and to make a lasting impact on the profession," Kelcey mentions in her personal statement when asked about ASCLS. For the past year Kelcey has been serving on the national ASCLS Board of Directors as the Ascending Professional Director. She first joined the organization as a student and was completely hooked after attending the Annual Meeting in Atlanta. When asked why she continues to be involved with the organization she replied, "I try to provide a voice for those who want to see our profession move forward into the future and modern world. My way of doing that is by taking on leadership opportunities to serve as that voice. Not only does ASCLS allow me to do that, it has allowed me to grow into the professional I am today and learn how to be a leader in and out of the society. I call ASCLS a family, because they are my professional family."

When asked what her favorite personal accomplishment has been within ASCLS, Kelcey responded with, "The implementation of the EventsXD meeting app for ASCLS Central New England. The app allowed for the constituent society convention planning committee to digitize their block schedule for the meeting. In addition, it allowed for the uploading of documents and handouts that were provided to us by our session speakers. This was a large undertaking indefinitely. Between setting up the meeting app from scratch, to breaking down the files into multiple files for ones that were over 3MB (which were most), and to making last minute additions every day leading up to, and during, the convention—we were able to set up a great interface for our attendees which was widely utilized and praised."

Kelcey was highly recommended for this award by her peers. One of her nominators has this to say, "It is clear that Kelcey has a passion for the field of MLS, as evidenced by her work experience and her participation in the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS). She has been an active member since 2015, and has held numerous leadership positions including, but not limited to, Student Director, Chair: New Professionals & New Members Forum, and Ascending Professionals Director (Governing Board of Directors). During her time at UML, she encouraged other MLS students to get involved in ASCLS and was seen as a mentor to her fellow MLS students. There is no doubt that Kelcey will continue to rise as a leader in this important professional organization."

Outside of ASCLS, Kelcey's greatest achievement is becoming a faculty member at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. She had dreamed of becoming a teacher at the college level, specifically within the field of medical laboratory science. Kelcey began teaching Anatomy & Physiology lab to MLS/CLS students, as well as students within the Zuckerberg College of Health Sciences. Afterwards, she began teaching Clinical Laboratory Instrumentation to CLS/MLS and Nutrition students. Kelcey said, "Being an adjunct faculty member in the college and department where I once graduated from was a privilege. I was honored to have the opportunity to give back to the department which helped develop me into the professional I am today. Working with students and training the future lab professionals of tomorrow is worth every late-night grading session—because seeing them succeed and master the concepts we teach them is the best part of the job. I remember having those "a-ha" moments where everything just clicks and to play a role in the student's academic success is truly exceptional."