



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 Tera Webb, M.S. in Clinical Laboratory Science, MLS(ASCP)CM from Birmingham, AL.

Tera is a teacher at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. At UAB, she primarily teaches for the Clinical Laboratory Science program. However, she also teaches for Biomedical & Health Sciences and the Physician Assistant programs in the Department of Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences in the School of Health Professions. Her main teaching responsibilities are clinical microbiology, clinical laboratory management, and phlebotomy.

She serves ASCLS in many capacities, most recently ESA Vice-Chair and CLEC committee member. When asked why she continues to be involved in ASCLS, Tera had this to say, "ASCLS is a society specifically for my chosen profession and my motivation for being actively involved stems from me wanting to improve the profession and for wanting others to recognize who we are and what we bring to the healthcare team."

When asked what her favorite personal accomplishment has been within ASCLS, Tera responded with, "I think I have had multiple personal accomplishments in ASCLS, but my most recent best personal accomplishment would be presenting solo at a national meeting. CLEC 2020 was my first time presenting by myself at a national meeting and it was so great to share my experiences with other educators."

Tera was highly recommended for this award by her peers. One of her nominators had this to say, "Ms. Webb is truly a star on the rise and a shining example of the potential of laboratory professionals growing within the profession. She is a dynamic educator, a dedicated clinical microbiologist, and an evolving leader with a passion for fostering collaborative practice in our future pipeline of healthcare professionals. She has been extremely influential on my career and continues to inspire her colleagues (both novice and experienced) in their own curriculum



development. Notably, she has positively impacted her learners in their own academic and professional pursuits. Tera leads by example and she serves to be an example to others.”

“My proudest achievement outside ASCLS would be the impact I have had on my students. Just this past semester I had three former students, separately, come to campus to talk to me about the Health Services Administration doctoral program that I am currently in. They each talked about their experiences in the clinical laboratory, what problems exist, and how I inspired them to consider Health Services Administration as a route to be an educator and/or researcher to solve problems within hospital laboratories.”