



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 Brooke Solberg, PhD, MLS(ASCP)^{cm} from Thompson, North Dakota.

Brooke is the Program Director and Department Chair for the Medical Laboratory Science Department at the University of North Dakota. For the past 10 years, she has been teaching graduate and undergraduate MLS students about Hemostasis, Hematology, Body Fluids, Communication, Professional Issues, and Laboratory Education. She also keeps her bench skills current by working a flex position in Hematology at a local hospital.



Brooke has been committed to serving ASCLS in many different capacities. She is currently serving as the Membership Committee-Vice Chair as well as the President of ASCLS-North Dakota. In her application Brooke said, "My involvement with ASCLS had been a steadily progressing journey from member, to active member, and now to leadership roles." In the past, Brooke has served as a Board Member at Large-ND, Hematology Scientific Assembly Chair-ND, Region V Symposium Planning Committee Member, and State Meeting Planning Committee Member. Brooke has also shared her laboratory knowledge with other professionals by presenting lectures at CLEC and ASCLS-ND meetings, along with authoring several professional publications. "I love the laboratory profession and want is best for it. It can be disheartening to see some of the major issues we face and feel helpless as a single individual to make a difference. ASCLS gives us hope in that struggle by bringing together numerous passionate and knowledgeable individuals to form a single unified voice and by unequivocally standing up for what is best for the profession."

When asked what her best personal accomplishment has been within ASCLS, she responded with: "Being elected as ASCLS-ND President. My peers saw something in me that I did not even recognize in myself, and because of them I was able to become involved in ASCLS on a different level. This involvement has served to further strengthen my commitment and appreciation for ASCLS."

Brooke was highly recommended for this award by her peers. Here is what one of her nominators had to say: "Brooke has been active in the American Society of Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS), having served as President of the North Dakota Society for CLS (ASCLS-ND) this past year. She has lead the ND ASCLS team with great enthusiasm, promoting the values of serving the patient in as meaningful way as we can."

Outside of ASCLS, Brooke's greatest achievement was receiving her PhD in Teaching and Learning in 2012. "It was a major milestone due to the time and effort I devoted to it." She feels that with this degree she is a better educator, and she uses the concepts she learned every day in her professional career.

Brooke is also proud of her family. She said in her application, "They are my motivation and support, and I try to be the same for them."