

# Student Forum

*The mission of ASCLS is to make a positive impact in health care through leadership that will assure excellence in the practice of laboratory medicine.*

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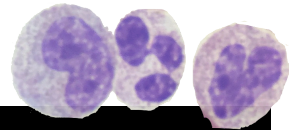
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A great way to represent and advocate for our profession is at the legislative level. There are scholarship opportunities that make it easier to get there!

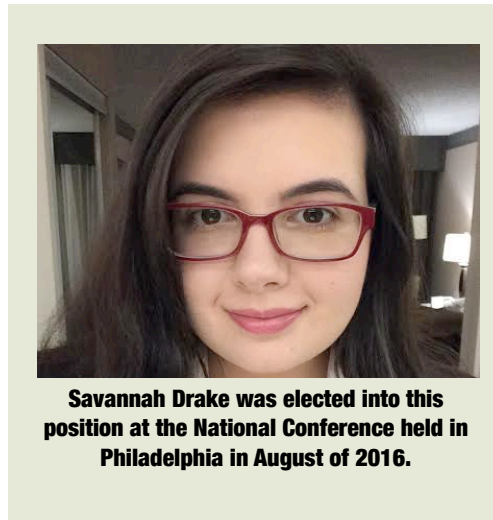
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## An Introduction From Your Student Forum Chair

Greetings Student Members of ASCLS! My name is Savannah Drake, and I am excited to be your 2016-2017 Student Forum Chair. The Student Forum has been hard at work creating content, fundraising, and planning future events for our CLS/MLS and CLT/MLT student members. You have heard again and again that you are the future of Clinical Laboratory Science and that what you decided to do as a member of ASCLS has great potential to shape that future. "Yes, I know that", you may say, but have you thought about it this way: *Ware yori inishie wo nasu* (自

我作古) says the Japanese phrase, meant to help new students of now-ancient arts to understand their place in the world. What is the translation of this saying? "Creating history to define the future", which is exactly what every member of ASCLS is doing this very instant. The phrase was meant to help new students, who struggled with wanting to create work at the same level of their masters, to understand that they weren't meant to copy the standards set by their sensei. The work the new students would accomplish would set the stage for the next era, which would in turn set the stage for its successor. The world is a beautiful amalgam of creation and



**Savannah Drake was elected into this position at the National Conference held in Philadelphia in August of 2016.**

destruction, where one day the work that you put into your laboratory community will be the foundation of the next generation who will in turn decide what to do with your creation. In understanding the full meaning, both the new students and masters found solace in it: the masters' works would quietly become part of the past, something they would wholly accept, only to make way for the future of the new students – who would one day take the seat of their masters.

It is in a similar spirit that the Student Forum continues to fundraise for and offer several scholarships to our Student members. We hope to create opportunities for students to

explore parts of the laboratory community that they have yet to, making connections and advocating for our profession. Two such opportunities are the **SF Legislative Day Travel Grant** and the **Annual Meeting Travel Grant**, which will both be available in 2017, and we are currently accepting applications for the former!

Please look through our E-Newsletter to find our Application for the **Student Forum Legislative Day Travel Grant** (Deadline: Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017) as well as the **ASCLS E&R Fund Dean Spradling Legislative Symposium Student Travel Grant** (Deadline: Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017).

Enjoy the rest of your 2016, student members! The ASCLS Student Forum will see you next year in our next 2017 E-Newsletter, where the focus will be on State Student representatives. Interested in being a State Student Representative? Check your Regional Representatives E-Newsletter contribution in this issue to see if your state is in need of a student representative!



Savannah Drake

# Regional Highlights

*Meet the students that are here to represent your region and to ensure a positive future for our profession.*

## Region II



Hello! My name is Christina Cox, and I am the Student Representative for Region II. I am from Indiana, and I am currently attending West Virginia University. In January, I will begin my clinical rotations at CAMC in Charleston, West Virginia. Region II currently has representatives from New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. We are still looking for student representatives for West Virginia and Maryland. This year we are focused on getting students more involved in ASCLS. We have been doing this by speaking to MLS students in our states about how and why they should get involved. There are many positions available in ASCLS for students and new professionals, alike. It can give students and new professionals many resources for networking, furthering their education, and for furthering their leadership skills.

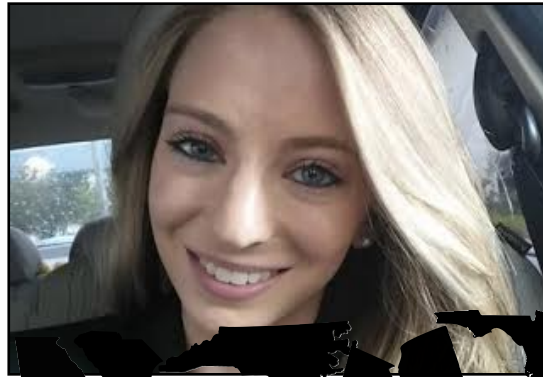
### State Representatives

Delaware – Kaitlyn Lalloway  
 New Jersey – Katharine Nelson  
 Pennsylvania – Khadidja Derrouche  
 Virginia – Riley Dang  
 West Virginia – Vacant!  
 Maryland – Vacant!

**West Virginia's  
 MLS  
 Class of  
 2017**



## Region III



Hello everyone! My name is Stephanie Walsh. I'm the ASCLS Region III Student Representative, Florida Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (FSCLS) Student Professional Delegate, and ASCLS Diversity Advocacy Council (DAC) Student Liaison. I stumbled onto this major through Google!! I was pursuing a nursing degree, but I always wanted to know the lab part of the disease. I was more interested in the bacterial, viral, fungal, or parasitic side of the disease, rather than the patient side of things. I found this degree at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) and knew I had to switch majors. It is everything I dreamed it would be! I fell in love with the classes, and the information I learned only further fueled my passion for this major. I talked with my program director at FGCU about my passion for this major, and she recommended I join ASCLS. I have found friends and peers that have a passion for the same thing as me, and it is incredible! I attended the national meeting in Philadelphia, PA, and I'm looking forward to attending and representing Florida, Region III, and the DAC, at next year's meeting in San Diego, CA. I plan to pursue my master's degree in either Virology or Biomedical Research. Outside of the lab, I enjoy line dancing, reading, going to the Wizarding World of Harry Potter in Orlando, FL, hanging out with friends, and of course, watching Netflix and just relaxing. Florida will be having their annual meeting March 17, 2017 at Nemours's Children's Hospital in Orlando, Florida. Everyone is welcome!

### State Representatives

Florida – Stephanie Walsh	North Carolina – Tammy Pfannkuch
Georgia – Christina McConnell-Hicks	Tennessee – Mariah Kimes
Mississippi – Morgan Baker	Puerto Rico, Alabama and South Carolina - Vacant!

## Region IV



As I was attending college, trying to find joy in a major that didn't seem quite the right fit, I came across Medical Laboratory Sciences and the rest has fallen right into place. Having graduated this previous summer, I now know that this is the right place to start my career, and I look forward to everything the laboratory has to teach me. ASCLS has been a great means to explore all aspects of this career path and meet professionals along varying points of their journey who are able to offer insight and guidance. This is a key reason for my involvement in this wonderful organization. I had the opportunity to attend the National Conference for ASCLS this past summer and loved how much passion I saw for the profession: it can be a successful lifelong career or a great stepping stone into something more specific – which is the beauty of it – and ASCLS is here all along the way. Region IV is actively working towards a leadership class for members to participate in and grow as laboratory professionals. This will be a great resource to the region when complete. Currently there are student representatives for two or the four states in Region IV, if this is something you may be interested please let us know.

### State Representatives

Indiana – Vacant!  
 Kentucky – Vacant!  
 Ohio – Stephanie Cooper  
 Michigan – Eva Huang

### Region V



My name is Haylee Erickson, and I am the Region V Student Representative this year.

I wouldn't say I chose MLS, more like MLS chose me. Starting my freshman year of college, I wanted to become a doctor, then a pharmacist, but then I discovered a new healthcare field: MLS. I happened to go with my father to an appointment of his, and a MLT told me about how great of a career you could have in their field. I was so convinced and excited to learn more that I decided to apply to SDSU's MLS program.

I am very happy with my decision thus far, as I have found a career I am passionate about. Currently, I am a student at South Dakota State University in the Medical Laboratory Science program. I am excited for the coming year as I will be starting my last 6 months of schooling. I will be in my clinical rotations and cannot wait to see what a "real life" job looks like.

Big news for South Dakota in the next year for holding the next Region V meeting in Sioux Falls, SD! I really like getting to know others in this profession, especially through our Regional meetings.

#### State Representatives

Minnesota – Matthew Yang  
 North Dakota – Muhammad Rijj  
 South Dakota – Ashley Clarke  
 Wisconsin – Ali Nussbaum

### Region VI



Hello, My Name is Jaime Pendell, and I am your Region VI Student Representative. I am a full-time student at Ozark Technical Community College (OTC) in the MLT program. This is the second program I have been in because my family relocated to Missouri in the middle of my previous program in Texas. Luckily, I could squeeze into the program here in Springfield. I am finishing up my clinical rotations for the semester right now at GLWACH on Fort Leonard Wood and so far, I am enjoying it. I am learning a lot as I am a more hands-on person. I plan to graduate in May and then work in the area for a year before finishing up my bachelors through an online MLS program. My hobbies outside of the lab include CrossFit, running, and my children. I have three goals I hope to reach through my membership in ASCLS: (1) help increase student members, (2) expand my knowledge in the Laboratory setting, and (3) gain networking relations. I hope to help increase student participation via OTC and reach out to the Military Students in the MLS program as well. Upon talking with them, I have found that a lot of them are not members, but they still sit for the ASCP exam. To expand my knowledge in the Lab setting, I think it will be important for me to attend meetings, conferences and events as much as possible to become a truly productive member of ASCLS. My family is a military family, so we move a lot. So, networking is a valuable tool which this membership supplies. But that is also my point for increasing military veterans/ students ASCLS memberships as well. Becoming a member as a student, then throughout their military career and then retirement, would make it easier for them to transition into the civilian work force again by helping them find jobs in needed areas. This is my first experience with ASCLS, and I had the pleasure of going to the Region VI meeting in Iowa the end of October as my first official meeting with my region. I learned a lot of valuable information that I intend to bring forward as I continue as your Region VI Student Rep.

State Representatives  
 Missouri – Vacant!  
 Illinois – Reilly Steidle

Kansas – Ashley Clarke  
 Nebraska – Vacant!  
 Iowa – Vacant!

### Region VII



Hello everyone! My name is Jade Ardoin, and I am one of the Region VII Student Forum Representatives. I am so excited to be working with everyone on student forum this year. I am from Ville Platte, LA, and I am a senior at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. I will be graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Medical Laboratory Science in May of 2017! Along with being a co-representative with Kaleigh Perez for region VII, I am also the vice-chair for Louisiana's ASCLS chapter: LSCLS. This year I am enjoying my clinical rotations and anxiously awaiting graduation. Right now Louisiana is in the process of planning our ASCLS bi-state meeting with Mississippi. This year Louisiana is hosting it so we are trying to get that together. My program is working on recruiting by going to local high schools and spreading the word about our profession. I think this is really important because it is amazing the amount of people that don't know about MLS. I am so looking forward to beginning my career in this awesome field because it has already given me so many opportunities, like getting to attend the ASCLS national meeting in Philadelphia this past summer. It has been such a rewarding experience so far being involved with ASCLS and I can't wait to see what else this organization has in store for me!

#### State Representatives

Arkansas – Hannah Carmer  
 Louisiana – Andrew Lewis  
 New Mexico – Vacant!  
 Oklahoma – Ravine Kiam  
 Texas – Taylor Meyer

**Region VIII**



My name is Maria Rodriguez, and I am proud to be the Region VIII Student Representative as well as the ASCLS-Student Forum Secretary. I am originally from Venezuela and am currently a senior at Montana State University. My decision of pursuing a CLS/MLS career goes back to when I was 10 years old. My cousin was misdiagnosed with Leukemia and it was too hard for me to see his suffering. With my degree, I want to find a way to improve diagnosis of diseases that take advantage of people in poverty and those who have a lack of awareness from communities like the one I lived in. Joining ASCLS was the best decision I could have made. ASCLS opened so many doors for me, and it has given me the opportunity to serve the clinical laboratory community. The Region VIII council serves as a resource to both the constituent states societies and the national organization. We promote the involvement of students and new professionals and invite them to assist any of our meetings to learn more about this amazing profession. I could not be prouder to be part of such an outstanding and uplifting Region. Our states work really hard to host great activities, fundraisers, and enriching experiences that will help you throughout your college and professional career. So, what are you waiting for? Get involved, ask us questions. We would be more than happy to help you out! Our States representatives have been doing an outstanding job promoting ASCLS and our profession. If you are interested on being a Student Representative for your state, send me an email (Marilurodriguez.96@gmail.com) I will put you in contact with the state president.

State Representatives  
 Idaho – Hannah Edwards  
 Colorado – Jon Windsor  
 Montana – Jessica Stellingwerf  
 Utah & Wyoming – Vacant!

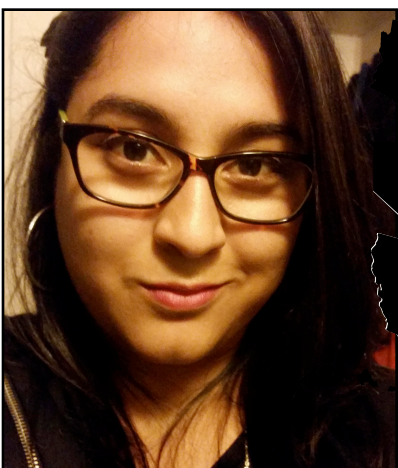
**Region IX**



Hello everyone, My name is Lauren Yell, and I am the Region IX Student Representative. How I became aware of this field is similar to many experiences that fellow students have had in that I somewhat stumbled upon it. I was originally exposed to lab tests at my first job where I was an animal assistant at a veterinarian clinic. I would assist in diagnosing Lyme disease in dogs and from then on, I knew I wanted to be involved in the scientific side of animal care. I proceeded to attend the University of Alaska Fairbanks for Wildlife Biology. I was enjoying my classes, but realized that I was never going to have as great a sense of satisfaction as I would with attending to the healthcare of a person. During my Wildlife Biology classes, one of the sessions was to ABO type caribou blood. I was instantly fascinated and requested to look at the agglutinated cells under the microscope. The use of the microscope amplified my desire to look into a field where I could examine microscopic elements on a daily basis. I started to look for different careers where I would get to assist in patient care that integrated blood typing. My search lead me to Medical Laboratory Science, and I instantly felt that it was a perfect fit after reviewing what the duties and responsibilities of a laboratorian can be. I proceeded to transfer schools and now am busy working on completing my first professional milestone this December: a Bachelor’s in MLS from the University of Alaska Anchorage. Blood Banking is my ultimate passion, and where my career originated, which is why I am considering getting my SBB someday. Ultimately, I look forward to a successful career where I am making a difference in the care of my patients. \* Congratulations to Lauren who graduated this December!

State Representatives  
 Alaska – Jessica Kapinos  
 Oregon – Laura Gotthardt  
 Washington – Vacant!

**Region X**



Hello everyone! My name is Leslie Landa, and I am the Region X Student Forum representative. I got into my Medical Laboratory Science program because I always wanted be in the field of science, and I have always enjoyed laboratory work because of that. I am currently done with my internship, having enjoyed going to the molecular department the most. I hope to use my degree through working at a hospital or any other laboratory. As far as organizations go, I have only gotten involved with ASCLS so far, but I’ve enjoyed it as I get to make friends from all around the country while helping patients’ lives get better by doing behind-the-scenes work. Currently, Region X is trying to start holding events through school programs while possibly introducing other lab-related events throughout the region. It should be noted that all states within Region X have vacancies for the student forum, so please let us know if you live in one of the following states and are interested in getting involved.

State Representatives  
 Arizona/Nevada – Vacant!  
 California – Vacant!  
 Hawaii – Vacant!

## AN INTRODUCTION FROM YOUR STUDENT FORUM VICE CHAIR

*Hello student members of ASCLS! My name is Nicole (Niki) Buza and I am honored to be your 2016-17 Student Forum Vice-Chair. I started my membership with ASCLS in 2013 during my internship for my MLT degree and have been lucky to learn and grow through the experiences that ASCLS has given me. I received my phlebotomy certificate in 2010 and my A.A.S. as an MLT in 2013, both from Northcentral*



**Niki Buza**

*Technical College in Wausau, WI. I am currently finishing my Bachelor's degree through UW-Stevens Point and completing my clinical rotations at the UW-Health University Hospital in Madison, WI. Since joining ASCLS I was given the amazing opportunity to serve last year as the ASCLS Region V Student Forum Representative and the ASCLS-WI Student Forum Chair. This year my leadership roles will include: Student Forum Vice Chair, Phlebotomy Scientific Assembly Chair, ASCLS-WI New Member/New Professional Forum Chair, and also a student member of the Promotion of the Profession committee. If you want to get more involved in the organization, please don't hesitate to ask how – we're here to help and be your go-to people. There are amazing opportunities all over ASCLS, so make sure that you take a chance and go for them - I promise that you won't regret it!*

*A great opportunity to get involved will be coming up in March/April, when we will be hosting our first ever Jamberry Spring Fundraiser! As a Jamberry Consultant I will be hosting an exciting fundraising event for the Student Forum which will include a friendly competition between regions and a chance to win amazing prizes, all while supporting a great cause – YOU, the students! The more involvement we get, the more money we raise, the more we can give back to the ASCLS student members. We will have plenty more fun details to come, so be on the lookout for updates on the Facebook page and in our next issue!*



Niki Buza

## An Introduction From Your Student Forum Secretary

“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go with others”- African Proverb  
As students, we make the mistake of underestimating the power of networking. We spend our days hidden behind books and classes and forget that there is a world out there ready to teach us many skills that will help us take our knowledge to the next level. According to a survey made by The



**Winners of the Beckman coulter student travel grant**  
From left to right: Nicholas Yu, Jon Windsor (Colorado student rep), Jessica Stellingwerf (MT student rep.) Barbara Snyderman (ASCLS president 2015-2016), Patricia Ross, Maria Rodriguez and Mattie Kropf (Region IV student rep.).

Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU), in 2015 “82% of the employers surveyed felt that recent graduates lacked the ability to work with people they had little in common with”  
ASCLS-National Student Forum has made networking and outreach one of our main goals for the year of 2016-2017. We want our members to know that we are here to help them through every step of their college career. As stated by the ASCLS Student Forum manual, the ASCLS-SF is here “to provide students with a voice in their professional society, and to educate students in concepts of professionalism as expressed by ASCLS in its philosophies, policies and procedures.” We are students ourselves. Thus, we understand that classes take a lot out of us. We highly encourage you to take classes seriously and learn as much as you can from them.



**Old and New student forum officers after election at national meeting.**

However, we also encourage you to go above and beyond. Explore, be skeptic, get involved, do not be afraid of asking “why?” Remember, we are problem-solvers, communicators, but above all, we are deeply committed to our profession\*.

This year the Student forum chairs along with the Region Reps, took the initiative of being more active through our social media (Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/604775646209483/>). The pacific business news revealed that smartphone users check Facebook on average of 13.8 times a day. Thus, we will be posting updates about Laboratory science 4 days a week, every week throughout the year. We hope our members enjoy our daily themes: Meme Monday, Tip Tuesday, Wacky Wednesday, Throwback Thursday, and Free Money Friday. With this initiative, we expect to increase member's involvement and feed their desire for information. We also encourage our members to post their inquiries and suggestions. We want to open a direct line of communication between students and the ASCLS- student forum. We would like to promote networking among our students and professionals members. Are you looking for a job? Need help studying for your BOC? Have doubts about your career? Do not be afraid to ask. The student forum members will be introducing themselves and sharing a little bit about their experience on the profession and on ASCLS. Please, do not hesitate to ask us



**Winners of the second annual BOC New professional and Student Forum Jeopardy**

specific questions. We are approachable and we would be more than happy to help you out. We are full of resources and ready to assist you. “Take risks. Asks big questions. Do not be afraid to make mistakes; if you do not make mistakes, you are not reaching far enough” -- David Packard

If you have any questions about your membership, or if you want to know how to get involved in the society, send me an email ([marilurodriguez.96@gmail.com](mailto:marilurodriguez.96@gmail.com)). I would be glad to help guide you. Also, if you have any suggestions/comments about our social media or you have something to share, please do not be afraid to post on our page.



Maria Rodriguez

# Attention ASCLS Student Members Did You Know????

*You will receive one year  
free membership to ASCLS  
when you pass your BOC  
certification exam.*



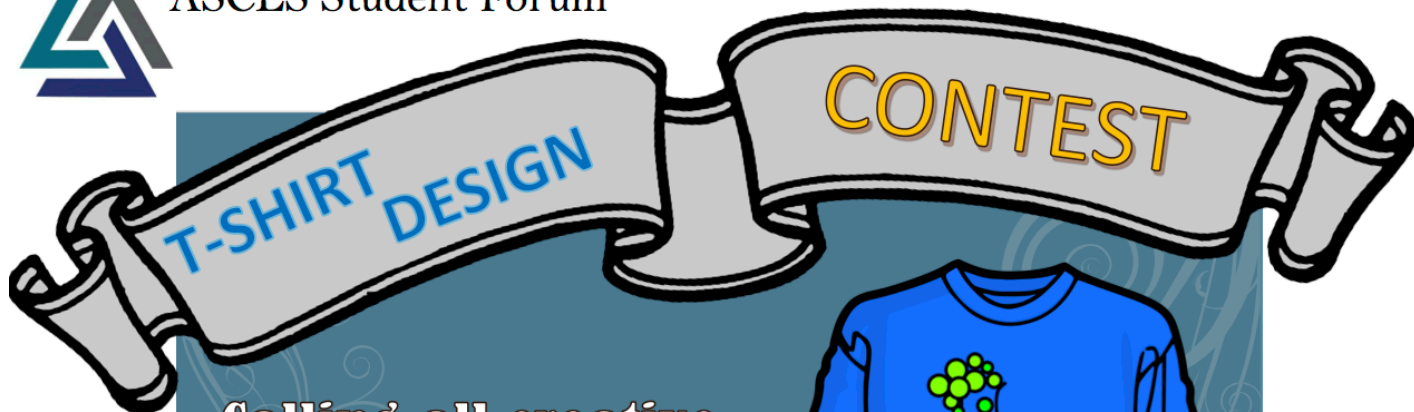
When you pass the BOC certification exam you will receive an email from ASCLS entitling you to one year free First Year Professional membership in the premier organization for laboratory professionals as well as 6 FREE CE credits.

If you have already renewed for the current year at the time you pass the exam, you will be given an additional 2 FREE CE credits.

Passing the exam and gaining certification as a Medical Laboratory Scientist or Medical Laboratory Technician is a big accomplishment and one that we all wish to celebrate with you. You have worked hard to attain this goal; you now have the privilege of adding those well-deserved initials behind your name and showing you are a Professional by proudly displaying your membership in the organization that works for you –  
American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science!



ASCLS Student Forum



Calling all creative,  
artsy, nerdy scientists:

*We need your HELP!*



Submit your T-Shirt Design to our

## 2017 ASCLS SF Annual Meeting T-Shirt Design Contest

- \* Winner will receive:
  - 1 Free Print of their Creation!
  - Their creation featured at the ASCLS Annual Meeting!

Submit your designs to  
Savannah Drake  
mcpersonsk@vcu.edu



**DEADLINE: MARCH 31st, 2017**



# Legislative Symposium 2017

*Held in March, this event has been an important means for ASCLS to reach out to the political front to ensure a positive outcome for our profession. Since it's first year in 1989, the symposium has been a way for those passionate about the direction and regulations of the professional field to come together for the future of medical laboratory professionals. Please see the scholarships below for ways you may get involved.*



Attending the Legislative Symposium is an incredible opportunity. I attended the 2016 Symposium and now I want to go EVERY year! You get to truly be the voice for our profession while having sit down conversations with our legislators



and their staff members. This experience really cemented why ASCLS is so incredibly important and why we should continue to be members as we become professionals. The first day you get the opportunity to



learn about the process, the talking points, and getting the most out of your time with congress members. They have handouts for you to leave with each office you visit. They leave you feeling prepared and ready (and a bit fired up – in a good way) about the issues that are



important to our field. The second day, you travel to meet with your appointed congress members and discuss with them the issues you learned about the day before.

It is exhilarating and exciting to be on the front lines fighting



for laboratorians everywhere! I cannot tell you enough how awesome and insightful it is to attend this event. If you even think for a second that you might be interested – GO! It will be an eye opening, wonderful experience. Niki Buza Student Forum Vice Chair

Photos Courtesy of ASCLS Website





## **STUDENT FORUM LEGISLATIVE SYMPOSIUM TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION**

To be considered for this grant, please complete the application form and return by email no later than February 1st, 2017. Selected grantees will receive \$500\* to assist with expenses for travel to the 2017 Legislative Symposium, March 20<sup>th</sup> – March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at the Hilton Alexandria Old Town in Alexandria, VA (<http://www.ascls.org/education-meetings/legislative-symposium>).

The grantees will be notified by February 10th, 2017.

### **To be considered for the grant, applicants must:**

1. Be a current ASCLS Student member who has held membership for at least 3 months prior to the February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.
2. Not be the Student Forum Chair, Vice-Chair, or Secretary.
3. Preference is given to those who have not attended an ASCLS Legislative Symposium before.

### **To receive the grant, grantees must:**

1. Attend all educational events, including Congressional visits, at the Legislative Symposium.
2. Submit a 250-500 word summary of your experiences with pictures within 2 weeks of the end of the Legislative Symposium for the SF E-Newsletter.

It is expected that recipients will maintain their ASCLS Membership and provide active service at the local, state or national level after receipt of grant!

\*\$250 will be given to applicant prior to the meeting and \$250 will be given at the meeting.

Send the completed application by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to:  
Savannah Drake  
ASCLS Student Forum Chair  
[mcpersonsk@vcu.edu](mailto:mcpersonsk@vcu.edu)

## **Student Forum Legislative Symposium Travel Grant Application Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred mailing address, city, state, zip:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred phone (day or cell number): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

ASCLS member number: \_\_\_\_\_ Member since: \_\_\_\_\_

Preference is given to those who have a record of active professional/student organization involvement, work involvement, and/or interest in professional activities. Briefly explain your current position/activities within your program, state, region, or the national society (use as much space as needed).

Have you attended Legislative Symposium before?

Yes No

If yes, when?

Please attach a single 500 word essay addressing the following questions:

- Why do you want to attend the 2017 Legislative Symposium?
- What do you hope to learn and/or experience from the meeting?
- Why is ASCLS and this meeting important to you?

List any other travel assistance you expect to receive (e.g. – from your state or region society, previous education program, or employer):



# American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science E & R Fund Inc.

## I. Dean Spradling Legislative Symposium Travel Grant

### Graduate & Undergraduate Students

- This grant is available to undergraduate and graduate students in medical laboratory science programs and graduate programs related to the profession.
- The maximum amount of the grant is \$1000.00. There may be up to 3 grants awarded. Students will receive reimbursement for expenses up to this amount upon submission of receipts and the written report of experiences.

#### GUIDELINES:

1. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident of the United States.
2. Applicant must be a current member of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS)
3. **Undergraduate student applicants** must currently be enrolled in a NAACLS entry-level accredited program in clinical laboratory science to include Medical Laboratory Science/Clinical Laboratory Science/Medical Technology, Clinical Laboratory Technician/Medical Laboratory Technician.
4. **Graduate student applicants** may be enrolled in entry-level MS programs (NAACLS approved), MS programs (management, education or scientific specialty), DCLS or PhD programs related to medical laboratory science.
5. Application must be submitted online with all documentation no later than Jan. 15, 2017.
6. Awardees must submit a written report of the experience no later than April 11, 2017.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent** Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Program Director or Designee \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the type of program:

**Undergraduate:**            CLS/MLS/MT                            MLT/CLT

**Graduate:**                    Entry level MS                    MS                    DCLS                    PhD

Anticipated Graduation or Completion Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

ASCLS Membership (Required) # \_\_\_\_\_ Date joined \_\_\_\_\_ Dues paid until \_\_\_\_\_

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:** List the constituent state, regional, or national activity (ies) and year(s) that you have been involved.

1. Legislative/licensure related
2. Non-licensure related (e.g., served as student forum chair, committee member, webmaster, Board member)

**HONORS AND CITATIONS** (explain significance and include date awarded):

### **OBJECTIVES**

Attach a brief statement (500 words or less) describing your interest and reasons for pursuing a grant for the Legislative Symposium.

### **RECOMMENDATION LETTER**

One letter of recommendation is required to be submitted with this application. It should be from the President or BOD member of the state society. The letter should outline what you have contributed to the state society both overall and in relation to legislative activities.

**Applicant is responsible for submitting a written report of the experience (500-1000 words) to Mary Ann McLane, [mclane@udel.edu](mailto:mclane@udel.edu), the Chair of the ASCLS E&R Fund within 3 weeks after the Legislative Symposium. Reimbursement will be contingent on receiving this report.** The report should include: (1) Summary of the issues discussed at the Monday session; (2) Impressions before and after the actual visits to the Hill regarding being an advocate; (3) How the experience has changed the participant's attitude toward citizen empowerment, government functioning, legislator reaction to such advocacy efforts; (4) What the participants will do back in their home state to share the information and the experience with colleagues.

**Applicant is responsible for assuring that all required documents have been sent with the application. We will not ask for missing documents and only complete application packets will be reviewed.**

Application Packets will be accepted by email **ONLY**. Documents can be in doc or pdf formats.

Submit Application Packet, **no later than Jan 15, 2017 to: Jim Flanigan, [jimf@ascls.org](mailto:jimf@ascls.org) ASCLS Executive Vice-President.**