



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 Lisa Bakken from Glen Ellyn, IL.

Lisa is employed by DuPage Medical Group as a Director of Laboratory Services where she oversees 17 technical laboratories and 71 collection sites in six counties in Illinois. She has served ASCLS in many capacities on all levels of leadership and currently serves as a E& R Committee Member and on the Nominations Committee.

"I have always been an advocate for the Laboratory Profession. It was in High School where I was first introduced to Clinical Laboratory Science. At that point I knew without any doubt that this was my chosen profession. At Northern Illinois University, I was introduced to the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science professional organization. Since becoming involved as a student and staying active in the society, ASCLS has shaped my career, goals and aspirations. Life has brought me to several states as a Laboratory Professional, but I have always been able to remain committed to the society and serve however I am able. I have served on the State level for Illinois, Pennsylvania, and California; the Regional Level for Region VI and X, and the National level."



When asked what her favorite personal accomplishment has been within ASCLS, Lisa responded with, "One of the best personal accomplishments that I have with ASCLS is being able to have a successful E & R Silent Auction at the National Meeting. There is preparation, coordination and planning that goes on before the event and before you know it, it's over. Every year chairing the silent auction has been more successful than the last. The best part about it is that we are raising money that will continue to support the grants and scholarships through the Education and Research Foundation."

Ms. Bakken was highly recommended for this award by her peers. One of her nominators had this to say "She is a tireless advocate and uses every available 'pulpit' in her efforts to raise awareness of our profession. I have seen her discuss our profession with everyone from taxi drivers, waiters, people in airports, children to other healthcare professionals. On a personal level, I have rarely seen an individual who is as driven in the support and praise of our profession as Lisa is. Her pride and enthusiasm are an inspiration to others to become involved. Her dedication to the profession is impressive..."

Outside of ASCLS, Lisa's greatest achievement was her family. "My husband is my best friend whom I have been blessed to be with for 20 years. We have two amazing boys that are miracles in our lives. Having the good fortune good fortune of raising them has allowed up to be able to open our home to foster twin 6 month old girls who were in need. Although we have trying times, we always keep a positive outlook on life and are blessed to be supported by amazing family and friends."