



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 Galina Dronova, MT(ASCP) from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Galina is employed by M Health Fairview where she is a principle trainer. M Health Fairview is a healthcare company that represents the collaboration among three separate entities; the University of Minnesota, University of Minnesota Physicians, and Fairview Health Services, the third largest healthcare organization in Minnesota. In Galina's role at M Health Fairview, she is a principle trainer for EPIC LIS and in the summer of 2021 supported her third EPIC "go live" event for the company.



Galina has been a scientific assembly director for ASCLS-MN. In association with ASCLS, Galina has served at the Minnesota Clinical Laboratory Collective planning committee, ASCLS Co-Chair, and Publicity Chair. She served on the Region V Leadership academy planning committee after having herself graduated with the 2020 ASCLS National Leadership Academy where were served as the project manager for their Off-the-Bench Podcast Project.

Galina initially became involved in ASCLS because she wanted to further deepen and expand her knowledge of the field of clinical laboratory science practice and then to grow her own leadership and management skills to grow and expand her professional roles. Now she provides a voice for the profession through the creation of and several appearances on the Off-the-Bench podcasts and community outreaches through the Clinical Laboratory Collective and the Region V Leadership Academy. She also has expanded knowledge of our profession by serving as a blood typist at the Minnesota state fair, and professional presentations to high schools, STEM communities, Girl Scouts of America troops, and others. She focuses on finding ways for medical laboratory professionals to connect with the community through her work with the Clinical Laboratory Collective and organized a virtual social event elevating a local eatery that had been impacted by the

pandemic and continuing to provide connection for colleagues who were unable to travel and meet face-to-face.

When asked what her favorite personal accomplishment has been within ASCLS, Galina cites the launching of the Off-the-Bench Podcast and the completion of that project in conjunction with the Leadership Academy class of 2020. Persevering through the many obstacles that COVID-19 placed in their way was not what any of the Leadership Academy class of 2020 had bargained for when they applied. As project manager, she was able to immediately put into the place the skills she was learning from program mentors in project development and create the timeline, assign tasks, and see a successful project come to fruition. She truly felt that she and the other graduates were the "face of the profession" when she was presenting the project at the 2020 JAM.

Galina's peers and mentors note that she is highly skilled in the field of clinical laboratory science and trained in higher education and scientific research. One recommender notes that, "she has an energetic and seemingly insatiable drive to continuously learn and improve." And further notes that Galina is a perfect example of providing the voice for our profession.

Outside of ASCLS, Galina's drive is to continue to improve herself. She has set out to overcome personal limitations of fear and anxiety by pushing herself beyond her fear of heights to learn rock-climbing and not enjoys and embraces the sport while finding new challenges to continue on her personal growth journey and inspire others to overcome and grow as well.