



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 Aaron Odegard, MS, MLS(ASCP)^{CM} from Jacksonville, Florida.

Aaron is employed by Baptist Health Jacksonville (BHJ) as a Medical Technologist. In his role with BHJ, Aaron serves as an important member of the Infectious Diagnostic Team. He also devotes efforts toward training and mentoring new and future laboratory professionals.

Aaron serves ASCLS in many capacities, including serving on the ASCLS Board of Directors related to Social Media, chairing the ASCLS Scholarship Committee, and a being part of the Clinical Laboratory Educator Conference (CLEC) Host Committee in 2020. A significant achievement has been Aaron's involvement in FSCLS spring symposium planning, including leading the first ever career development panel for student members. Aaron continues to be active in ASCLS because he feels that "ASCLS offers the chance for laboratory professions to connect on not only a national level, but with laboratory professionals in your community".



Aaron was highly recommended for this award by his peers. One of his nominators had this to say: "Aaron is enthusiastic and passionate about his profession as an MLS, educator, and serving ASCLS/FSCLS....[He] has faithfully served the society and deserves this recognition."

Aaron has worked diligently for the laboratory profession outside of ASCLS, too. He has delivered numerous presentations and publications related to the lab, and has worked to promote the profession to multiple entities. He has been involved with work on numerous ASCP committees including the Diversity & Inclusion Committee, Social Media Team, the Commission of Membership, and the Council of Laboratory Professionals (CLP). Aaron has served as Chair of the CLP, where he has worked diligently to drive change for non-physician members, and engage laboratory educators. Aaron credits ASCLS with providing him opportunities for growth and

connections with educators, and says he “will continue to advocate and passionately fight” for the profession and its education programs.

Congratulations, Aaron!