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 Adrienne Davis Zapfe, EdD, MHA, MLS(ASCP)CM

Adrienne is an assistant professor in the Medical Laboratory Science Program at the University of Cincinnati (UC) where she teaches both on-campus and distance learning students in the clinical year of the program, as well as contributes to course development and delivery within the UC Master of Science in Medical Laboratory Science Leadership Program. Her teaching responsibilities include clinical fluids analysis, advanced laboratory concepts, and leadership and education strategies in medical laboratory sciences.

Adrienne has served ASCLS recently at the national level as a member and chair of the P.A.C.E.® Committee and on the Leadership Development Committee. She has also been serving multiple roles on the ASCLS-Ohio Board of Directors, including on the Nominations Committee and Scholarship Committee and as president of ASCLS-Ohio. In addition to her ASCLS-Ohio responsibilities, she also served on the Ohio Laboratory Collaborative Conference Steering Committee and as the MLS team leader for the Palace Foundation International Healthcare Experience trips leading student interprofessional healthcare teams in Mexico. You may have even seen one of her several presentations at state or national ASCLS meetings in recent years.

Adrienne’s initial desire to make connections and collaborate with other laboratory professionals is what drove her to join and become active with ASCLS. Since that time she has fostered numerous relationships and realized that she does have the power to become a voice and an advocate for the laboratory profession. She states that this realization serves as her “inspiration to dedicate my time and knowledge to ASCLS through work on various committees.”

Dr. Zapfe was highly recommended for this award by her peers. One of her nominators took the time to list her many contributions to not only the program in which she is an educator, and to the University of Cincinnati, but also her
professional scholarly contributions in press which aid to educate future medical professionals far beyond the borders of Ohio and the United States.

Outside of ASCLS, Adrienne’s greatest achievement has been the attainment of her Doctorate of Education in Education and Leadership in Healthcare. She states that, “In this degree program, I was able to meld my passions as a faculty educator and an experienced healthcare and laboratory professional.”