



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 Cheyenne Reyes, MLS(ASCP)^{cm}

Cheyenne is an Associate III in the Diagnostics Manufacturing Division of the American Red Cross. Formerly, Cheyenne worked for Fusion Medical Staffing as a travel Medical Laboratory Scientist.

Cheyenne has served in several leadership roles in ASCLS since 2018. Some of her most recent include serving as the Ascending Professional Director on the ASCLS Board of Directors for 2022-23.

Cheyenne has shared her voice over the years by writing about her unique perspectives and experiences in ASCLS Today, the Labora-Story blog, and the Louisiana State Newsletter. Cheyenne feels her crowning accomplishment was the article "The Relationship Between Medical Laboratory Scientists and Phlebotomists." Based on the responses she received, this article made people feel seen and gave a voice to a group so often ignored. It brought to light one of the most important relationships in the laboratory. She says she will never forget how honored she felt to bring not only awareness, but also a new perspective to this vital partnership.



When asked what her proudest achievement outside of ASCLS, Cheyenne stated that she developed an unwavering commitment to being her truest self and following passions that she may not have given credence to before. She recognized that during her years as a traveling MLS she had to stop assimilating to the culture of whatever work environment she found herself in. She then began to allow herself the space to explore who she truly was without expectations. This has brought her so much joy and in turn, has empowered her in her role of advocating for the laboratory profession.

Cheyenne feels motivated to be actively involved in ASCLS because it is a community of people that she can depend on to always advocate for our profession and enrich her perspective on the many ways laboratory professionals can

contribute to the world. Her motivation for remaining actively involved is to be that same mentor for others.

Cheyenne's nominator says that over the years, Cheyenne's commitment to ASCLS, Region VII and LSCLS proves that she is a young leader who continues to inspire others to take action, get involved and show pride in their profession.

Congratulation Cheyenne on this well-deserved award!