



December 8, 2023

Dear CLS/MLS Program Director:

The American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS) Developing Professionals Forum (DPF) would like to invite you and your students to participate in this year's ASCLS Race to JAM. This is a national competition with preliminary rounds conducted over Zoom on **Saturday, April 13th, 2024, between 10AM ET to 4PM ET**. The event culminates with finals held in-person on **Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 5PM** at the 2024 Joint Annual Meeting (JAM) held July 8-12, 2024, in Pittsburgh, PA. More info about JAM can be found at [www.labjam.org](http://www.labjam.org)

Teams shall consist of a minimum of 3 players and a maximum of 5 players. Questions will be asked in all disciplines of Medical Laboratory Science. **Each team will be required to pay a flat rate of \$50 as an entry fee into the event.** Programs may have more than one team competing.

The two highest scoring teams after preliminary play will be awarded \$600 for each player towards travel and registration reimbursement to attend JAM and compete for the championship in a live in-person game. Additionally, the winning team will be recognized during the awards ceremony at JAM on **Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.

For students to be eligible to participate, they must have been enrolled as a student of an entry level laboratory science program on January 1, 2024, (*note: students who graduate after January 1<sup>st</sup> are still eligible*). Both ASCLS members and non-members are eligible to compete. In addition to the players, each team must designate an ASCLS Professional or Emeritus member to serve as a moderator. The role of the moderator is to directly supervise the team during the preliminary rounds to uphold the integrity of the games. If a program has more than one team registered, they can utilize the same moderator for the competition.

Students do not need to belong to the same educational program to compete. **If a team or individual needs assistance with creating a team, the ASCLS DPF is happy to help mediate and connect students with members in their area to fulfill the above requirement.**

Although ASCLS membership is not required for game play in 2024, it is highly encouraged. Students get numerous benefits from being members of professional organizations such as ASCLS, where they can discuss and collaborate on professional matters, network, engage in educational webinars, and take part in leadership and professional development activities. Membership will also give members a discount on registration to JAM that is greater than the cost of their membership fees. Please direct interested students in joining ASCLS online at [www.ascls.org/join](http://www.ascls.org/join).

Please forward this to your students or your department's student organization. **Interested teams must register by Friday, February 24th, 2024, at 11:59pm EST.** A link to register as well as more information can be found at [www.ascls.org/race-to-jam/](http://www.ascls.org/race-to-jam/).

Thank you for your interest! If you have any questions, please feel free to email me using the address below.

Sincerely,

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**AMERICAN SOCIETY  
FOR CLINICAL  
LABORATORY SCIENCE**

## **Race to JAM**

### **ABOUT US**

The Developing Professionals Forum (DPF) shall strive to educate students of clinical laboratory science in the concept of professionalism as expressed by the organization in its philosophies, policies and procedures; and to maintain a structure through which student members can communicate their needs, concerns and opinions to the local, state, regional and national governing bodies of the Society.

### **WHY CHOOSE US?**

The American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS) and its 7,000 clinical laboratory professional, student, and educator members in more than 50 state and regional constituent societies work to advance the expertise of clinical laboratory professionals!

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#### **Networking**

Have the ability to network with other students in various programs and exhibitors who are specialists in their craft



#### **Preparedness**

Tests your knowledge in our friendly trivia match and prepare for your national certification exam



#### **Travel Assistance**

Our final two teams will receive \$600 per each player to face off in our in-person final!



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