



As ASCLS strives each year to spotlight member achievements, this year, ASCLS is proud to acknowledge and honor the efforts of Jenna Amundson of Minnesota. With over ten years of membership and an impressive collection of accomplishments, Jenna is a valued member of ASCLS.

Jenna has been very active on the local, state, and regional level, starting as the ASCLS MN student forum chair, now known as the developing professional chair, then ASCLS MN first-year professional chair, and then ASCLS MN

Metro area senior and junior director. She also graduated from the Region V leadership academy, was the ASCLS MN treasurer from 2020-2023, the ASCLS MN webmaster from 2017 to 2024, and the 2023-24 finance committee chair.

Jenna has shared her knowledge and experience with the profession by volunteering to help with the ASCLS MN website, being an ASCLS national student ambassador, keeping ASCLS MN social media accounts up to date, organizing leadership development classes, events and other materials, and by preparing budgets for ASCLS MN board meetings and offering support for a new treasurer to ASCLS MN.



Jenna has also shared her time, talents, and perspectives on the profession by writing an article for the ASCLS MN newsletter eLABorate on the perspective of a student forum chair going to her first national meeting. Jenna also presented on “Promoting the Profession” at a 2018 Region V meeting and lectured on “Time Management “ to the 2020 Region V leadership academy class.

Jenna is a first-generation college graduate who earned her BS degree in 2023 and her master’s degree in MLS Leadership. Her master’s degree capstone presentation was on “Detecting Salivary mRNA Biomarkers to Screen Adults for Early Squamous Cell Carcinoma. “

Jenna has been active in promoting the profession by utilizing some great ideas, including distributing lab medicine stickers and bookmarks from a leadership academy project to biology books in nearby colleges. She also worked on a project that involved the creation of

a “Promote the Profession” toolkit. Jenna also organized a lab week at her hospital lab to provide tours and information about lab workflows for all employees. She also organized lab week events for MLT students and other college students at a local college.

Currently, Jenna is the laboratory information systems specialist at Ridgeview Hospital in Waconia, MN. Her job duties include designing, building, configuring, and training on EPIC Beaker and other third-party lab applications and developing and maintaining system process documentation.

When asked about her best personal accomplishment within ASCLS, Jenna said: “I chose to step outside my comfort zone and attend my first ASCLS national meeting as the ASCLS MN Student Forum Chair, now known as Developing Professional Chair. This decision initiated ongoing professional and personal opportunities and ignited a continuous passion within me as a medical laboratory professional. Fueled by my passion and bolstered by the guidance of my ASCLS mentors, I attribute my first ASCLS national meeting experience to shaping the person I am today.”

When asked about her motivation for being actively involved in ASCLS, Jenna said her motivation stems from her commitment to ongoing professional and personal growth, expanding her professional network, and strengthening her leadership skills. Fueled by her ambition to lead in this field and her progression through different leadership roles within ASCLS, she has gained more leadership experience than any position could offer. The opportunity to acquire new leadership skills while receiving support from fellow laboratory professionals is an invaluable benefit of being actively involved in ASCLS.

Outside of ASCLS accomplishments, one of Jenna’s significant accomplishments was her educational journey as a first-generation college student. Just a few years ago, she reached the milestone of earning my bachelor’s degree in medical laboratory science, followed by the recent celebration of completing her master’s degree in medical laboratory science leadership.

ASCLS wishes to express gratitude for Jenna’s service and commitment to medical laboratory science and the ASCLS organization. Her dedication and commitment to the profession are worthy of recognition and celebration. Congratulations, Jenna!