



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.

Meet Xander van Wijk, PhD,

DABCC, (SC)ASCP, from San Francisco, California!

Xander is the director of chemistry at UCSF, where he oversees clinical chemistry, immunoassay, mass spectrometry, and blood gas testing. He also reviews and signs out protein electrophoresis and immunofixation cases and teaches a clinical chemistry curriculum for pathology residents, helping to train the next generation of laboratory professionals.



Xander has demonstrated a strong commitment to advancing the laboratory profession through leadership at both the state and national levels. Within ASCLS, he serves on the ASCLS Political Action Committee (2024–present), contributing to advocacy efforts that help protect patient care and laboratory standards. Beyond ASCLS, he has held numerous leadership roles in professional organizations, including ADLM. His contributions span the Policy & External Affairs Core Committee (2024–present), Science & Practice Core Committee (2023–2024), and the Academy’s Awards Committee (2023–present). He has also served as chair-elect/chair of the ADLM Industry/INT Division (2022–present), secretary of the ADLM Rocky Mountain Section (2022–2024), and board member of the ADLM Personalized Medicine Division (2019–2023). Additionally, Xander has contributed to several CLSI expert panels and document development committees, showcasing his dedication to advancing best practices in laboratory medicine.

Xander’s commitment to professional growth extends into education as well. He has presented a wide range of topics, from pharmacogenomics and precision medicine to blood gas analysis and regulatory compliance, at conferences such as ASCLS-Michigan, ADLM Annual Meeting, and AACC Annual Scientific Meeting.

When asked about his most memorable accomplishment within ASCLS, Xander highlighted his presentations at the ASCLS-Michigan Annual Conference and his

active role on the Political Action Committee, noting that these opportunities allowed him to influence policy and advance the profession in meaningful ways.

Outside of ASCLS, Xander has published over 60 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters and has received multiple prestigious awards for his work. His achievements reflect a career dedicated not only to laboratory science but also to education, advocacy, and professional development.

Xander exemplifies leadership, mentorship, and advocacy. He encourages colleagues to pursue leadership roles, shares his expertise generously, and consistently advances the field through education, policy, and research. He is a proud member of ASCLS, stating "I am dedicated to promote laboratory medicine and advocate for the profession to ensure patients receive the best possible care."

Congratulations, Xander! Your dedication continues to have a lasting impact on laboratory medicine and the patients you serve.