

Developing Professional Forum Vice Chair Candidates

Name: Emmanuel Eze

School: Idaho State University

Degree and Year of Graduation: Bachelor's, 2027

What motivates you to apply for this office?

1. Desire to advocate for quality laboratory standard: Diagnostic medicine is what I have passion for. Maybe because I have worked in laboratory and see, first hand the role they play in patient health. I decided to choose this line of career to lend my knowledge as well as advocacy in advancing patient out.

2. Desire to improve my leadership skills: Everything begins and ends with leadership. Nobody knows it all, but what is important is willingness to commit to continue learning. So, I strongly believe this platform will offer me the privilege to learn from senior members in the field

3. Make meaningful network and connection: I want to grow my network as an early career MLS. There is no other platform better than this office.

4. Advocate for members of ASCLS: Through this office, I will contribute in defending the rights and privileges of members of the association.In what professional, educational, or community service activities have you participated? Please indicate any leadership positions you've held in these activities.

1. Student Executive leadership: I have served in student executive leadership as both secretary and commissioner of finance.

2. community student leadership: As a volunteer, I served as the president of all the students in my community. One of my roles was to advocate and mobilize students in my community, create awareness for students need, organize summer class for students and solicit for financial help for struggling students

3. Student Church Leadership: I served as a coordinator of the students fellowship on campus

If you were to become a forum officer, what would you like to accomplish on behalf of the forum members?

1. Avocate For the establishment of students arm of ASCLS in every university: I believe it is important for students to have a platform to express their challenges, share their views and network among themselves. This is one of my objectives if I am appointed as a forum officer.

2. Adquate Representation: I will do my best to ensure the interest of my members are

protected, their view aired and their voice heard. No excuses.

3. Give every member of the forum the sense of belonging: No member of the forum will be left behind. I will make sure everyone is carried along on the happenings in ASCLS, both locally, and nationally.

Name: Natalie Ishioka

School: Oakland University

Degree and Year of Graduation: Bachelor's, 2027

What motivates you to apply for this office?

My motivation to apply for this position is my passion for students and student members of ASCLS. I've been the vice president of my school's clinical & diagnostic science club for the past 2 years. In this role, I've been a consistent advocate for ASCLS, encouraging our members to attend state annual meetings and to join as developing professional members. Our club is able to cover registration fees for our state's annual meeting, and we were able to bring 14 students last year and 8 this year, some of whom have later joined ASCLS as a result of their positive experiences. I also care deeply about sharing this profession with students who are enthusiastic about science but who don't quite know the right path for themselves yet. I've had the opportunity to assist with some MLS outreach camps, and it was one of the most fun things that I've had the chance to do. Additionally, I'm passionate about providing meaningful educational experiences to students, and I'd love to participate in bringing online resources to students that answer their questions and improve their experience as they transition into the workforce. I would love to help develop some resources and materials to help current ASCLS student members discuss ASCLS and the laboratory science profession with their peers. Having a framework for the conversation and some guidelines on how to quantify their own experiences might be helpful in empowering students to recruit their classmates and coworkers to ASCLS.

In what professional, educational, or community service activities have you participated? Please indicate any leadership positions you've held in these activities.

Below is a list of the organizations, activities, and positions that I'm currently involved with, both on and off of my university's campus.

ASCLS-MI Constituent Society | Developing Professional Director (2025-2026, 2026-2027), Member (2024-ongoing)

Oakland University Clinical & Diagnostic Sciences Society | Vice-President (2024-2025,

2025-2026), Member (2023-2024)

Oakland University Residence Life Association | Coordinating Officer of Residential Engagement (2025-2026), General Body Member (2024-2025)

National Residence Hall Honorary - Golden Grizzlies Chapter | Coordinating Officer of Administration (2024-2025, 2025-2026), General Body Member (2023-2024)

Oakland University Honors College | Presidential Scholar Medallion Program (2022-2026)

Oakland University Student Activities Funding Board | Director of Audits (2024-2025), Associate Chairperson (2023-2024), Director of Outreach (2023)

Oakland University Housing | Resident Assistant (2023-2026)

Kaleo Arts | Assistant Director (2026), Volunteer (2017-2026)

If you were to become a forum officer, what would you like to accomplish on behalf of the forum members?

I've served in multiple programming roles such as planning events for the 2,100 students living on my school's campus or meetings for our Clinical & Diagnostic Science Society. Some examples include a formal charity gala, a campus scavenger hunt, and siblings weekend. Also, as CDSS Vice President, I helped plan a potion making event, making mocktails using dilutions, and an alumni panel for students to ask questions to current professionals. I believe that this experience will allow me to bring creative ideas to the table and increase the scope of what this forum offers. One idea I'd love to work on would be developing downloadable program kits that include instructions, supply lists, and marketing materials so that members across the country could host their own local versions of the event. I think this would increase a feeling of involvement and connection while decreasing some barriers to programming by eliminating the planning and assembling steps. Members may feel more connected to ASCLS when participating in student specific programming, and may also connect with students in other areas, knowing they are participating in similar events and talking about it after.

This could also be an outreach tool, as members can invite classmates and coworkers who aren't members and encourage them to join. I believe that with my experience with and passion for programming, I can bring in new ideas to attract new student members and to engage and retain those who are already here.

Name: Alajah Nealy

School: Xavier University of Louisiana

Degree and Year of Graduation: MLS, 2027

What motivates you to apply for this office?

I am really passionate about helping progress the clinical laboratory profession. I have learned that many do not know who we are or what we do, I myself did not know until my own health came into question. During a period of time where my health status was uncertain I relied on my clinical laboratory background to ease my mind and help guide my steps; even the little knowledge I had at the time brought me great relief. As a student I understand that I am limited on what advice and information I can provide but that does not limit me. I love to share my knowledge with others and believe that the best way to share my passion for knowledge and clinical laboratory science is to hold an office position where I can attend meetings, interact with leaders within this community and reach larger audience of both professionals and students.

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While I have not had many experiences in which I have held leadership experience officially I have been recognized as the cohort leader for the class of 2027 MLS at Xavier University of Louisiana. With this position I have aided in developing resources for me and my classmates to utilize as study tools as well as materials to be used at MLS club tabling events on campus. Additionally I am a student researcher, mentor and tutor for biology courses on campus. As a mentor I provided one-on-one guidance to students who may be struggling with their biology courses but also provide guidance to students on how to navigate college life, big life changes and maintain a school-work-life balance. As a tutor I am an additional resource for students who are struggling with their biology courses and in this position I strictly provide education help. As a student research I have lead research on a number of projects that have been published to high ranking journals.

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On behalf of the forum members I would like to obtain and aid in the development of more resources for students. As I have progressed through my educational career I have always yearned for more ways to connect with the profession and find my place within it. There are a vast majority of specialities and career avenues within being a clinical laboratory scientist and as a forum officer I would like to help other students learn how to access resources, connect with those already within the profession as well as other students and be guided through the process of taking board exams. I want to enhance the experience that current and future CLS students have when going through their programs and be a pillar for what is possible for clinical laboratory science students.

Name: LuAnn Tincher

School: UAMS

Degree and Year of Graduation: MLS, 2027

What motivates you to apply for this office?

I am interested in developing my career outside of the classroom and my work environment. Being involved in ASCLS is important to me and I am looking for the opportunity to grow in my service to others through ASCLS.

I am more interested in the Ascending Professional position, as I will finish my MLS next spring. I am currently working full time in the field, but technically a student until 5/27.

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I have been involved in various community service activities.

Safety team member (Christ Community Church- Brookline, MO; 2023-2025)

Sunday school teacher and nursery volunteer (Mt. Pleasant Community Church- Lyndon, KS 2013-2020)

4H Parent Leader and Girl Scout Leader (Olpe, KS 2001-2012)

If you were to become a forum officer, what would you like to accomplish on behalf of the forum members?

I would like to encourage membership, not only with students, but at work. It is important that we are involved in professional societies such as ASCLS. Through these opportunities we can help foster change, growth and development in the laboratory.