

Welcome to the 94th ASCLS Annual Meeting Awards Ceremony

Tuesday, June 30, 2026



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Awards Committee

- Karen Honeycutt, Chair
- Lisa Aaron, Vice Chair
- Toulia Castillo, Past Chair
- Luisa Battistella
- Shicheng Chen
- Laura Flaniken
- April Nelsen
- Jeremiah Oh
- Kailey Wilkin
- Karen Williams
- Jorge Carbajal Zavala
- Ali Murphy, Board Liaison
- Julia O'Donnell, Staff Liaison



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Constituent Society Membership Awards



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Greatest Membership Growth

**3rd Place – Louisiana Society for Clinical Laboratory
Science with 23 members**

Michele Edmiston, Membership Chair
Judy Garic, President



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Greatest Membership Growth

2nd Place – ASCLS-New Jersey with 35 members

Diane Ciancimino-Bordelon, Membership Chair
Stephanie Cochrane, President



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Greatest Membership Growth

**1st Place – Texas Association for Clinical Laboratory
Science with 40 members**

Tiffany Wafford, President



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Greatest Membership Growth (Non-Developing Professional)

3rd Place – ASCLS-Hawaii with 4 members

Michael Lieberman, Membership Chair
Christine Svrčina, President



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Greatest Membership Growth (Non-Developing Professional)

2nd Place – ASCLS-Arkansas with 5 members

Jenni McArthur, Membership Chair
Sarah Parker, President



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Greatest Membership Growth (Non-Developing Professional)

1st Place – ASCLS-Virginia with 7 members

Laura Link, President



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Greatest Percentage Member Retention

3rd Place – ASCLS-South Dakota with 86% retention

Alissa Neigel, President



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Greatest Percentage Member Retention

2nd Place – ASCLS-Kansas with 89.6% retention

Renee S. Hodgkins, Membership Chair
Heather Santaniello, President



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Greatest Percentage Member Retention

1st Place – ASCLS-West Virginia with 90.5% retention

Pamela Meadows, President



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Community Engagement Award



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Community Engagement Award

3rd Place –ASCLS-Oklahoma, Amber Reed



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Community Engagement Award

**1st Place – ASCLS-Idaho,
Nickola Chin**

and



**ASCLS-Wisconsin,
Leah Narans and Patricia Boyer**



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Political Action Committee Awards



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Political Action Committee Award

Constituent Society Most Raised

3rd Place: ASCLS-Montana, \$1,572.43
Anne Tate, President



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Political Action Committee Award

Constituent Society Most Raised

2nd Place: ASCLS-Minnesota, \$1,756.70
Crystal Jerome, President



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Political Action Committee Award

Constituent Society Most Raised

1st Place: ASCLS-Michigan, \$1,856.45
Richard Benson, President



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Political Action Committee Award

Constituent Society Most Contributed per Member

3rd Place: ASCLS-Hawaii, \$12.09 per member
Christine Svrčina, President



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Political Action Committee Award

Constituent Society Most Contributed per Member

2nd Place: ASCLS-Idaho, \$15.38 per member
Debra Shell, PAC Chair
Rachel Hulse, President



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Political Action Committee Award

Constituent Society Most Contributed per Member

1st Place: ASCLS-Montana, \$19.18 per member
Anne Tate, President



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Keys to the Future



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Omicron Sigma



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Golden Service Awards 50 Year Members



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Golden Service Award 50 Year Members

James Atwell, AK

Robert Bottini, NY



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Golden Service Award 50 Year Members

Lynda Britton, LA



Barbara Adam Brown, CO



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Golden Service Award 50 Year Members

Dianne Cearlock, AZ

Mary Jane Eaves-Raich, MN



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Golden Service Award 50 Year Members

Theresa Fox, VA

Vicki Freeman, TX



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Golden Service Award 50 Year Members

Susan Galindo, ID

Lucille Holzgang, HI



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Major Membership Milestones 60 Year Members



Lucy Miller, ID



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ASCLS Membership Milestones

10, 20, 30, and 40 years of membership



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Alpha Mu Tau Scholarship Awards



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Alpha Mu Tau Scholarships

Ida & May Reilly Memorial
Scholarship

Eleanor Parchman Memorial
Scholarship

Emma Hill, CO



Emily Enriquez, TX



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Alpha Mu Tau Scholarships

John P. Smith Scholarship



Angela Abrea, CA



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Alpha Mu Tau Scholarships - Graduate

Courtney Burkley, GA



KayDen Carrion, MS



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Alpha Mu Tau Scholarships - Graduate



Brianne Laughlin, NY



Shanique Miller, NY





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Alpha Mu Tau Scholarships - Graduate



Alese Thompson, MO





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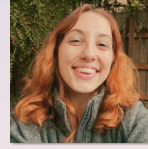
Alpha Mu Tau Scholarships

James Holley Memorial Scholarship



Joan Chung, CA

Martha Winstead Memorial Scholarship



Jenna Favazza, OR





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Alpha Mu Tau Scholarships

Ruth M. French Memorial Scholarship



Bianca Valentine, MA

Roma E. Brown Memorial/
Nellie M. Berings Scholarship

Sarah Pratt, IL





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Alpha Mu Tau Scholarships

Snyderwomen Memorial Scholarship

Jessel Bullock, NC





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Alpha Mu Tau Scholarships-Undergraduate

Kari Anema, CA

Lauren Carleton, MI





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Alpha Mu Tau Scholarships-Undergraduate

Michaela Cawley, NY



Kassidy Cestodio, MA



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Alpha Mu Tau Scholarships-Undergraduate

Benjamin Corwin, OR

Alisha Davis, MS



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Alpha Mu Tau Scholarships-Undergraduate



Nora Franzel, MI



Sophia Hewlett, IN



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Alpha Mu Tau Scholarships-Undergraduate



Natalie Ishioka, MI

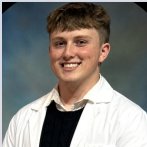


Madelyn Krebs, OR



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Alpha Mu Tau Scholarships-Undergraduate



Kevin Majka, TX



Arlett Viridiana Morales Garibay, UT



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Alpha Mu Tau Scholarships-Undergraduate



Keren Ntambwe, GA



Stephanie Phan, LA

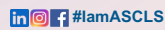


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Alpha Mu Tau Scholarships-Undergraduate

Claudia Tino-Tzoc, MA

Rachel Tran, OR



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Alpha Mu Tau Scholarships-Undergraduate

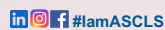
Alexis Welter, MI



Kristin Wirtz, OR



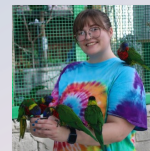
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Education & Research
Scholarship and Grants
Awards

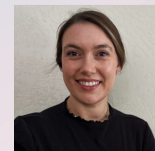
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E & R Scholarships and Grants

Edward C. Dolbey Graduate Scholarship



Charlesie Rowles, NY



Reinetta Scaringello, AZ



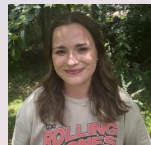
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E & R Scholarships and Grants

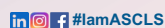
Edward C. Dolbey MLS Scholarship



Brooke Gomora, TN



Darcy Sullivan, MS

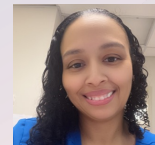


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Edward C. Dolbey MLT Scholarship

Ethan Oliveira, MA



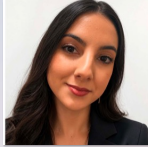
DePaula Glover Ross, TN



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E & R Scholarships and Grants

Bernadette F. "Bunny" Rodak Memorial MLS Scholarship



Gloria Hanna, MI

Abigail Overbay, MO



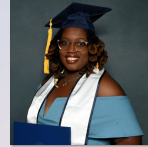
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E & R Scholarships and Grants

Past Presidents Graduate Scholarship



Alesia Adams, FL



Jesse Day, AZ



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Developing and Ascending Professionals Travel and Registration Scholarships

11 Developing and Ascending Professionals were awarded 2026 Joint Annual Meeting registration and travel scholarships, totaling \$10,400.



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- Augusta University
- Loyola University Chicago
- Northern Illinois University
- Oregon Institute of Technology / Oregon Health Science University
- PCOM Georgia
- UC Davis Health
- University of Cincinnati
- WDTC
- West Virginia University / Southern WV Community and Technical College
- Wichita State University



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2026 Finalists

- Northern Illinois University
- UC Davis Health



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2026 Winner



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Developing Professional Leadership and Achievement Awards

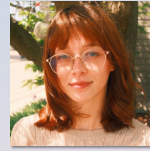


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Developing Professional Leadership and Achievement Award Nominees



Eleanor Guhl, WI



Mia Olson, MO



Grace Overbeek, WI



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Developing Professional Leadership Award Winners:



Eleanor Guhl, WI

and



Grace Overbeek, WI



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Developing Professional Achievement in Collaboration Award Winner:



Mia Olson, MO



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Ascending Professional Leadership and Achievement Awards



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Ascending Professional Leadership and Achievement Award Nominees



Katie Guise, FL



Mindy Ingalls, CO



Krista Woods, MO



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Ascending Professional Leadership Award
Winner:



Katie Guise, FL



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Ascending Professional Achievement in
Collaboration Award Winner:



Krista Woods, MO



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Ascending Professional Achievement in
Dedication Award Winner:



Mindy Ingalls, CO



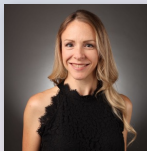
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Voices Under 40 Awards



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Voices Under 40 Awards



Sarah Bergbower, IL

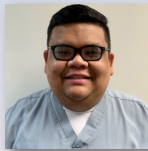


Whitnee Brame, LA

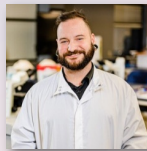


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Mark De Luna, FL



Damien Garza, WI



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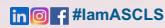
Voices Under 40 Awards



Victoria Nemitz, MN



Samantha Peterson, ND



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Voices Under 40 Awards



Maria Lucia Rodriguez, MT



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Education & Research Fund Joseph J. Kleiner Memorial Award



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Joseph J. Kleiner Memorial Award

Talbot D. Leathers

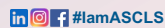
"Validation of Clinical Quality Control Metrics for SARS-CoV-2 Sequencing Using the Ion Torrent Genexus Integrated Sequencer"

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Education & Research Fund Member Research Grant

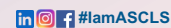


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Member Research Grant

Allie Smith

The Impact of Clinical Environment on Antimicrobial Susceptibility



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Member Research Grant

Yan Zheng

Low-Titer ABO Isoagglutinins in Group O Donors



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Scientific Research Award



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Scientific Research Award



Sarah Bergbower, IL

Implementation of an algorithm for testing, diagnosis, and antibiotic stewardship of asymptomatic bacteriuria in pregnancy



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CLEF Student Paper Award



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CLEF Student Paper

McKenzie Creekmore, VA

Factors Affecting Microbial Diversity in the Navel of Gen Z (Post-Covid) College Students – Considerations for the Clinical Microbiology Laboratory



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CLS Journal Distinguished Author Award



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CLS Journal Distinguished Author Award

Alexandra Corns, Leticia Nunez-Argote and Robert Moser

Research and Reports: "An Assessment of the Workforce and Training Needs of Rural Kansas Medical Laboratories" 2025, Volume 38(1): 29-33



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CLS Journal Distinguished Author Award

Yan Zheng, Wenxiang Zhu and Alexis N.B. Carpenter

Education: "Integrating ChapGPT into Laboratory Science Education: A Survey and Pilot Study" 2025, Volume 38(1): 45-52



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Constituent Society Member of the Year Recognition



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Constituent Society Member of the Year



Jennifer Bannwarth,
South Dakota



Barbara Brown,
Colorado



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Constituent Society Member of the Year



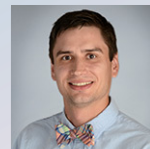
Darcy Dochterman,
Iowa

Alice Hawley,
North Dakota



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Constituent Society Member of the Year



Andrew Jones,
Kansas



Dwane Klostermann,
Wisconsin



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Constituent Society Member of the Year



Cordelia Kudika,
Texas



Emilia Marrero,
Florida





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Constituent Society Member of the Year

Kylie Mons,
Oregon



Sarah Parker,
Arkansas





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Constituent Society Member of the Year



Sarah Schremser,
Missouri

Christine Svrčina,
Hawaii





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Constituent Society Member of the Year



Anne Tate,
Montana





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Pinnacle Award





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Pinnacle Award Nominees



Michael L. Bishop, FL





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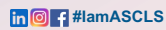


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Pinnacle Award Nominees



Barbara Brown, CO



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Pinnacle Award **Winner**



Michael L. Bishop, FL

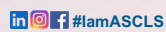


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94th ASCLS Annual Meeting Awards Ceremony

This concludes our awards ceremony for this evening.

See you next year in Buffalo, NY, June 13-17!



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