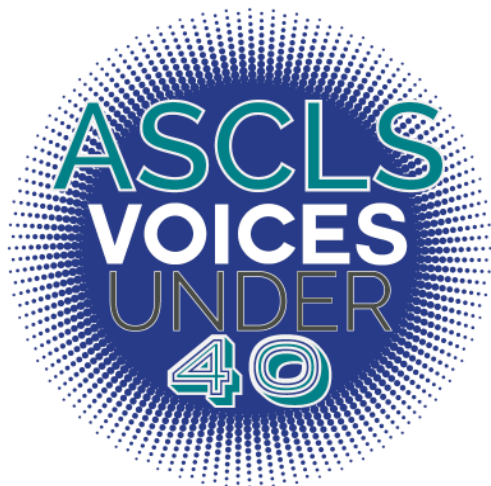




ASCLS Voices Under 40 is a monthly recognition of one of our many, talented and committed young professionals under 40 years old. The ASCLS Voices Spotlight has been developed to honor ASCLS members who have shown exceptional commitment to ASCLS, the laboratory profession, and their community at large 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 Mark De Luna, DCLS, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}, FSCLS and ASCLS member since 2011.

Mark is the MLS supervisor at AdventHealth Ocala in Ocala, Florida. His most recent accomplishment is the completion of his DCLS from Rutgers School of Health Professions (2025), where he previously received his Master of Science with Honors (Kugelman Honors Program 2018).



Mark is a remarkable person, with a levelheaded demeanor with ambition and passion for the medical laboratory science profession. His leadership skills set has been demonstrated with being chair of the ASCLS Nominations Committee, president of the Florida Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (FSCLS), and the Philippine Association Medical Technologist (PAMET-USA), as well as the Central Florida Chapter President. Mark reminds me of the *Pithecophaga jefferyi* (Philippine Eagle). A one-of-a-kind, majestic, brilliant, focused, capable creature. This eagle has a wingspan of almost seven feet, just like Mark who is capable of pretty much everything while demonstrating resilience and hope. Mark is a pioneer and not just for the MLS profession but also for the Filipino community.

Mark grew up in a Naval family. He moved from Guam to Florida because his father was stationed in NAS Pensacola. While attending the University of West Florida he was introduced to the MLS profession by a family friend. He is rooted in faith and enjoys mentoring the younger MLS generations. This is seen through his acts of service in

professional organizations like ASCLS. As he is now in a leadership role at work, his triumph is knowing that his team is cross-trained, competent, and ready for any surprise inspections. He walks hand-in-hand with those he works with, showing his passion for the profession. His education and experience are assets to whomever he works alongside.

On his free time, he shares his expertise as a subject matter expert on the Diagnostic Equity Pro HUB. Other times you can catch him playing with his three-year-old Samoyed dog, named Echo. He is also a foodie and likes trying out new restaurants, shopping, and doing the adulting things like cleaning his home. There is a self-fulfillment of pride in a clean home, something I am sure was demonstrated from a military upbringing with a warm, loving family.

Like others who have fallen in love with ASCLS, Mark enjoys being involved with his state society, attending meetings and traveling to the Joint Annual Meeting. He looks forward to traveling to different cities and networking with fellow colleagues and classmates. He prioritizes ASCLS and promotes the profession at any chance given. He is always willing to share his experiences and help other MLS professionals get involved with our professional organization.

He is a true ASCLS member. One who advocates from the profession and is committed to excellence in laboratory practices.

Congratulations, Dr. Mark De Luna! Say that twice!