



ASCLS is excited to introduce **ASCLS Voices Under 40**, recognizing our many, talented and committed young professionals under 40 years old. The ASCLS Voices Spotlight honors ASCLS members who have shown exceptional commitment to ASCLS, the laboratory profession, and their community at large at a young age in their professional career. This month we spotlight one of the 2016 ASCLS Shining Voices who was selected from nominations across the country.

Please take a moment to get to know our ASCLS Voices Under 40 Spotlight for the Month, Jennifer Dawson from Austin, Texas!

Ms. Dawson is currently employed at Sonic Reference Laboratory as the Vice President for Quality and Regulatory Affairs. Ms. Dawson's contributions to her profession have been many. She has participated at the national level as the Vice-Chair of the ASCLS Patient Safety Committee and as an ASCLS PACE reviewer. She has represented the profession in other organizations such as the Clinical Laboratory Management Association and the National Association for Healthcare Quality. She has presented and published over 20 presentations or articles contributing to the continuing education of her colleagues. Jennifer does not limit her activities to the profession but also found time to participate in community and civic organizations.



One of her nominators wrote: "Jenni has been decisive and effective in all roles in which she serves. Quality professionals are often not recognized for their contributions to clinical laboratory science. I have never met a more deserving candidate for this type of award. She gives unselfishly of her time on the local, national and international level."

When asked about what her best personal accomplishment in ASCLS is, Ms. Dawson replied: "I am most proud of my involvement on the ASCLS Patient Safety Committee. I feel that the work being done by this committee is fundamentally important to the laboratory industry, healthcare providers and, of course, our patients. Before being invited by Elissa Passiment to join the committee, I had not considered the importance of educating medical laboratorians about patient safety during their formal education."

Congratulations Ms. Jennifer Dawson on your selection as an **ASCLS Voice Under 40**. You are a shining voice for ASCLS and for the Medical Laboratory profession.