



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 of February, Dr. Kristin Landis-Piwowar from Rochester, Michigan!



Dr. Landis-Piwowar is an Associate Professor at Oakland University. She has served as the National Hematology Scientific Assembly Vice-Chair in 2015-2016. She has also served as a Continuing Education Editor for the Clinical Laboratory Science Journal. She has been an active member of the Scientific Assembly for Molecular Diagnostics for ASCLS-MI and is currently serving as the Scientific Assembly Coordinator. Kristin has given numerous professional presentations and has been published in many peer-reviewed journals. Kristin also coordinates and developed an all-day Healthcare Professional Camp at Oakland University. This camp is in its fourth year.

One of her nominators wrote: "As an educator, Kristin excels. Her enthusiasm and passion for the courses she teaches is impressive and contagious. The vitality she brings to the classroom consistently, throughout the years, engages the students and motivates them to do their best. Many students have described her as "the best instructor I have ever had". In addition to her persona in the classroom, she is an unparalleled content expert in all the courses she delivers. Kristin brings the same passion, enthusiasm and expertise to the

many continuing education presentations she has delivered for ASCLS at state, regional and national meetings. Many individuals have benefitted from her unique educational abilities. "

When asked what her motivation for being actively involved in ASCLS is, Kristin replied: "My motivation for involvement in ASCLS is two-fold: 1) I've found that the continuing education and networking that I've gained through this organization has been vital to fulfilling my professional goals and 2) I hope to inspire and mentor my students (another generation of professionals) to engage in their professional organization and fulfill their own professional goals. As a student, I wasn't satisfied with ending my learning at any level and as such, in my profession as an educator it is essential that I am not only teaching, but also learning. My most important role as a scholar has been, and continues to be, as a translator of basic science into clinical practice and relevance. Because of my extensive experiences in, and understanding of, both clinical and basic science, I am able to interpret and convey the connections that bridge these two disciplines. By active involvement in ASCLS, I'm exposed to the latest science and clinical best practices that augment my research and desire to learn. Through the amazing mentorship that I received as a young professional, I've made connections in my state and across the country that have been vital to fulfilling several of my professional goals. Because of networking through ASCLS I have been able to advance my research endeavors, publish my scholarship, write chapters and serving as a consulting editor for a well-respected hematology textbook, and now, serve on the editorial board for the journal *Clinical Laboratory Science*.

I also encourage my students to become and remain active in ASCLS. I believe that if a student builds a strong habit of continuing education even before they are a professional, they will find scientific and clinical advances interesting and exciting rather than a chore that they suffer through to earn obligatory credits throughout their professional lives. I encourage students to attend professional meetings, and I make a concerted effort to interact with them when they choose to do so. Since I am regularly asked to speak at these meetings, my students can observe my zeal for science not only in my classes, but also as I present to my professional colleagues. I can only hope that my excitement will transmit to students as they enter into their professional careers and find much of the same fulfillment that I have experienced.

For my involvement in my profession, I received the "Key to the future" award in 2012 for demonstrating leadership potential to the ASCLS-MI organization and the Donna Duberg Mentorship award (2015) for inspiring and mentoring students and ASCLS-MI members."

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