MEMBERSHIP MATTERS SERIES

This brochure is brought to you by the 2007-2008 ASCLS Leadership Academy. We hope that you have found it to be both informative and inspiring. We are members of ASCLS because the future of our profession depends on us. Please join us in our cause to make a DIFFERENCE!!

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Leadership Matters!

Leadership Academy
Leadership

Have you ever felt that you could be a leader in your place of work or your professional organization, but felt you did not have the skills to do so? Have you had the opportunity to advance but were afraid you did not possess the confidence or self-esteem to step into a leadership role?

Belonging to ASCLS can help!

The ASCLS Leadership Academy is designed to prepare ASCLS members for current and future leadership roles in the organization by providing a structured program of study of critical leadership topics.


Leadership Story

I want to develop skills that will allow me to grow within ASCLS and become a stronger leader. I would like to become the President of ASCLS-SD someday and the curriculum of the Leadership Academy would help me become a good and effective leader. Last year when I was asked by the state nominating committee chair if I would consider running for Second Vice President, I read the job description of the position. I found that this position could lead to the office of the President of the state society. Even though I don’t feel ready for that yet, I did agree to the nomination, and was elected to the position. As I sit in board meetings or attend state meetings and observe the current President, I wonder if I have what it takes to be effective in that office. I know I am capable of doing anything I set my mind to do and I am ready to take the challenge. I decided I would use the years as Second Vice President and First Vice President (if elected) to become prepared. The curriculum of the Leadership Academy would be an excellent tool in preparing for more roles in ASCLS. The timing is perfect. I would have the year to complete the course and a year or two to put into practice what I learn.

Susan Lopez, ASCLS member

Leadership Story

I am the President-Elect for the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science - GA. I applied to the ASCLS Leadership Academy in order to develop the leadership skills that I will need to be a successful state president. During my tenure as president, I want to increase enrollment, increase the visibility of our profession in the state, and increase the organization’s political involvement so ASCLS professionals can have a voice in the creation of regulatory policies and bills governing our profession. In addition, I want to create a mentoring program for the development of future leaders within the profession. I also want to become more involved in ASCLS at the national level. I would like to serve on committees that will advance our profession and grow members. I would like to help in the planning of national meetings, and eventually run for office at the regional and national level. I believe that the Leadership Academy will give me the experience and knowledge necessary to realize these goals. The skills that I will learn during my time in the Academy will form the foundation that will help me develop into an effective leader. In turn, I will be able to help my state society grow in membership and in visibility which will ultimately help ASCLS become a stronger organization.

Barbara Russell, ASCLS member