



ASCLS is excited to introduce the ASCLS Voices Under 40, 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.

Please meet Mechelle Reeve, MLS(ASCP)<sup>cm</sup> from Twin Falls, Idaho

Mechelle is employed by St. Luke's Magic Valley Hospital as an MLS and Blood Bank Key Operator. As a generalist in a 200 bed hospital, Mechelle spends the majority of her time in hematology and blood bank. Not only is she responsible for the day to day shift tasks, QC, maintenance and testing, but she also serves as the blood bank go to person when the supervisor is not on shift. Mechelle also enjoys being the blood bank representative on the Transfusion Committee where she can contribute to better practices in transfusion medicine and educate her fellow coworkers and health care providers.



Mechelle serves ASCLS in many capacities. In 2017 Mechelle graduated from the Region VIII Leadership Academy. She also served on the Region VIII board for 2 years while supporting ASCLS Idaho as the state president. Mechelle has supported several Idaho state spring conventions as the registration chair and even put on a presentation for students called "Life after Graduation." She has also used her talent for writing by contributing several articles for the Idaho State Newsletter-Focus.

When asked what her best personal accomplishment within ASCLS was, she responded with this. " My best personal accomplishment within ASCLS is my continued activity within the society this past year as President, despite being out of state for over two months leading up to our state convention, because my baby

was in the NICU at a specialty children's hospital. I always had a goal to set out to do what I started and to not let people down. It was a little hectic with family medical challenges, but I still managed to run all our board meetings, put together three different presentations for our convention, help promote our benefit raffle, and help our convention planning committee pull off one of the most successful Idaho ASCLS Spring Conventions I've ever attended."

Mechelle was highly recommended for the ASCLS Voices Under 40 Award. One of her nominators had this to say. "Out of the Lab, Mechelle has been an active member of ASCLS for many years. I have seen first-hand how contagious her passion is for our profession. She has been a determined advocate for the MLS students and New Professionals through her Idaho State University class visits, student mentoring, presentations of student-centered sessions at the Spring Convention and new professional welcome packets she produced during her internship with Region VIII."

Outside of ASCLS, Mechelle's proudest achievement was being accepted to an optional summer internship program at the Mayo Clinic. "I had the opportunity to work in the hematopathology morphology lab and assisted in over 300 bone marrow procedures. I came back to school so much more knowledgeable and confident because of the things I'd learned there. I was fortunate enough to be selected for this opportunity a second year, which was an honor because I was told that rarely ever happens."