



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 Stephanie K. Rink, MS, MLS(ASCP)^{cm}SC^{cm} from Clawson, Michigan.

Stephanie is employed by Beaumont Health in Royal Oak Michigan as a Medical Technologist. Her daily activities include performing laboratory testing in the Special Testing/Immunology department. Stephanie is also involved in education, serving as a Hematology Laboratory lecturer for Medical Laboratory Science students at Oakland University.



Stephanie serves ASCLS in many capacities and is very active in laboratory government affairs. In 2014, Stephanie graduated from the National Leadership Academy, and is currently using her skills as the Vice Chair of the national Political Action Committee. She has attended numerous Legislative Symposiums and written several articles for her state newsletter related to PAC. Stephanie is very active in her home state of Michigan, serving on State Convention Committees, Government Affairs and PAC Committees, as well as Scholarship Chair and Nominations Chair. In her personal statement, Stephanie said: "My biggest motivator for staying involved in ASCLS is the people. It has been said that "people don't join organizations; people join people," and I think that is no truer than when it comes to ASCLS. This organization has been the greatest source of mentors, role models, colleagues, and friends that I have come across in both my personal and professional life."

When asked about her best personal accomplishment within ASCLS, she responded with: " Being honored with the ASCLS-Michigan Member of the Year Award this past

April. It represented a culmination of many small accomplishments. For instance, my work with the Awards Committee helped streamline the Student Award and Scholarship nomination process, making it easier for commendable individuals to get the recognition they deserve. I have also been instrumental in reinvigorating the state GAC by hosting a State Legislative Symposium, writing many newsletter articles, and encouraging attendance at the national Legislative Symposium and bringing back PAC donation solicitation to our state meeting after a 5-year hiatus. Finally, in my recent position as Conference Finance Chair, I have begun the process of updating various aspects of our meeting budget.”

Stephanie received glowing recommendations for this award. One of her nominators had this to say about Stephanie: “She was recently awarded the Michigan’s Member of the Year Award and election as President-Elect for the State of Michigan. These honors are well deserved. Stephanie embodies one of the essential criteria for ASCLS Voices Under 40, boundless enthusiasm for the profession and ASCLS. That enthusiasm is expressed in whatever ASCLS commitment Stephanie makes. The PAC and government affairs are the center piece of Stephanie’s ASCLS participation. Enthusiasm is on display when Stephanie is staffing the PAC/GAC booth at the state conference while wearing her dress with the red blood cell fabric.”

Outside of ASCLS, Stephanie’s proudest achievement was participating in the engineering competition, Future City, in the 7th grade. The competition required teams of three 7th and 8th graders to design a city set somewhere and sometime in the future. This was done using the SIM City computer program, then building a physical model of the city, and writing an essay about how engineering designs helped address current problems that were incorporated into the city. At the competition, the city was presented and there was a question and answer session. “While we ultimately did go on to place 7th, we won multiple special awards for our city. The highlight for me was that National Geographic identified us as a team to follow throughout the week and did a feature piece on us and the competition for their TV show in honor of Women in Engineering Week.”