What is ASCLS?

- Provides dynamic leadership
- Promotes all aspects of laboratory science practice, education & management
  - to ensure excellent, accessible and cost-effective lab services
- Advances high standards of practice and professional competence
  - By offering conferences, publications and education programs
What is ASCLS?

**ASCLS Mission:**
The mission of ASCLS is to make a positive impact in health care through leadership that will assure excellence in the practice of laboratory medicine.

**ASCLS Believes:**
- Quality laboratory service is essential to quality health care.
- Everyone deserves access to safe, effective, efficient, equitable, and patient-centered healthcare, and
- Advancing the laboratory profession advances health care.

**ASCLS Core Values:**
1. Defining the characteristics of competent personnel within the profession and providing professional development opportunities so that practitioners can maintain competency are essential roles of a professional association.
2. Enabling laboratory professionals to function at their highest level of competence will contribute to cost effective health care.
3. Promoting diversity supports the delivery of quality laboratory service.
4. Taking a leadership role in standard and policy setting is a core professional responsibility.
5. Advocating for quality within the laboratory is essential to the assurance of quality health care delivery.

ASCLS is an inclusive, culturally relevant community of people acknowledging their differences and unique characteristics; it is an organization where all persons can engage and participate in a meaningful way empowering everyone to grow and learn.
ASCLS Member Benefits

- Education
- Advocacy
- Networking
- Marketing
- Resources
- Information
- Patient safety issues
- Leadership opportunities
- Mentoring
Education

- PACE approved CEUs
- Webinars
- Online Courses
- Conferences
- Local, regional, state events
- At a discounted registration fee
Advocacy and Government Affairs

- ASCLS Advocates to Members of Congress, Federal and state agencies
  - Monitors and influences laws and regulations that affect the profession
  - Ensures that the concerns of the profession are heard in Congress

- Legislative symposium March 16-17, 2020
  - Ensures effective advocacy
  - Participants learn lobbying skills
  - Teaches participants the manner in which current issues are being addressed within government
  - Opportunity for members to meet with Members of Congress to discuss the issues important to the profession and advocate for our best interests
Networking

- National, Regional, State, Local Meetings
- Contacts can help with job searches
- May work in different geographical areas and disciplines but share many of the same issues
- Online member communities
- Member app to stay connected
- Life-long friendships
Informed

- **Clinical Laboratory Science**
  - Award-winning, quarterly journal
  - Features articles on the very latest in research, education, and government actions affecting the profession

- **ASCLS Today**
  - Newsletter published 10 times per year
  - Timely updates on association activities in the legislative, educational and membership arenas

- **Colorado Clinical Laboratorian**
  - Colorado ASCLS local newsletter with event information, shared stories from our members, as well as updates on current, past, and prospective projects.
Web Stuff and Sites:

- **http://asclsregion8.org/states/colorado/**
  - Colorado, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, & Idaho.
  - IMSS - Fall Region 8 Meeting in Jackson Wyoming
    - Leadership, Education, and Networking.

- **https://www.asclscolorado.org/**
  - Colorado’s ASCLS Web Site:
    - Link to join
    - Education
      - Events - in person seminars that you can signup for. At the moment we have 3 online that you can check out.
      - Online PACE credits
    - Students: **Multiple Scholarships Available!**
    - Career Center Link with hospital specific job postings
    - News letter

**Facebook Group: ASCLS-Colorado**
- Weekly Updates from Developing & Ascending Professional Regional Reps
Web Stuff and Sites

- ASCLS National Web Site:
  - https://www.ascls.org/

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Scientific and not-so-scientific ideas in laboratory medicine.
Share ideas and talk nerdy.

Addressing the Clinical Laboratory Workforce Shortage
ASCLS Position Paper
ASCLS is on social media

SOCIAL MEDIA

Connect with ASCLS on these social media platforms.

https://www.facebook.com/ASCLS/
https://twitter.com/ASCLS
https://www.linkedin.com/company/american-society-for-clinical-laboratory-science/
https://www.instagram.com/iamascls/
Scholarships

- **Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity and Education and Research Fund Scholarships**
  - 20 - 25 Graduate and Undergraduate scholarships are awarded annually in amounts from $1,000 to $3,000
  - Application deadline: April 1, 2020
  - Automatically enrolls you in a second scholarship

- **ASCLS Education and Research Fund Graduate and Undergraduate Scholarships**
  - Up to three scholarships for $1,500 each are awarded yearly
  - Uses same application as AMTF Scholarship
Scholarships

- **ASCLS-Colorado Student Scholarship**
  - Due December 2, 2019
  - Three scholarships will be awarded at $1,000 each
Awards

- **Annual Meeting Poster Competition**
  - Awards will be given for the best undergraduate, graduate student, and best practitioner poster at the ASCLS meeting.
  - A complimentary year’s membership in ASCLS at the First Year Professional or the Professional I level will be the prize.
  - The undergraduate student whose poster is judged best in the competition will also be given a cash prize of $500 by the ASCLS E & R Fund.
  - **Application deadline: April 1, 2020**
  - [http://www.ascls.org/annual-meeting-poster-competition](http://www.ascls.org/annual-meeting-poster-competition)

- **Education Scientific Assembly Student Paper Award**
  - Case study award: $500
  - **Submission deadline: May 1, 2020**
Travel Grants and Scholarships

- **Developing Professional Travel Grant**
  - For ASCLS Legislative Symposium; there is deadline

- **ASCLS Annual Meeting Developing Professional Travel Grant**
  - This award will provide at least one student a stipend to attend the ASCLS Annual Meeting
  - The completed application & meeting registration must be received by May
    - [https://www.ascls.org/education-meetings/annual-meeting](https://www.ascls.org/education-meetings/annual-meeting)
  - June 28 to July 2, Louisville Kentucky

- **Beckman-Coulter Student Travel Grant**
  - Multiple awards available
  - Awards $1000 towards travel, lodging and registration. Applications and meeting registration due in April
    - [https://www.ascls.org/education-meetings/annual-meeting](https://www.ascls.org/education-meetings/annual-meeting)
BOC Study Aid:

- LabCE Exam Simulator
- MLT & MLS exams
- [https://www.labce.com/register_game.aspx](https://www.labce.com/register_game.aspx)
- Great study aid!
- App does not work
- Works on Chrome and Firefox, but not Safari.
2019 and 2020 Events Calendar

- **Fall Seminar**
  - Parkview Medical Center Pueblo, CO
  - October 25, 2019

- **Winter Seminar**
  - Saint Mary’s Hospital Grand Junction, CO
  - January 24, 2020

- **Clinical Lab Collaborative Conference (CLCC)**
  - Double Tree Hotel Denver, CO
  - April 30 - May 1, 2020
  - [https://www.clcconline.org/](https://www.clcconline.org/)

- Please Join in! We would love to see New Students get involved!
Join a great group of professionals in their endeavor to strengthen and enlighten our profession. Great benefits include travel (mostly paid), networking, leadership training and having fun with new people.

To apply for the position of Developing Professional submit a resume and a letter about yourself to Mindi Thurmon at asclscostudentrep@gmail.com or April Shields at rogerrocco@msn.com

Check out the job description to be posted soon under the student tab on asclscolorado.org
Contact Information

- **ASCLS Colorado Student Representative:**
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- **Student Educator Liaison:**
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