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Past President's Message

By Crystal Bradley

Over the past year, ASCLS-Georgia has accomplished many tasks. Last August, we had members attend different schools in the state to talk about ASCLS and how being a member can make a great impact on the future of their career. Ally Storla has done a wonderful job updating our state website: www.asclsga.org. If you haven't looked at it in a while, please take a minute to. It's amazing. We had members attend the Region III Triennial, the Legislative Symposium, and the National Meeting in San Diego. We had a successful state meeting with many continuing education opportunities for both professionals and students. Plus, we had a great time getting to know each other better. At each meeting, you learn, connect, and simply have fun with others in our profession. I really encourage you to try and attend any of the previously listed meetings in the coming year. After each meeting,

attendees leave with a stronger passion for our field.

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as the ASCLS-Georgia Chapter President this past year. I've had the



Legislative Symposium (left to right) Lacey Campbell, Crystal Bradley, and Kemorine Roberts

wonderful opportunity to work alongside inspirational and motivated individuals. They've pushed me to be better, and I could never thank them enough for their support. I am excit-

ed to see what this next year brings. We have Kemorine Roberts as our President and Ally Storla as President-Elect, both of whom I truly admire. They are dedicated to our profession, ASCLS, and Georgia. We also have many new members that have taken different leadership positions within Georgia. I have a feeling we'll see greatness come out of this next year's leadership. If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to us at:

admin@asclsga.org

Again, thank you for allowing me to be your president. It will be a time that I always cherish.

SAN DIEGO: SUNNY WITH A CHANCE OF SCIENCE

By Ally Storla

This was the fourth annual ASCLS meeting I have attended and I am very grateful to ASCLS Georgia for supporting my attendance and also for making me a delegate for the House of Delegates for this meeting

The Board of Directors Meeting focused on the lack of ASCLS Today issues and Communication. For

those unaware the editor of the ASCLS Today passed away last year and ASCLS Today issues have been backlogged. ASCLS Today issues are beginning to come out again and should release on time with all of the previous year's articles being released in addition to new articles. In keeping with this theme for the need for communication ASCLS Georgia

will be releasing our newsletter, the Pipette Line, more frequently to help our members be informed.

This meeting was definitely sunny in beautiful San Diego with inspiring continuing education events such as Kathy Doig's opening keynote about the Zen of Public service. ASCLS's upcoming year is looking bright.

President's Message

By Kemorine Roberts



ASCLS Georgia
President Kemorine
Roberts

Hello and welcome to ASCLS-Georgia! My name is Kemorine Roberts and I am the Society President for the 2017-2018 year. As leaders of our Constituent Society, our board members got together to compose a list of goals that we hope to use to encourage our members to become active once again as well as to reconfirm the benefits of maintaining a membership with the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science. These goals were established because we want to reconnect with all of you as individuals as well as to strengthen our society.

Throughout this year, our main goal is to open communication between you the members and our leadership board so that you can tell us what you expect to see from the organization and what you want to see us do as a group to show you that we are here to support you in any way we can. As an organization for Laboratory Scientists, created by Laboratory Scientists, we want to renew our commitment to you, and also to our profession, so that we are able to grow not only in the state of Georgia, but throughout the nation as well.

We have a great year planned. Our board members have pledged to be accountable to you to make sure you get what you need out of your continued membership in ASCLS. I personally appreciate the work and effort that has been put into this upcoming year by our board. With the help of all those involved, I am expecting that we are going to have a spectacular year.

Thank you all for what this year will become. I look forward to working with, and getting to know, each and every one of you!

*Did you know the first
Doctorate in Clinical
Laboratory Science
candidate is
completing her
Residency in Georgia
AND she has a blog?!
Be sure to check out
www.roadtodcls.com
to learn more about
Brandy Gunsolus and
the DCLS program*

Posters and Molecules

By Wendy Lumm

It may not seem so at first but clinical lab science is as much about people as test tubes, microscopes and automated equipment. Nowhere is that more evident than at national or statewide ASCLS conferences where thousands of medical technologists convene to reunite with colleagues, meet new ones, mentor and advise new professionals, and most importantly keep abreast of the latest advancements/developments in every discipline of clinical lab science.

This past month's national meeting

took place at San Diego's historic Gas Lamp District's Omni Hotel. This particular Omni hotel has a connecting bridge to Petco Park stadium. MLS groups purchased discounted tickets and watched a Padres' baseball game. Finding a roommate at this swanky ASCLS discounted hotel is easy; only email your state ASCLS representatives, or post a request online at the ASCLS forum. I myself needed a roommate as I had just graduated. It was easy as pie to acquire roommates and I quickly found myself engaged in long distance texting with my not just one...but

two roommates ! I had no idea who they were, but once we all got to the hotel, we became instant friends.

My excitement and dilemma preparing for the trip was assembling and printing two posters. As I have decades of work experience in research labs and biotech, I always relish the opportunity to chat with others about their research findings. Two groups' posters from a local biotech company that does NextGen sequencing were near mine.

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Send Past
President
Patsy Bering
a 90th
Birthday
Card!



Birthday Card Request

Barbara Snyderman ASCLS Past President is requesting ASCLS members send a birthday card to Patsy Bering for her 90th birthday

before October 15, 2017:

Patsy Bering ASCLS Past President
c/o Barbara Snyderman
153 Chancellor Drive
Deptford, NJ 08096

Patsy was one of ASCLS's youngest Past Presidents and Barbara is collecting these cards to give to her as she will be turning 90 and wants Patsy to be surprised by her ASCLS family.

Student's Annual Meeting Experience through MediaLab Travel Grant



By Karishma Rajani

ASCLS GA Student Forum (Left to Right) Wendy Lumm Secretary, Shantol Mitchell Chair, Karishma Rajani Vice Chair

I could tell you that it has been my lifelong passion and dream to study and pursue a career in clinical laboratory science (CLS), but that would be disingenuous of me. In fact, I wasn't aware of the vast array of career options in the laboratory field as much as other professions in the forefront. One thing I have learned during my journey into

this field so far is that there is a lack of general awareness of the field and its opportunities. I feel that it is our responsibility as professionals to promote this profession and one way I saw this opportunity arising is joining

American Society of Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS). They not only strive to promote the profession, but encourage students to get involved, and unite scientists nationwide.

I was given the opportunity to attend the ASCLS annual meeting in San Diego, California when I received ASCLS Georgia's travel grant sponsored by

MediaLab. That, in and of itself, showed me how interconnected and supportive the society is in assisting students. The new members and new professionals breakfast was the perfect ice breaker. I was also able to attend student forums and sessions all throughout the week including the lab expo at the San Diego convention center. Walking in to this annual meeting with a fresh set of eyes, I saw a professional family coming together and making a difference. We are not only able to network for our profession, but appreciate time with some magnificent people. Thank you for the opportunity.

Leadership

Academy

Celebrates its 10th graduating class!

ASCLS Leadership Academy

Graduates from

ASCLS Georgia

include Lacey

Campbell (2014 –

2015), Kemorine

Roberts (2015 –

2016), and Ally

Storla (2016 –

2017)

Leadership Academy Project Presentation 2017

By Ally Storla

The 10th Graduating Class of the Leadership Academy presented their final project—MedLab Talks, a Guide to creating short and impactful talks in the spirit of TedTalks to help the Medical Laboratory Community.

They demonstrated their project by presenting brief presentation talks developed using the MedLab Talks Guide and distributed a printed and bound version of the guide at the presentation's conclusion. The guide

will be available in PDF format on the ASCLS website along with the presentations presented by the 10th leadership academy class.

Topics included Resolving Interprofessional conflict, Reigniting the passion for the Medical Laboratory profession, Saving a Medical Laboratory Program through grass roots community efforts, and introduction to the Hidden Profession that is dynamic and exciting.



Leadership Academy Class of 2016—2017 (left to right) Lindsey Foons, Ally Storla, James Gardner, Erin Frasier, Samantha Treutel, Rachel Dechant

Student Forum T Shirts & Officer Elections

The Student Forum held a fundraiser with T Shirts featuring a butterfly needle and a set of tubes being drawn with the ASCLS logo (pictured right).

The Student Forum Officers of 2017—2018 are Maria Rodriguez of Bozeman, MT Chair. Erin Barger of Covington, KY Vice Chair. Shantol Mitchell of Conyers, Georgia Secretary.

Congratulations to Georgia's own Shantol Mitchell on being elected! Shantol Mitchell is also ASCLS Georgia's Student Forum Chair.

The Student Forum offers scholarships to the Annual Meeting and Legislative Symposium—be sure to follow the ASCLS Student Forum on Facebook under "[ASCLS Student Forum & Recent Graduates](#)"



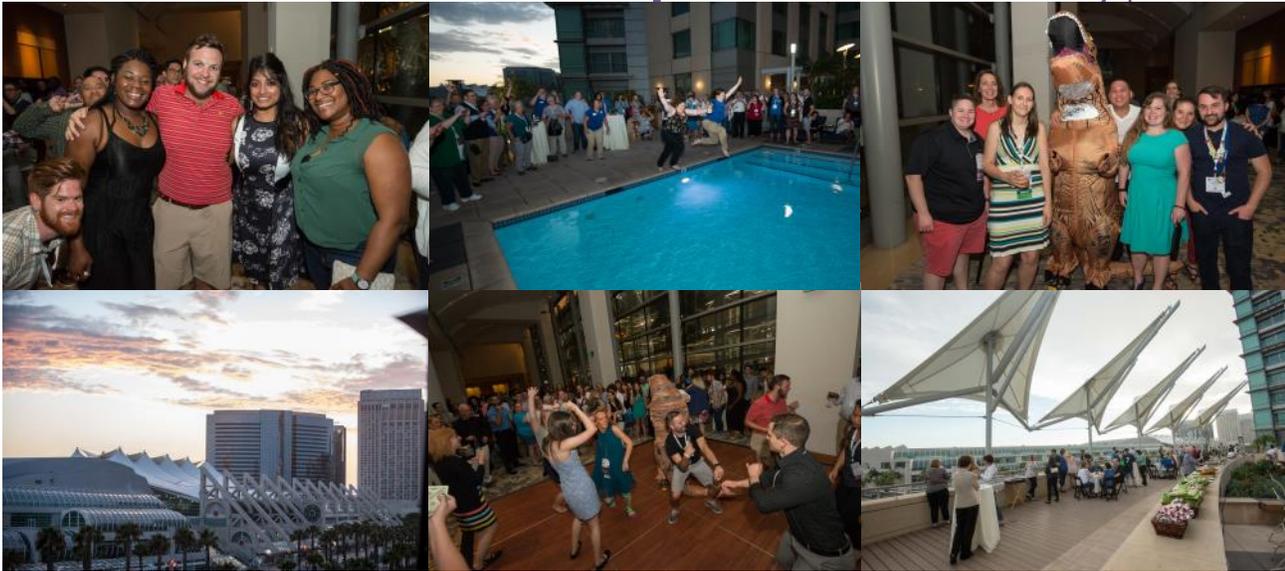
2017 Student Forum T Shirt Fundraiser



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President's Reception in San Diego



Posters and Molecules continued

I LOVED that since I do have my ASCP MB (molecular biology) certification and NextGen sequencing is a recent, cutting edge addition to some clinical labs.

There are so many talks, you have to be choosy as there are multiple lectures for a given time slot. I saw talks on multi-parameter flow cytometry, the latest WHO classification scheme in hematology, CDC antibiotic resistance surveillance networks, sepsis identification, and faculty positions in CLS programs. My roommates' liked the talk on body fluids very much; the search is now on to detect malignant cells in various body fluids!

I missed a Zika virus testing talk because I attended Wayne Grody's lecture on Genetics in Hollywood, a fun review of molecular testing through movies like GATA-GA, the Nutty Professor movies, and CSI!

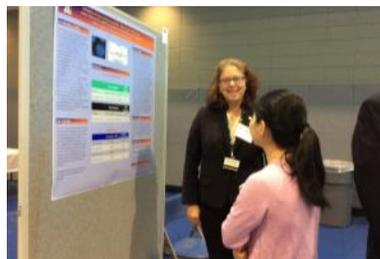
Dr. Grody is a Johns Hopkins University grad and obtained his MD, PhD training at Baylor in Houston, Texas. His genetics testing lab at UCLA in Los Angeles was one of the first in the nation.

Dr. Grody helped develop ASCP guidelines for molecular tests for Factor V Leiden and cystic fibrosis detection. I

highly recommend his "Molecular Diagnostics: Techniques and Applications for the Clinical Laboratory" a textbook on the ASCP MB exam's reading list.

Veteran ASCLS Leaders are delegates, board members and officers. At the national meeting, elections are held for next year's officers. It's a great place to come on board and get involved as I did as the Vice Chair and then Molecular Chair of Scientific Assemblies at the 2015 Atlanta meeting.

The National meetings are not to be missed-next year...Chicago! 2018 the ASCLS Annual Meeting will be held in Chicago July 30—August 2, 2018. Mark your calendars!



Wendy Lumm presenting her poster

ASCLS GEORGIA LEADERSHIP ROSTER 2017 - 2018

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Education: VACANT
 Molecular Diagnostics: Wendy Lumm

Informatics: VACANT

Laboratory Administration/
 Consultant/Quality/Accreditation/
 Industry: Kemorine Roberts

ASCLS Georgia Accolades in San Diego

ASCLS Georgia and members were honored at the awards ceremony with many accolades including 2nd place in the Promotion of the Profession category for our Silent Auction fundraiser held at our State Meeting benefiting the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Foundation, Ally Storla received a plaque for completing Leadership Academy, New Professional of the Year Nominee and Winner of New Professional of the Year, and ASCLS Voices Under 40. Congratulations to all of our ASCLS members who were honored at the member award ceremony!



Would you like to become more involved? Consider joining a committee or becoming a Scientific Assembly Chair! Reach out to us at admin@asclsga.org