



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.

Meet Ellis McVoy, MBA, MLS(ASCP)CM from Sherwood, AR.

Ellis is the Manager of Laboratory Operations at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock, AR. At Arkansas Children's Hospital, he works and collaborates with department managers in directing compliance with policies, procedures and best practices in support of optimal performance of the laboratory. He also works directly with the Laboratory Admin Director in the execution of initiatives supporting the Laboratory Strategic Plan. Beyond his job-specific duties, Ellis has also served as the Quality Management Representative of the Transfusion Committee, ED Blood Culture Contamination Reduction Committee Leader, ED Length of Stay Reduction Committee Leader, and Quality Management Representative for the ED Quality Committee.



Ellis' first ASCLS exposure was as a student attending the Arkansas state society conference. Since then, he has accomplished so much for the organization and the profession at large, participating in many career fairs, laboratory presentations, and even securing multiple Lab Week Proclamations for Arkansas.

Ellis first joined ASCLS as a student and has held many roles at the state and national level since, including Region VII Ascending Professional Chair, Arkansas Ascending Professional Representative, and a term as President of ASCLS-Arkansas. He has also served on several national committees including the Patient Safety Committee and the Marketing and Communication Committee.

Ellis is a true servant leader, and he finds reward in giving back to his laboratory family and community. As he states, "It's the lab community that has become my extended lab family. I stay involved so I can be with my family. They are what keep me coming back and engaged. "

When asked about his most memorable accomplishments in ASCLS, Ellis recalled when he helped plan and organize the Arkansas state meeting during his term as president. "The conference was highly rated and enjoyed by membership. I overheard comments saying that it was the best state meeting a member had attended. I felt so much pride in that moment. The Arkansas board and I had given the members and attendees a great new experience that we will work to repeat year after year."

Ellis' nominator notes that Ellis exhibits a passion for the laboratory profession as well as ASCLS. As his nominator also states, Ellis will continue to be a voice for his colleagues as he continues his journey in the laboratory profession and ASCLS.

Outside of ASCLS, Ellis' greatest achievements have been gained in the academic arena. He was accepted into a graduate program at the University where his laboratory journey first began, receiving the acceptance letter on his birthday! The school etches the names of graduates on the sidewalks around campus. Ellis McVoy's name will be etched in stone as a graduate. He attributes his accomplishments to the "success my lab career has given me."

Congratulations Ellis!