



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 was selected from many nominations across the country.

Meet Leah Daily-Palmer, MEd, MLS(ASCP)<sup>CM</sup>, from Spokane, Washington.

Leah is a clinical laboratory education manager at the Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center and Children's Hospital in Spokane, WA. As the only one in her role in the entire Providence Health and Services, her responsibilities are vast and unique. She oversees local and distance laboratory educational programs and serves as a consultant for workforce development, education, training, and competency assessment for the laboratories within the Providence system.

In addition to her many professional duties, Leah has shown extraordinary dedication to ASCLS committees and task forces, as seen by her many roles as: student representative, ASCLS-Utah, 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 academic years; student representative, ASCLS Region VIII, 2006-2007 academic year; committee member of ASCLS-WA Spokane Chapter in 2011-2017; and as a program lead in the ASCLS-WA Spring Seminar-Spokane in 2014.

Outside of ASCLS, Leah states that she is most proud of the work she does in workforce development, specifically rural communities. She writes, "I grew up in a town of less than 200 people. I understand the barriers and limitations rural communities face. Financial resources are scarce, and educational opportunities can seem unobtainable for those unable to leave their community. Additionally, it can be particularly challenging to recruit and retain certified health professionals in rural areas."

Even with these challenges, she was able to design a synchronous MLT training program, making it available in a rural community. She credits this accomplishment



with the help of partnerships with rural hospitals, a satellite community college branch, and a hybrid MLT program.

When asked about her most memorable accomplishments in ASCLS, Leah shared, "I believe the most important work I can do to support my profession is to instill the passion and commitment I have in the next generation of medical laboratorians." This passion was evident in 2011 when, as an educator at a hospital-based MLS program, her first lecture added to the curriculum was on the importance of having a voice for the profession.

Leah Daily-Palmer is a hard-working laboratory professional, devoted to promoting the importance of profession. She recognizes the importance of being represented by a professional society and appreciates how ASCLS has used its platform to unite with other professional organizations, continuing to strengthen the voice of the laboratory. She chooses to "... remain a member of ASCLS, support new membership, and participate in sponsored events, so we can continue to have the voice of the laboratory heard in the media, medical community, and government."

We thank Leah for her voice and tireless efforts!

Congratulations, Leah!