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Northwest Medical Laboratory Symposiums 2018 and 2019

Leonard Kargacin, ASCLS-WA, Chair 2019 NWMLS;
Maja Chloupkova, ASCLS-OR, Chair 2018 NWMLS

The 2019 Northwest Medical Laboratory Symposium (NWMLS) will be held at the Lynnwood Convention Center in Lynnwood, WA on October 9-12, 2019.

The meeting will provide **30 continuing education sessions** for participants

covering all laboratory disciplines. P.A.C.E. credits are available to help you meet your CE requirements.

To access the online program for program information, online registration, and a link to the Alderwood Best Western Hotel to use in making your hotel

reservations, please use this link: <http://www.asclswa.org/NWMLS.html>

There will be multiple opportunities to visit the industry exhibits on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Door prizes and raffles will be drawn daily for those
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New Centrifuge Editorial Staff

Fiona Lao MLS(ASCP)^{CM}



My name is Fiona Lao and I am a graduate from the OIT-OHSU program in December 2018. Don't let my recent graduation fool you, but I have always been interested in

science and especially in health care. I am super excited to be the upcoming editor in chief for The Centrifuge as I have many new things planned for it. In addition, I am always trying to find creative ways to promote this underrated profession of ours, Medical Laboratory Scientists. Besides working for two awesome places, Vancouver Clinic and Portland Adventist, I enjoy basking in the sun

as much as possible which includes lots of eating and also outdoor activities. I am very excited to bring you the latest news and hopefully you find them equally exciting, too!

Joining me on the staff as assistant editors are Mandy Stafford and Lauren Kaemingk, also recent graduates of the OIT program.



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who spend a few minutes talking to our exhibitors. Interaction between laboratory professionals and exhibitors is only one way to increase our knowledge and create a network of valuable resources. Free P.A.C.E. credits are available for anyone attending the exhibits and completing an exam! Many of the sessions are sponsored by our industry partners. Please take the opportunity to thank them for their support when you meet with or talk with your local representatives throughout the year.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped to plan the meeting and who will help onsite. Without your support and dedication, we would not be able to provide such a high-caliber meeting for the clinical laboratory community in the Pacific Northwest. We are looking forward to seeing you at the 2019 NWMLS in Lynnwood, WA!!

Leonard Kargacin, NWMLS 2019 Chair

The Northwest Medical Laboratory Symposium (NWMLS) 2018 was a successful event. It was held at The Holiday Inn at the Airport, in Portland, last October. The event offered 26 scientific sessions, hosted 45 exhibitors and enjoyed the presence of 170 registrants from AK, OR and WA states. The sessions were very well received, and attendees had a great time interacting with the speakers, organizers, vendors, peers and their friends who they may only see in person while attending NWMLS or a similar event organized by ASCLS-OR and their partnering organizations. The event would not happen without a group of dedicated volunteers from ASCLS-OR, ASCLS-WA and ORSSAMT. Some of them we captured with our cameras at the event, and you can enjoy their smile with us. We did not capture Brenda Kochis from ASCLS-WA, Emily Barbur from ASCLS-OR, Laura Sage from ASCLS-OR, and Susan Beard from ORSSAMT with their General Committee friends on camera this time. Thank you to all volunteers who helped to organize the NWMLS 2018!

Maja Chloupkova, NWMLS 2018 Chair



2018 ASCLS-OR Crew:
Genaro Hernandez, Maja Chloupkova, Sharon Ladusaw, Iudita Repta and Pattv DeTurk.



2018 ORSSAMT Crew:
Audrie Whitley and Edna Anderson



2018 ORSSAMT Crew and Guest:
Louis Isbell, Susan Potter.
Susan served as hospitality chair at many NWMLS.



Betsy Baptist Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the awardees of the annual Betsy Baptist Scholarship, funded by an endowment from the estate of Betsy Baptist, a long-time ASCLS-OR member and educator in the OHSU Medical Technology Program. Betsy specified that this be used to help provide for the education of Oregon student laboratorians. It is given to students in the PCC MLT and OIT MLS programs.

This year's winners are Katrina Holcomb, Lauren Kaemingk, Summer Martin and Mariam Sanchez Ramirez.



Katrina Holcomb

I am attending OIT's MLS program; starting clinical rotations in September, with graduation in December 2019. I am serving as ASCLS-OR Board of Directors Developing Professional (formerly called Student Representative) and OIT ASCLS Student Club President.

Winning the Betsy Baptist Scholarship has allowed me to be financially successful in the OIT program and ready my car for travel to my externship. I'm sincerely grateful for this opportunity, and I'm deeply honored to receive this scholarship.

I have a wonderful partner of seven years and a sweet corgi named Data at home. We enjoy trips to the beach and playing tabletop roleplaying games. When I'm not studying, I'm normally crafting clothing, armor, 3D prints, and soon we'll be adding a CO² laser cutter into our workshop.



Lauren Kaemingk

I'm Lauren Kaemingk, and I'm currently an MLS student at OIT/OHSU. I'll be graduating in December of this year after finishing my clinical rotation at Salem Clinic. I stumbled into medical laboratory science after lots of soul searching, researching, and shadowing upon determining that

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patient care just wasn't right for me. I love the hands-on, investigatory work involved in the science behind medicine, and feeling like I have a direct impact on patients' treatment. Through professional organizations such as ASCLS, I hope to spread the word of our career field's existence to other students, as well as promote understanding and respect for our role among the medical community to improve interprofessional collaboration. I am really lucky to have the support of ASCLS-OR through the Betsy Baptist Scholarship and hope to do everyone proud!



Summer Martin

I graduated from the Portland Community College Medical Laboratory Technology program in June. I believe that participating in a professional organization such as ASCLS is key to establishing and maintaining best practices in your daily work life. There are many skills that can be improved through consulting peers and gaining new perspectives.

I greatly look forward to contributing to the Medical Laboratory field and the patients it serves.



Mariam Sanchez Ramirez

I'm excited to become a Medical Laboratory Scientist professional this year because I'll be able to contribute to a person's wellbeing while working with exciting technology and interesting samples. It was very rewarding joining the ASCLS community since I learned how to advocate for the MLS profession while also gaining knowledge from experienced professionals. I'm currently a student at the OIT/OHSU MLS program and will be graduating December 2019. Although I'm busy studying for my upcoming BOC exam, I enjoy baking as a relaxation



Developing Professional Update

By Katrina Holcomb

ASCLS-OR Board Member, Developing Professional
OIT ASCLS Student Club President

Becoming the ASCLS-OR 2019 Developing Professional (formerly Student Representative) has granted me a unique opportunity of networking with both MLS students and professionals. My trip to Charlotte, NC for the ASCLS National Conference was life changing, both professionally and culturally. I had the honor of meeting the first doctorate of CLS; I also networked with professionals from Washington, Alaska and Oregon. Attending these events helped me to appreciate the national community of ASCLS and the professional opportunities available (e.g. leadership academy, legislative contributions, networking and educational possibilities). Joining ASCLS has changed the way I view the profession and my career path; the best piece of advice I can give is to get involved and stay involved.

I find myself writing this article before heading out on the thrilling adventure of my clinical rotations. Best of luck to my OIT MLS cohort as they are about to learn more than they ever thought possible and fall in love with the essence of lab work. I'm excited to see them grow into professionals and learn the hands-on skills they need to excel. We've been prepared exceptionally well and now we need to build the confidence and skill sets that will serve us for the rest of our careers. I'm thankful for the chance to meet and work alongside such dedicated, passionate MLS students.

To current and prospective students, you are about to enter an intense and rewarding program. It may be the hardest thing you've ever attempted but take solace in knowing that you're about to join an amazing community of MLS/MLT professionals. The vast expanse of knowledge you'll absorb and utilize is astounding and you'll look at the world in a different lens by the completion of your program. It's an amazing path you've chosen to follow; stay the course and look forward to a rewarding career that makes a difference in healthcare. It will be challenging, but through the struggle you will learn that you are stronger than you ever anticipated.

Be sure to attend the MLS community events such as NWMLS and Spring Seminar. You'll get to network with professionals and stay updated on new innovations within medical laboratory science. Make continuing education a priority and never stop learning. With modern scientific approaches, our understanding of science has accelerated the production of new products and assays. Stay open to change and innovation, because science never stands still. We're well on our way to space age medicine, and I am elated to see where this road will take us over the next few decades.

As ASCLS-OR developing professional and Betsy Baptist recipient, I'm so thankful for all the support and opportunities that I've had over the past year. I will absolutely be involved going forward with ASCLS and I look forward to helping the organization in any way possible. If students have any questions on getting involved, I'm available via email: ascls.oregon@gmail.com and will be presenting at OIT's MLS and PCC's MLT orientations. I'm looking forward to seeing all the fresh, enthusiastic faces of new developing professionals.



Ascending Professional (formerly New Professional) Spotlight

Mariah Alanis, MLS(ASCP)

ASCLS-OR Board Member, Ascending Professional

What is your name and when did you graduate from OIT? My name is Mariah Alanis and I graduated in December 2018.

What was your favorite part of being a student at OIT in the MLS program? First and foremost, the professors were extraordinary individuals that were always striving to help us be as successful as we possibly could be. Secondly, the rigorous program really prepared us for what being an MLS really would entail, especially the externship.

What is your biggest piece of advice for current and future students? To just keep pushing forward. If I had given up when life and school got tough, I would not be standing here today as a licensed medical professional. Also, study for the BOC while going to school. Not only will you be better prepared, but you will also do better in your day-to-day classes.

Where do you work and what position? I work at Santiam Memorial Hospital in Stayton, Oregon. I am a generalist working strictly night shifts.

What is the most challenging part of your job? Working nights usually means that I am working alone. Sometimes there are obstacles that arise that I must deal with on my own. I follow procedure and attempt to overcome the obstacle to the best of my abilities. I always follow up with another technologist to ensure I handled everything correctly and will know what to do should the situation arise again.

What is your favorite part of your job? My favorite part is knowing that while I may not be dealing with a patient directly, I am helping diagnose and treat that patient. I am really helping each doctor provide quality care in a timely manner.

Why did you choose to become an MLS? I really like the idea of solving puzzles, but I did not want to be in the law enforcement field. Thus, I originally pursued a degree in forensic chemistry but quickly realized that the field was over-saturated and finding a job would be nearly impossible. Research uncovered the field of Medical Laboratory Science. I decided to take the leap and go back to school and now here I am helping to solve real world puzzles.

Why is being an ASCLS member important to you? Being an ASCLS member is very important because the field is often overlooked. Most people do not realize that there is this whole profession aiding in the diagnosis and treatment of their family, friends, or even themselves. We need more people standing up and giving the profession a voice. I believe the first step to achieving this is for more MLS professionals to be a part of the ASCLS organization.

What do you like to do outside of work? I have a very supportive partner and four wonderful children that really keep me busy. Between jiu jitsu, basketball, girl scouts, swim lessons, t-ball, and any other activity they come home and want to do we stay pretty busy. It is always nice to get away and go to the beach to relax. I always find comfort in a good book when life gets crazy.

What is your biggest goal for your life, either personally or professionally (or both)? Right now, my partner and I are going through the process to become a certified foster home for children in need. My biggest life goal is to just help as many people as I possibly can. I have an open-door policy and unless there are extenuating circumstances, everyone is always welcome. The world we live in can be pretty dark and I would just like to be a beacon of light that can push back some of the darkness, especially for those that are really unable to do so for themselves.



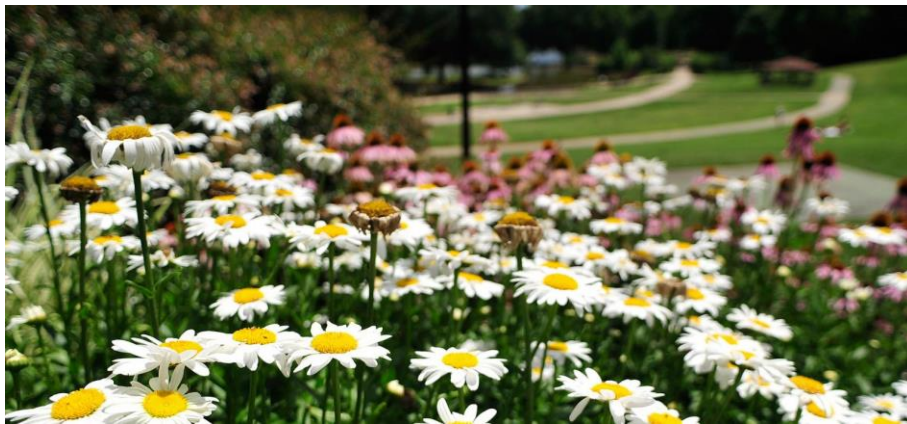
2019 ASCLS Annual Meeting Recap

Rachelle Barrett MLS(ASCP) SBB, Instructor, DIT MLS Program

This year's ASCLS National meeting was held in Charlotte North Carolina a city that marries its rich historical architecture with modern conveniences. It is also a small city that strangely had the feel of Portland Oregon with its emphasis on local breweries, delicious local foods and ghosts. For those readers who have never attended a national meeting, National ASCLS is an event that offers CE, vendor fairs, and networking opportunities for laboratory professionals representing all the states in the Union. At National the local chapters of ASCLS have face to face time with other state chapters to share ideas of how an organization should function and to share what challenges medical laboratory professionals face in the various regions represented.

The theme of this year's national conference centered around the idea that Laboratory Professionals need to demonstrate their worth to the Medical Community. With the effects of the new laboratory reimbursement rates due to PAMA being felt on a widespread scale, the laboratory must change from depending on reimbursement rates to demonstrate our value, to instead base our value around the impact laboratory results have on the entire hospital. Laboratorians are excellent at data mining and quality assurance and should be utilized for these functions outside of our department. How we can demonstrate our impact on patient care is by publishing before and after accounts of a small change where laboratory made a widespread difference to the hospital. As much as we want to stay in our safe sequestered laboratory world, it is only through good interactions with other departments in the hospital that our true worth comes through.

Representing Oregon at this national conference as voting delegates were the incoming 2019-2020 President, Vice President, Secretary and Developing Professional Representative. Next year we hope to have representation from non-board members as well. It is hard to travel such a long way from home for a conference like this, however the rewards are exciting and invigorating. Sometimes it is just nice to be around people who get your gross body fluid jokes. Maybe in the future we won't have to travel so far to attend a national conference. Would you come if it was held in Portland, Oregon?



Freedom Park
Charlotte, NC

Photo Credit Mecklenburg County



Congratulations PCC Graduates

Teresa Wolfe, Ph.D., MT(ASCP), Department Chair and Program Director, PCC MLT Program

Our MLT graduation ceremony was held on the PCC Cascade campus in the MLT department, on June 14, 2018. This was followed by the faculty participating with most of our graduating class in the graduation festivities held at the Memorial Coliseum that night. It was quite the venue with approximately 900 students graduating and 15,000 family and friends in attendance.

An alumni survey given to the 2019 graduation class indicated that 11 of the 18 were already employed or actively interviewing prior to graduation. Most are working in the Portland Metro area, but several have positions in Washington State and the Oregon Coast.

We will welcome our incoming cohort of students to the MLT program during our new student orientation and luncheon on September 12, 2019 at the Cascade Campus. We had a large and competitive applicant pool for the 2019 year, and we selected an incoming class of 24 students for our 2021 cohort. We are excited to start the new academic year with a fresh group of eager students!

Albaugh, Katy*
 Albrecht, Samuel
 Cadena, Jose
 Cortez, Melynda
 Juskowiak, Robin
 Lai, Ngan
 Lam, Tran
 Leng, Judy
 Meredith, Summer
 *Graduated with honors

Nguyen, Vivi*
 Rapere, Samara
 Roberts, Kaylie
 Stasney, Christopher
 Tong, Samson
 Wesselink, Carlie
 Wingate, Amanda
 Whitcher, Tiffany
 Zehrung, Kaitlin

Oregon Spring Seminar Recap

Rachelle Barrett MLS(ASCP) SBB, General Chair Oregon Spring Seminar 2017

I had the great honor of chairing the 2019 Oregon Spring Seminar organization committee. The Spring Seminar was a joint Continuing Education Seminar put together by teams from Oregon chapter AMT and Oregon Chapter ASCLS. The Seminar, attended by more than 80 professionals, was held at Newport Oregon at the beginning of May. Fifteen different educational sessions were held over the Friday and Saturday while beautiful sunshine poured in through the windows of the Hallmark Inn. Friday sessions were capped off by an evening cocktail and appetizer hour. Saturday sessions were separated by a lunch that celebrated four Betsy Baptist Scholarship recipients and introduced the AMT and ASCLS boards to event attendees. The spring seminar is a much-anticipated networking event for Laboratory Professionals that is not overshadowed by vendor fairs. We aim to host this event in Oregon every other year. If you, or someone you know, likes event planning please get in touch. It takes a committee of people to put on such an event. Special thanks to the committee members from the OSS 2019: Iudita Repata, Tiffany Mach, Brenda Kochis, Laura Sage, Edna Anderson, Genaro Hernandez, Heather Galvez, Louise Isbell, Helen Wand and Patricia DeTurk.

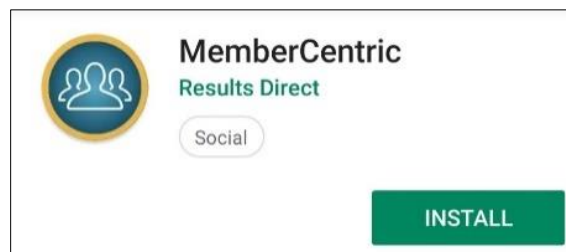


President's Update

Rachelle Barrett MLS(ASCP) SBB, Instructor, OIT MLS Program

Thank you so much for the hard work to the outgoing board members from 2018: Patricia DeTurk, Genaro Hernandez, Rachel Eberhard. The first quarter of the 2019-2020 ASCLS term is one of organizing the new board members into their delegated duties and building on the momentum from attending National Conference. ASCLS National is making it a priority to assist local chapters with increasing membership and bringing the societies forward technologically. Also, at the National level, The Government Affairs committee is talking about national licensure, making it a 10-year goal for the society. This would have to happen at the State level. I encourage you to share your opinions regarding this goal on the ASCLS Facebook page or the Connect page. The connect page now has an app available for your mobile device. To download the app:

1. Go to the [Google Play store](#) or the [Apple App Store](#) and download the **MemberCentric** app.



2. Search for ASCLS when prompted to "Find your organization."
3. Log in using your credentials for your ASCLS member account.

Regarding PAMA (Protecting Access to Medicare Act) which has been a focus for ASCLS since its implementation, a new bill has been introduced to congress called LAB Act. It is a bill that would delay PAMA data implementation until accurate data has been collected from the hospital laboratories that were left out of the original 2016 PAMA fee setting. LAB Act would encourage the original intent of the PAMA bill to be implemented of a market-based fee schedule by allowing more time for accurate data collection. What you need to know now is if your hospital has begun working on ways of collecting the data needed by CMS to set the fee schedule. Currently if the data is not submitted in time, labs may be subject to civil penalties. Stay tuned for more on this topic and other activities occurring at the ASCLS national level.

At the State level, Oregon Constituency will be finding ways for the professional organization to benefit its members. As of June 2019, we had 119 registered members in Oregon Society, half of which were Developing professional members. I believe we can do better if we demonstrate real usefulness to our members. What a professional organization provides to its members is variable. Sometimes it is connection with other likeminded folks; sometimes it is information to make the

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*"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."
Sir Winston Churchill*

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professional decision making in alignment with best practices; sometimes it is a voice to affect change. Whatever the reason you have chosen to belong to a professional organization, we at the Oregon ASCLS want to make this society worth your time and energy.

If you are looking for connections, we are starting a program of meetups in the various regions of the state so that you can hang out with other laboratory professionals in your area with no other commitments required. Some of these events may be attached to continuing education opportunities, but not all. Watch the Facebook page and Connect page for events or plan your own, and we will advertise it for you.

If you are looking to enhance your professional knowledge but don't want to pay a lot for it, we have you covered. This newsletter will point you in the direction of free CE events in and around the State of Oregon or online (check out the most popular sessions from the national conference for free [here](#)). We are also planning on publishing a continuing feature in this newsletter that discusses best practices in laboratory medicine from test utilization to new technologies. If you have a topic you wish to see discussed, email the editor in chief or contact ASCLS on the website. Another great way to stay informed is to ask the Facebook group to weigh in on your burning professional questions. You might be surprised by the wealth of knowledge you are greeted with.

Want to make a difference but don't know where to start? Ask us. Sometimes looking for the information you need can be more work than it is worth. We can help navigate the ASCLS national page in terms of volunteer opportunities, legislative activities, and trending social media posts. Sometimes the biggest difference you can make is in social media. Help us get our profession out into the world. Change our image from the mousy basement introvert into the capable, knowledgeable, helpful, science expert. We deliver the data to data driven medicine; it is time we were recognized for this contribution.

ASCLS-OR Members Recognized at the National ASCLS Meeting in Charlotte, NC

Each year, at the national ASCLS meeting, awards for different categories are distributed. This year, several members of ASCLS-OR were recognized in Charlotte, NC.

Karen Bennett achieved the 50 Years of ASCLS Membership Milestone. Karen's dedicated involvement and inspiration at the state, regional and national levels are foundational to today's successful state, regional and national organizations.

Maja Chloupkova received the Professional Achievement Award for Chemistry/Urinalysis. This award is presented to a member of ASCLS for an "outstanding professional achievement within his or her chosen area of academic, scientific or vocational interest. The award is based on specific measurable contributions through evidence submitted to the judges". Maja has published many articles in peer reviewed journals, presented for medical laboratory professionals at state, regional and national levels, served as Chair of ASCLS Chemistry/Urinalysis Assembly and has been an

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active member of the ASCLS Consumer Information response team for Chemistry. She was nominated for the award by the national ASCLS Chemistry/Urinalysis Scientific Assembly.

Lacie Posterick received the Martha Winstead Memorial Alpha Mu Tay Fraternity Undergraduate Scholarship. Lacie is currently a student at OIT Medical Laboratory Science Program. In her Scholarship Application, she says, “My professional goal is to become a Clinical Laboratory Scientist, because it encompasses several aspects of what I love, making it the ideal profession for me. After I graduate, my goal is to work in a hospital as a generalist, deepening my knowledge in all of the diverse departments that are in a medical laboratory.” Her goal as ASCLS-OR member is, “To do everything in my power to provide patients with cost-effective, accurate laboratory test results that can be used to improve their diagnoses and treatments.” Per one of her instructors at OIT, “Lacie is a calm, clever, easy going tech who will stick with the field for the long haul and represent us with class.”

Iudita Repta received the Oregon Constituent Society Member of the Year award. This award goes to a member of the constituent ASCLS society who has “significantly contributed to the field of clinical laboratory science and to the state and/or national ASCLS in the past 5-10 years and who has, by outstanding example, inspired others over that time as an active member in the organization”. Iudita was nominated by ASCLS-OR. She has served as Program Co-Chair on Oregon Spring Seminar (OSS) and Northwest Medical Laboratory Symposium (NWMLS) General Committees for several years now. She has also helped with several subcommittees during the OSS and NWMLS organization with a smile and always a positive attitude. Because of her dedication and hard work, medical laboratory professionals from Oregon, Washington and Alaska can enjoy scientific sessions locally and network with their colleagues within the Northwest region. The OSS and NWMLS would not be the same without Iudita!

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Lacie Posterick posing with her plaque at her home. Lacie could not attend the ASCLS National meeting in person.



Maja Chloupkova (left) and Iudita Repta (right) posing with their plaques in front of the Protein Chemistry department at Legacy Central Laboratory. Since Iudita could not attend in person, Maja received the award for her in Charlotte, NC, and brought it to



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The **Omicron Sigma Award** at the national level is nominated by the national president, the regional director nominates at the regional level and the state president nominates at the state level for outstanding service to ASCLS. Following are the awardees from Oregon:

Award Level	ASCLS-OR Member	Basis for Nomination
Regional	Maja Chloupkova	Serving as Chair for NWMLS 2018
Regional	Rachelle Barrett	President Elect for Oregon State Society
Regional	Genaro Hernandez, Jr	Co-author with Courtney Bennetts of AK of Region IX article for ASCLS Today.
Regional	Patricia DeTurk	President, Oregon State Society
State	Patricia DeTurk	ASCLS-Oregon President
Regional	Laura Sage	Regional Secretary

The **Key to the Future** program recognizes and rewards ASCLS members who have demonstrated their leadership potential to the organization. 53 members from 26 Constituent Societies are being recognized by ASCLS with a special key pin. The awardees from ASCLS-OR are Tiffany Mach, Genaro Hernandez and Rachelle Barrett.



Three Sisters
Gary Halvorson, Oregon State Archives

*“Courage doesn’t mean you don’t get afraid. Courage means you don’t let fear stop you.”
Bethany Hamilton, shark attack survivor and professional surfer*





Events Calendar: 2019 / 2020

Event	Date	Location
ASCLS-OR MeetUp – Willamette Valley Vineyards	October 6, 2019 11 am	Willamette Valley Vineyards, Turner OR
Northwest Medical Laboratory Symposium	October 9-12, 2019	Lynnwood, WA
Region IX Board Meeting – date TBD, concurrent with NWMLS	October 9-12, 2019	Lynnwood, WA
ASCLS-OR Board Meetings	October 20, 2019 December 8, 2019 March 8, 2020	Conference calls
Clinical Laboratory Educators Conference	February 27-29, 2020	Orlando, FL
Legislative Symposium	March, 2020	TBA
Annual Meeting	June 28-July 2, 2020	Louisville, KY



Oregon Caves area, Josephine County
Gary Halvorson, Oregon State Archives





If you are interested in becoming more involved in ASCLS-OR, please contact president Rachelle Barrett at ascls.oregon@gmail.com

If you have an announcement, article or essay you would like to contribute to **The Centrifuge**, please submit it for publication! Please send ideas and submissions to Editor in Chief Fiona Lao ascls.oregon@gmail.com

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Amanda Stafford &
Lauren Kaemingk

Thank you to the volunteers that served for 2018-2019. Welcome to the incoming board and other volunteers, continuing the tradition of representing the profession and providing educational opportunities to Oregon and the Northwest.

Special recognition to Patty DeTurk, MT(ASCP), who served as President for three years, taking the helm for a second and third term due to unforeseen out-of-state and out-of-country job changes by her two successors. Thank you, Patty!

ASCLS-OR Leadership, 2019 - 2020

President	Rachelle Barrett
President-Elect	Laura Sage
Past President	Patty DeTurk
Developing Professional (formerly Student Representative)	Katrina Holcomb
Treasurer	Tiffany Mach
Secretary	Maja Chloupkova
Ascending Professional (formerly New Professional)	Mariah Alanis
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