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Give Yourself the Gift of Professional Growth 2018 ASCLS National Meeting in Chicago

Start planning ahead to attend the 2018 ASCLS National Meeting in Chicago July 29 – August 2.

The National Meeting will take place at the Swisshotel Chicago, which is minutes away from John Hancock Center, The Art Institute of Chicago, the Magnificent Mile shopping district and scores of restaurants and music and theater venues. As the third most populous city in the country, Chicago has something exciting for everyone.

The ASCLS scientific program will provide attendees with opportunities to gather knowledge and earn CE, including formal sessions, informal sessions and member submitted papers presented by nationally renowned speakers.

Be sure to visit the Lab Expo and see the latest trends in laboratory science at hundreds of vendor booths! Dedicated expo time has been included throughout the schedule.

Explore laboratory science educational sessions and exhibits, network with your fellow laboratorians, and enjoy all that ASCLS and Chicago have to offer.

More details will follow in communications from ASCLS and in the Spring Centrifuge.

You can also check for more at:
<http://ascls.org/education-meetings/annual-meeting>

Announcing the 2018 Betsy Baptist Scholarship

This scholarship is available to students enrolled at Oregon schools for Medical Laboratory Technicians (PCC-2nd year) and Medical Laboratory Scientists (OIT).

Awards are made based on the applicant's goals as they pertain to ASCLS and ASCLS-OR.

The previous two years individual awards ranged from \$4,000 to \$5,000.

The 2018 application is now available [here](#). Applications must be postmarked by April 30, 2018. Don't wait!

Congratulations, DIT MLS Graduates



Class of 2017

Alicia Atchison
 Hannah Bunnell
 Kara Cardwell
 Andrew Chapman
 Christina Crisan
 Natalie Dove
 Julie Elkins
 Krislynd Nebhon Estallia
 Matthew Flatebo
 Julie Flores
 Erin Furbee
 Jennifer Garabato
 Jacqueline Gillon
 Jinwoo Han
 Nyssa Hicks
 Zachary Horner
 Steven Hubbs
 Nadia Inselman
 Jessica Johnson
 Levi Lostritto
 Jennifer McKown
 Brianna Mortier
 Duy Nguyen
 Ngan Nguyen
 Thu Nguyen
 Liliana Pang
 Christine Perpelitt
 Meghann Rasmussen
 Tiffany Rhodes
 Rachelle Ridaou
 Megan Ross
 David Rotaru

Jennifer Sisco (Student
 Speaker)
 Ashley Slinkard
 Autumn Slover
 Daniel Stahlnecker
 Emily Stair
 Billy Stewart
 Kate Threlfall
 Emily Vincent
 Nga Wong
 Ashley Wray
 Adrian Yee
 Zaina Zaidan
 Jia Zhao
 Karen Zhen

Scholarships and Awards

1. ASCLS-Alpha Mu Tau Scholarships
 - Brianna Mortier
2. ASCLS- Oregon - Betsy Baptist Memorial Scholarship
 - Jennifer Sisco
 - Autumn Slover
3. Merle S. and Emma J. West Scholarship
 - Julie Flores
4. Oregon Tech Foundation Scholarships
 Kerns and Helen Spears Scholarship
 - Kara Cardwell

- Winifred Favell Endowed Scholarship
 - Brianna Mortier
5. PEO – Philanthropic and Educational Organization for Women
 - Autumn Slover
 6. Portland Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution
 - Jennifer Sisco
 7. Salem Health Foundation and Salem Health West Valley Foundation Scholarships
 - Kara Cardwell
 8. VA Valor Scholar Award
 - Steven Hubbs
 - Cindy Wong
 9. Willamette Valley Medical Center Healthcare Education Award
 - Christine Perpelitt
 10. Recognition of U.S Military Veterans
 - Steven Hubbs
 - Daniel Stahlnecker
 - Cindy Wong

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The only way you'll find out if you 'have it in you' is to get to work and see if you do. — Cheryl Strayed

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Congratulations, OIT MLS Graduates

MLS Program Student Awards

Each year at graduation the Medical Laboratory Science Program presents two awards.

The first is for **Academic Excellence**. It recognizes the graduate with the highest GPA while in the MLS Program.

This year, thirteen graduates tied for the Academic Excellence Award with a 4.0 grade point average.

Alicia Atchison
Hannah Bunnell
Kara Cardwell
Andrew Chapman
Christina Crisan
Matthew Flatebo
Jennifer Garabato
Steven Hubbs
Jessica McKelvey
Brianna Mortier
Daniel Stahlnecker
Billy Stewart
Zaina Zaidan

The second department award is the **Outstanding Medical Laboratory Science Student** and it is chosen by fellow students and faculty. It is given to the MLS graduate who best exemplifies a medical laboratory scientist. This student exudes professionalism, respect of peers, dedication to helping others, technical ability, initiative, integrity, communication skills, and ability to work well with others.

Chosen to receive this honor is **Julie Flores**.

Oregon Tech University – Outstanding Scholar

Each year the university presents Outstanding Scholar awards. Only one student may be appointed for a given degree program. These are students appointed by their department chair or program director who, in the opinion of all the faculty, have demonstrated academic excellence in their major. They wear a special honor cord and are presented a certificate. Their name is

also inscribed on a permanent plaque. This is an extremely difficult decision as there are so many deserving students. Our Outstanding Scholar this year is **Zaina Zaidan**.



The Centrifuge gratefully acknowledges Dawn Taylor, Program Director, for providing this information on the OIT 2017 graduating class.

The Portland Community College MLT Program will hold graduation in June 2018. Watch for details in the Fall 2018 Centrifuge.



“Wisdom begins with wonder.”
- Socrates



Events Calendar: 2018

Event	Date	Where
ASCLS Clinical Laboratory Educators' Conference	February 22-24	Houston, TX
ASCLS Legislative Symposium	March 19-20	Alexandria, VA
ASCLS Annual Meeting	July 29 – August 2	Chicago, IL
Northwest Medical Laboratory Symposium	October 24 – 27	Portland, OR



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OIT MLS Program Honoree Awards: Caroline Doty and Abraham Furman

At the December 2017 OIT MLS Program graduation, two special awards were presented by Dawn Taylor, Program Director.

2017 Oregon Tech Alumni Achievement Award – Caroline Doty

Caroline Doty is a 2014 alumnus of this MLS program. Caroline entered the program with a wealth of previous experience. Her initial undergraduate scientific career path was interrupted by a 5-year stint as a chef and restaurant manager. But her passion for science never left. She decided to complete her degree and graduated from Clayton State University with a Bachelor's degree in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. She then went on to get her Master's degree in Life Sciences from Northwestern University. The emphasis of her degree was molecular biology/ cancer biology and drug design. She continued in research at Northwestern, studying the use of nanoparticles as a specific targeted agent to both image tumors and kill cervical cancer cells simultaneously.

She has authored numerous publications and presented lectures at academic conferences. Caroline came to realize that she wished to veer away from hypothesis-driven drug design research and merge her love of lab bench work with her desire to more directly impact patients. And this was how she found the career of Medical Laboratory Science. The MLS faculty were all very impressed with her. Even as a student she would help others in her cohort learn things they may be grappling with. We were very aware of her aspiration to someday be a university faculty member. We assumed at some point in the future she would achieve this goal, though we did not realize it would happen so soon. With an unexpected loss of MLS faculty in the summer of 2015, only 7 months after graduation, we turned to Caroline.

She was asked to teach a course with little time to prepare in the relatively new subject area of molecular diagnostics. Caroline was amazing and as we moved forward with faculty

searches, she continued to teach as an adjunct instructor. Students love her, and we were able to offer her a position as faculty January 2016.

Caroline continues to work at PeaceHealth as a Medical Laboratory Scientist to stay current in the field and gain solid experience for her students. She has been a tremendous asset to the MLS department. Caroline brings a fresh perspective and is a tremendous source of energy. She is always willing to take on any need or challenge that is assigned to her. As department chair and program director, she has become indispensable to me. I personally would not have survived the last two years without her. She delivers outstanding lectures and labs and always has time to help struggling students or just chat about their lives. She has a true enthusiasm for teaching and always puts her students first.

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Presentation of Professor Emeritus – Abraham Furman

The word *emeritus* is Latin, originally meaning "veteran soldier." In academia, it is an honor bestowed on a retired faculty member who has given years of distinguished service.

Dr. Abraham Furman has over 40 years of Medical Laboratory Science experience in academia, research, diagnostic industry product development, and hospital-based laboratories. Abraham received his Baccalaureate in Medical Technology at Loma Linda University, and his PhD in

Immunology at UCLA. He has three years of Post-doctoral experience in the UCLA Public Health Department, conducting immunoparasitology research.

Before joining the OIT MLS program in 1995, Abraham taught in the Medical Laboratory Science program at the University of Nevada – Reno.

He is a member of numerous professional societies (American Association of Clinical Chemistry, American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science, and American Society for Clinical Pathology), and has been on the editorial review board for Medical Laboratory Science journals, for more than a decade.

He has volunteered to be on several NAACLS accreditation site visit teams. Since 2003, Abraham's love of science and teaching has been shared with future generations through his yearly participation as a judge at regional, statewide, and nationwide Intel Science fairs. After 21 years of dedicated teaching in this program, Abraham retired one year ago. This class of 2017 was the last cohort he taught last fall. He has been a wonderful teacher, student advocate and one of my personal mentors.

Abraham is greatly missed, but we all know that if we ever need him, we can likely find him at the closest fly-fishing spot or playing with his grandson.



Depoe Bay





If you are interested in becoming more involved in ASCLS-OR by serving on a committee, becoming a board member, or providing ideas and input, please contact president Ryan Howey at howey.r@gmail.com

If you have an announcement, article or essay you would like to contribute to **The Centrifuge**, please feel free to submit it for publication!

Has someone you know receive a promotion?
 An award or prize?
 Special recognition?
 Done

something unique that deserves highlighting?
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ASCLS-OR Leadership August 1, 2017 – July 31, 2018

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