

Volunteer Appreciation – Errin Metcalf, IHC Committee



Q: Tell us about yourself and where you work.

A: Hi! My name is Errin Metcalf and I have been a scientist at Sanofi Genzyme for 19 years.

Q: What have been your challenges and highlights over the past few years?

A: An increase in workload combined with decreased personnel has been the biggest challenge. Highlight includes learning new ways to get quality IHC completed while maintaining a good turnaround time.

Q: How has volunteering helped you build upon your successes and/or addressed your challenges?

A: Volunteering at NSH meetings gave me confidence to speak in front of people. It also provided me with an opportunity to make new connections for support in the IHC field.

Q: What advice do you have for others who would like to volunteer?

A: Don't be afraid! There are many benefits to volunteering.

Q: How did you become involved in the field of histology (what drew you to the field)?

A: I got involved in histology by coincidence. I was working as a certified nuclear medicine technologist and decided it was time for a career change. I had a degree in biology and chemistry, so I searched the newspaper ads for anything science based. I applied for a job in a microbiology lab, but at the interview they introduced me to head of the histology lab (Sue Ryan), and we had an instant connection. I had taken 1 histology course in college and Sue trained me on the job. That was in 2001 and I am still working for her!

Q: What important skills should people have if they wish to pursue a career in pharma?

A: Perseverance- you will encounter many failures to learn from.

Q: What is your favorite aspect of your job?

A: I love how my job is not "routine". Every day is different and brings new challenges.

Q: When you are not at work, what are your passions/hobbies?

A: I do crossfit, horseback riding, and hang out with my 17 and 10 year old daughters.

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