ASCP’s 40 Under Forty Program Recognizes Top Five Outstanding Achievers

Awards Fosters Excellence Among Young Pathologists and Medical Laboratory Scientists

Chicago, Illinois (PRWEB) August 25, 2015 -- The American Society for Clinical Pathology’s (ASCP) 40 Under Forty program has selected its Top Five outstanding achievers who include a director of quality assurance for a large laboratory in Texas, a medical laboratory scientist at a New York cancer center, a molecular technologist at a Midwestern children’s hospital; a blood bank manager with a black belt in Lean Six Sigma; and a director of transfusion medicine for Pennsylvania health system.

Now in its second year, ASCP’s 40 Under Forty program recognizes 40 highly accomplished pathologists, pathology residents, and laboratory professionals under age 40 who have made significant contributions to the profession and stand out as the future of laboratory leadership.

“By providing support and encouragement to these young professionals, ASCP aims to strengthen our current medical laboratory workforce and foster greatness in the workforce during this period of historic change in healthcare delivery,” says ASCP President William G. Finn, MD, FASCP. “We are very fortunate to have such a talented group of individuals who are advancing their careers and helping shape the future of patient care.”

A combination of ASCP members voting online, the blogging activity of the 40 Under Forty honorees on ASCP’s online community, and a Selection Committee determined the Top Five. The Top Five have each received free registration to attend ASCP 2015 Annual Meeting in Long Beach, Calif., from Oct. 28–30, along with a $1,000 stipend toward airfare and lodging, and recognition at the Annual Meeting.

All summer, the 40 honorees were invited to share their knowledge about topics pertinent to pathology and laboratory medicine with a personal blog on ASCP’s ONELab online community. Kimberly Russell, MBA, MLS(ASCP)CM, SBBCM, Blood Bank Manager for the East Region at St. John Providence Health System, Detroit, blogged on topics ranging from the latest trends she was hearing about at the American Association for Clinical Chemistry annual meeting to learning about error tracking systems used by other laboratories.

“This experience blogging has expanded my career horizon. I’ve gotten to know 40 Under Forty colleagues across the U.S. and learn what issues they are encountering in their labs,” she said.

Top Five honoree, Jennifer Dawson, MHA, DLM(ASCP)CMSLS, QIHCCM, Director of Quality for Sonic Healthcare USA Lab in Austin, Texas who, built a best practice Quality Management System (QMS) from the ground up and achieved necessary licenses and accreditations for a state-of-the-art esoteric reference laboratory.

LeAnne Noll, BS, MB(ASCP)CM, has been working as the sole clinical molecular technologist in the department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, where she assists with designing, implementing, and performing clinical diagnostic testing using state-of-the-art molecular techniques.

Amanda Wehler, DO, serves as director of Transfusion Medicine for Geisinger Health System, a fully integrated seven-hospital health system in central Pennsylvania, where she oversees all of the hospital Blood Banks and also serves as director of apheresis and director of the hematopoietic stem cell laboratory.
Tiffany Channer, MPH, MLS(ASCP)CM serves as Lead Educational Medical Laboratory Scientist III at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York City. She received the hospital’s 2011 Medical Laboratory Scientist of the Year and the 2012 ASCP Regional Member Award for the Northeast region and serves as an ASCP Career Ambassador, a program sponsored by Roche which promotes the profession to high school students across the country.

“It’s such an honor to be recognized by your peers,” Ms. Channer says.

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