



Alpha Mu Tau Newsletter

Fall 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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A Time for Thanks and Giving - Frank Scarano

(Sorry, I couldn't resist the dad joke!) As the calendar turns to November, we think of Thanksgiving. Many of us have the tradition of taking turns sharing our thoughts of things for which we are thankful when we gather with family and friends this month. If you attended the "California Dreamin'" AMTF annual business meeting and dinner in Sacramento in June, you heard me express my sincere gratitude and thanks to the AMTF Board, committee chairs, committee members, and all the dedicated members who have continued the great success of this organization. We were also delighted to welcome eight new members to AMTF that evening! Please see more details about these amazing new members later in this newsletter. We had a lot of fun at the annual dinner as we were able to enjoy a delicious meal and wonderful company (and maybe a little crazy dancing!). It is truly awe-inspiring to see the commitment and dedication in

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Tributes

Honoring our special friends, living, and
deceased, with a Scholarship Donation
Spring 2025 – Fall 2025

Aikey, Bonnie
Basso, Betina Kieffer
Bering, Patsy
Brennan, Cheryl
Brown, Roma
Brown, Sr. Rose Virginia
Bulger, Pvt. Stephen A.
Butch, Catherine
Christen, Jeanne
Crowdus, Weston
Davis, Brenta
Delligatti, Jo Ann
DeNard, Beverly Price
Drennan, Cheryl
Eisele Monte-Verde, Dyan
Goodwin, Cheryl
Griffin, Barbara
Healey, Joanne
Hochstein, Nathan
Hutuchinson, Carole
Holley, James
Ingram, John
Kanuth, Michelle
Karni, Karen
Koffman, Cindy
Lumsden, Polly
McKenzie, Shirlyn

Miller, Susan
Moewe Lamb, Cathe
Montanus, Majorie
Nida, Jeri

Scott Aikey
Pam Kieffer
Barbara Snyderman
Cheryl Goodwin
Barbara Snyderman
Barbara Brown
Mary Gourley
Suzanne Butch
Judy Davis
Frank Scarano
Judy Davis
Elissa Passiment
Julie Brownie
Jane Hudson
Julie Brownie
Jane Hudson
Karen Griffin
Elissa Passiment
Lisa Hochstein
Kathy Doig
Sharon Morey
Paula Garrott
Linda Gorman
Susan Beck
Leah Narans
Micaela Sieracki
Stacey Robinson, Deb Rodahl, Karrie Hovis, Dana
Duzan, Kyle Riding, Linda Smith, Chloe Scott,
Angela Foley, Elizabeth Warning, Connie Mahon,
Debra Faubion, David McGlasson, Linda Smith,
Lynne Williams, Joan Radtke Cheryl Burns, Sue Beglinger
Sharon Morey
Janice Kinsinger
Debbie Shell
Holly Weinberg

We provided
\$35,000 in
scholarships in
2025



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



Tributes Continued

[Orlob, Ruth](#)
[Panning, Elizabeth](#)
[Parchment, Eleanor](#)
[Passiment, Frances & Joseph](#)
[Perdue, E. Wayne](#)
[Quinlan, Norma](#)
[Reddig, Tom & Nancy](#)
[Reilly, Bernadette](#)
[Rodak, Bunny](#)
[Scanlan, Amanda](#)
[Snyderman, Shirley](#)
[Snyderman, Eda](#)
[Southern, Dan](#)
[Steine-Martin, Anne](#)
[Stumpe, Marjorie](#)
[Theriot, Betty Lynn](#)
[Vittetoe, Marie](#)
[Zero, Ann Paula](#)

[In Honor of](#)

[Aziz, Hassan](#)
[Armstrong, Marcia](#)
[ASCLS PAC Donors](#)
[Board of Directors](#)
[Briden, Mary & Joe](#)
[Caskey, Cheryl](#)
[Ceasor, A. Casey](#)
[Ciulla, Anna](#)
[Constance, JR](#)
[Day, Jesse](#)
[Flanigan, Jim](#)
[Flaws, Maribeth](#)
[Gorman, Linda](#)
[Guise, Katie](#)
[Harper, Kelcey](#)
[Herrington, Heather](#)
[Hickey, Andrea](#)
[Hovis, Warren Dr.](#)
[Hudson, Jane](#)

Diana Voorhees
Rick Panning
Sharon Morey
Elissa Passiment
Rebecca Perdue
Norine Janzen
Mary Lou Vehige, Renee Setina
Mary Coleman
Mary Beth Miele, Connie Laubenthal
Kristin Landis-Piwowar, Roslyn McQueen
Barbara Snyderman, William Hunt
Barbara Snyderman, William Hunt
Lynne Williams
Joan Aldrich
Herb Miller
Angela Foley
Linda Gorman
Lisa Hochstein, Carol Golyski

Yasmen Simonian, Jane Hudson
Sally Pestana
Suzanne Butch
Virginia German
Pam Kling
George Roberts
Lynn Ulmer
Mary Ann McLane
Elizabeth Warning
Frank Scarano
Frank Scarano
Herb Miller
Elizabeth Warning
Frank Scarano
Frank Scarano
Frank Scarano
Frank Scarano
Karrie Hovis
Hassan Aziz

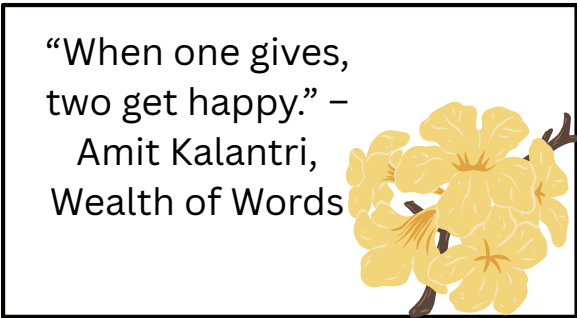
Endowment Fund Donors

Sue Beglinger
Suzanne Butch
Kathy Doig
Brandy Greenhill
Karrie Hovis
Janice Kinsinger
Cynthia Koffman
Roslyn McQueen
Mary Beth Miele
Letycia Nunez-Argote
Elissa Passiment
Halcyon St. Hill
Elizabeth Warning



Gorman, Linda
Kasper, Melissa
Laboratory Consultants
Landis-Piwowar, Kristin
McLane, Mary Ann
Mehltretter, Jen
Miller, Herb
Moore, Nick
Murphy, Ali
Myers, Myra
Noblit, Stephanie
Pulido, Josh
Reinhart, Helen
Riding, Kyle
Robinson, Stacy
Rouland, Martha
Simonian, Yasmen
Smith, Linda
Snyderman, Barbara
Tille, Patricia
Tompkins, Miles W.

Elizabeth Warning
Frank Scarano
LindaHickok
Kristina Martin
Elizabeth Warning
Frank Scarano
Maribeth Flaws
Frank Scarano
Frank Scarano
Cheryl Caskey
Frank Scarano
Frank Scarano
Phyllis Muellenberg
Cindy Johnson, Frank Scarano
Frank Scarano
Carey Loveland
Hassan Aziz
Lynne Williams
Hassan Aziz
Cindy Johnson, Frank Scarano, Mary Beth Miele
Frank Scarano



New Member Biographies

Joshua J. Cannon

Joshua J. Cannon, MS, MLS(ASCP)CMShCM received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Medical Laboratory Science from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, PA. He holds Medical Laboratory Scientist and Specialist in Hematology certifications through the ASCP Board of Certification. He was a professor at Thomas Jefferson University for seven years before transitioning into his current role as Education Developer at MediaLab by Vastian. His areas of expertise and professional passions include clinical hematology and interprofessional education. He has held multiple elected and appointed leadership positions in ASCLS at the local, state, regional, and national levels since 2015. One of Joshua's lifelong goals is to spread his love for the medical laboratory profession and the wonderful people within it.

Kristen Croom

Kristen Croom is Vice President of Technical Operations at Diagnostic Laboratory Services. She is a dynamic and accomplished leader in the field of clinical laboratory science. She currently serves as the Vice President of Technical Operations at Diagnostic Laboratory Services in Hawaii, where she leverages her extensive experience to collaborate with leadership and ensure the delivery of exceptional laboratory services across the system. Her mission is to empower her staff to maximize their skills, knowledge, and professional connections, ultimately enhancing the patient care experience.

Kristen's academic credentials include a Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science, two Master of Science degrees in Molecular Pathology and Clinical Practice Management, from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and a Master of Business Administration from California Coast University. Her career trajectory demonstrates a consistent commitment to professional growth and excellence.

New Member Biographies Continued

Kristen spent 18 years at Queen's Medical Center, rising from Genetics Technologist to Senior Director of Laboratories. Her foundation in molecular genetics and laboratory medicine was solidified through her experiences at MD Anderson Cancer Center and The Mayo Clinic.

Kristen is deeply engaged in professional organizations. She has held various leadership roles in the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS), including Director on the National Board. She currently serves as President of ASCLS-Hawaii. She is the Education Chair for the Pacific Region of The American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE)

Beyond her professional pursuits, Kristen enjoys traveling, scuba diving, and reading. She embraces lifelong learning and personal growth.

Galina Dronova

Galina has travelled across the world as an immigrant from a third-world country and landed in a place with no identity, no connections, with a brave and curious mind. This unique starting point was the fertile ground from which I grew into a researcher, educator, medical laboratory scientist, and leader. My journey has taught me that the cornerstone of success and well-being is the cultivation of a strong community. Driven by a passion to learn, inspire, contribute, and expand, I've transformed every challenge into a fulfilling endeavor. Whether leading projects, authoring publications, or coordinating events, each experience is not just a professional task but a chance to learn and uplift others.

Melonie Falcon

As Chief Executive Officer of Delta Pathology, Omega Diagnostics and Pathology Resource Network, Melonie Falcon is a passionate leader with an emphasis on visionary and participative leadership styles and considers operational workflow her greatest strength.

Melonie obtained her bachelor's in Chemistry, where she earned her licensure as a Medical Laboratory Scientist and then put herself through the MBA program at Centenary College to further advance her career. Over Melonie's career, she has held many positions and achieved additional certifications including Certified Quality Improvement Associate (CQIA) and Certified Manager of Quality/Organizational Excellence (CMQ/OE).

The work-life balance is important to Melonie and keeps her energized and invigorated to perform at her best, and she considers personal life accomplishments just as important as her career accomplishments. This is obvious from the love and devotion to her three children-Leighton, Chandler, and Lane, and as a bonus, her four grandchildren -Carsen, Miles, Callie, and Scottie. Melonie was thrilled to recently receive the news that grandchild "number 5" is on the way! When Melonie isn't busy taking on the world, she is traveling it with her family as often as possible.

Heather Herrington

From veterinarian to event planner to web developer to medical laboratory scientist, Heather's career history most decidedly has breadth. Given her lifelong love of medicine, she's now developing depth in the laboratory. After doing her clinical rotations during the beginning of COVID quarantine (right after the facility finally opened back up to students), she worked in microbiology for two years, then apheresis and cellular processing for two years, and recently relocated from Pittsburgh, PA, to Burlington, VT, to join their flow cytometry and immunology department. Heather hit the ground running when she joined ASCLS, volunteering to join the AMSC because, given her event planning history and involvement with local and international science fairs, she knew she'd likely enjoy that before fully realizing what it was. That led her to an officer position in DPF, then APF, and eventually to a director position. When she isn't working or volunteering, Heather loves traveling, trying new foods, and desperately wishing she didn't unintentionally kill plants. Her 13-year-old pit bull/Boxer mix decidedly does not yet appreciate his new home in VT, switching from a house with a fenced-in backyard to an apartment and -4 F temperatures that require clothing every time he wants to go for a walk. As the weather becomes more hospitable to life, hopefully they'll both feel more at home.

Kristin Landis-Piwowar

Kristin Landis-Piwowar has led and translated multifaceted initiatives from planning to practice, built collaborative and interprofessional academic programming across academic units, and contributed to program assessment and accreditation University-wide. Dr. Landis-Piwowar has published more than 30 peer-reviewed journal articles on cancer therapeutics, prevention, and molecular mechanisms of disease, as well as authored numerous book chapters. She has served as the continuing education focus series editor for the Clinical Laboratory Science journal and the editor-in-chief of the fourth edition of McKenzie's Clinical Laboratory Hematology. Her awards include the American Society of Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS) Scientific Professional Achievement Award, ASCLS-MI Member of the Year, and a Crain's Notable Women in STEM, among others. She is respected as a passionate, trustworthy, and innovative leader and a creative problem-solver who values collaboration in an environment built on mutual respect.

Leticia Nuñez-Argote

Leticia Nuñez-Argote, PhD, MLS(ASCP)CM, is Associate Professor of Population Health Management and Policy at the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, North Carolina. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After working as a generalist in a hospital laboratory, she continued her studies with a master's in public health and a Ph.D. in Health Policy and Management. Her dissertation was the first to explore the link between burnout and increased effort at work, and to capture the incidence of musculoskeletal pain specifically in the U.S. laboratory workforce. For 10 years, she taught both undergraduate and graduate courses in immunohematology and immunology, serving as one of the founding faculty with the University of Kansas Doctor of Clinical Laboratory Science program. At present, she serves the medical laboratory community by volunteering with the ASCLS North Carolina chapter as its president-elect and as a past chair with the ASCLS Diversity Advocacy Council at the national level. She has been recognized as a valued member of the laboratory community by being named to the ASCLS Voices under 40 in 2020 and voted among the top five of the ASCP 40 under Forty honorees in 2022. She hopes to continue to serve medical laboratory personnel as a researcher, an educator, and a member of ASCLS for many years to come.

Cherika Robertson

Cherika Robertson currently serves as Associate Professor in the Medical Laboratory Sciences Program at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. She has been a laboratory professional for 21 years, with extensive clinical experience in areas of hematology, blood bank, and cytogenetics. In her current role, Cherika is responsible for inspiring, educating and training future medical laboratory scientists with the goal of increasing the value of the laboratory, decreasing the cost of healthcare, and improving the overall patient healthcare experience. Professionally, she is actively involved in the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS), serving at the national, regional, and state levels. She has previously served as Vice-Chair of the Membership Development Committee. On the state level, Cherika currently serves as President of the ASCLS Arkansas state society. She has actively been involved in planning state conferences, working to provide continuing education and networking opportunities to laboratory professionals across the state. On multiple occasions, she has been instrumental in obtaining governor proclamations declaring Medical Laboratory Professionals Week for the state. Cherika's passion for recruitment laboratory professionals and increasing awareness of the laboratory profession is evidenced by her enthusiasm for the profession, and role as Career Ambassador 2.0 for the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP). Cherika has received awards for her advocacy for the laboratory profession including 2018 ASCLS Voices Under 40, 2018 ASCLS Key to the Future Award, 2019 ASCLS Constituent Member of the Year, and a 2020 ASCP Forty Under 40 Honoree.

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2025 DUES NOTICE/SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

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Membership Status: Active _____ Emeritus _____ **Check here** _____ if requesting status change.

Dues for Active Members are \$25.00/year, due by October 15. No dues for Emeritus Members.

Check here _____ if you prefer to receive your AMTF Newsletter via the internet. Please verify your e-mail address above.

Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity dues, \$25.00/year, enclosed - \$ _____

CONTRIBUTIONS

Raising monies for scholarships is the main goal of AMTF. Donations may be tax-deductible. A receipt will be sent to you, and an acknowledgement will be sent to the person you designate. **Please be generous!**

Amount - \$ _____ Amount - \$ _____

In honor/memory of _____ In honor/memory of _____

(List name and address, below, of individual to whom you wish an acknowledgement sent)

(Use other side for additional names and addresses.)

Established Scholarships

AMTF Endowment Fund	\$ _____
Roma Brown & Nellie Bering Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
Ruth French Memorial	\$ _____
John P. Smith Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
James Holley Memorial	\$ _____
Dorothy Morrison Memorial	\$ _____
Eleanor Parchman Memorial	\$ _____
Ida and May Reilly Memorial	\$ _____
Martha Winstead Memorial	\$ _____

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AMTF Treasurer
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Hermosa SD 57744

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Date -

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Board Openings

At the next annual meeting we will be voting on candidates for the following AMTF Board Positions:

President-elect,

Treasurer, and

Junior Board Member.

If you are interested in serving on the AMTF Board, please contact Josh Polido at josh.pulido@outlook.com

Financial Information

Current Checking and Savings balance as on November 1, 2025 is \$41,410.88.

Current value of the investment account is: \$703,010.20.

The Dorothy Morrison Scholarship will close at the end of 2025 and the remaining funds transferred to the endowment fund.

President's Message Continued

AMTF as we continue to raise money for scholarships for medical laboratory scientists who are the future of our profession. Last year, we gave away over \$35,000 in scholarships to 19 very worthy Medical Laboratory Science students at the associates, baccalaureate, and graduate levels. For the coming year, we are extremely excited that we will be increasing the total scholarship awards even more! Please encourage all the students you know to apply for these amazing scholarships. The scholarship application is open. See details on our webpage.

We are so thankful for all the hard work, dedication, and generosity of our membership. So, now let's talk about giving... we need your support to continue the great mission of AMTF! As you reflect on the people in your life for whom you are thankful, consider donating to AMTF to honor them and simultaneously help future Medical Laboratory Science students and our profession! (see donation form on page 7 of this newsletter and online on our website).

I would also like to remind everyone to be thinking about colleagues in our profession who should be recognized with membership in AMTF. Encourage those exemplary professionals to apply for membership, mentor them, and nominate them! The new member application will be available on our website soon.

I'm looking forward to seeing you next summer at our annual business meeting and dinner... You can "Meet Me in St. Louis" June 29-July 2, 2026, at ASCLS JAM!