



## President's Message

Kyle Riding, MLS(ASCP)<sup>CM</sup>

With this being my first message to you, the ASCLS:CNE members, I feel it is important to express my gratitude. I am humbled by the fact that my colleagues have enough faith in me to trust me with this important role.

This year brings a wide host of important discussions within ASCLS:CNE. We will be examining and improving several of our critical functions within the association. Projects to be conducted this year include analyzing our nominations and elections processes; re-launching our newsletter in a digital format; enhancing our leadership development programs; and improving the mechanisms we utilize to identify awards nominees and winners.

These projects, along with our annual convention in Providence, are all being conducted to improve the services we provide YOU as members. Without YOU the convention in Providence, our various advocacy efforts, and several other membership programs would not be possible. YOU are at the heart of what ASCLS:CNE does and the Board of Directors want to make sure that tradition continues.

With this in mind, the central theme for this year is communication. You deserve to be informed about what is happening within YOUR association and we want to provide you with those important details. This newsletter serves as one piece of the communication pie.

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## Student Forum Message

The student forum for ASCLS Central New England has expanded! This year our officers include:

- President: Georgina Nicolo
- President Elect: Scott Connolly
- Treasurer: Reem Kassab
- Secretary: Amy Marques

Our main goal is to have an increase of involvement in ASCLS:CNE with students from other colleges and universities in our area. We are working on obtaining a full list of schools that have two and four year programs for Medical Laboratory Science. Once this has been accomplished, we plan on reaching out to these schools by emailing informational flyers, adding them to our Facebook group, and hopefully making some personal visits.

Aside from getting current Medical Laboratory Science students involved, we also feel it is just as important to reach out to high schools to inform them of our programs and career.

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## 2013 Award Winners

Every year at the annual ASCLS meeting, our colleagues are recognized for their accomplishments in academics and in the profession at the awards ceremony.

Please join me in congratulating all our awardees from ASCLS:CNE!

**Bio-Rad Professional Achievement Award in Microbiology:** Frank J. Scarano, Ph.D.

**ASCLS E&R Edward C. Dolbey Graduate Scholarship:** Kristin H. Carpenter-Azevedo

**Alpha Mu Tau Scholarship:** Georgina Maria Nicolo

**Keys to the Future and Leader-ship Academy Graduate:** Randi L. Sullivan

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Frank J. Scarano, Ph.D



On left: Georgina Maria Nicolo



Center: Randi L. Sullivan

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## Region I Fall Seminar

The ASCLS Region I Fall Seminar has been announced!

**Where:** La Quinta Inn & Suites in Springfield, MA

**When:** November 8, 2013

**Registration:** Pre-registration must be postmarked by November 1, 2013

Come join us for a day of continuing education. Come learn about topics in Microbiology, Molecular Diagnostics, Hematology, Chemistry, and much, much more!

For more information, please contact Maddie Josephs, ASCLS Region I Director:

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Hope to see you all there!

## National Update

Here are some **upcoming events**:

- [Vitamin D Standardization Program \(VDSP\) Symposium: Tools to Improve Laboratory Measurements](#)

Location: NIST, Gaithersburg, MD

When: November 14, 2013 from 8:30 AM-5:30 PM

- [Federal Government and Health Care Reform Update](#)

Location: Webinar

When: November 14, 2013 at 1:00 PM and on November 15, 2013 at 1:00 AM

Watch ASCLS's Executive Vice President, Elissa Passiment, as she participated in a panel discussion on ways the Affordable care act would affect patients and providers held on October 3, 2013:

[Health Care Patients and Providers](#)

Missed the annual meeting in Houston this year? Well, it's not too late to earn CE credits! You can order them [here](#), but hurry. The clock is ticking and they are only available until January 31, 2014.

For additional national information, please visit the [ASCLS website](#).

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The other piece involves YOU letting us know what you want. My email address is [kylbernard@aol.com](mailto:kylbernard@aol.com) and if there is anything that we can do for you, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to any comments, concerns, or questions you may have.

I hope you all have a wonderful change of season and that you will be able to make it the ASCLS Region I Seminar on Friday November 8, 2013. More information about this great emerging ASCLS tradition is presented on [page 3](#).

Best Regards,  
Kyle

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Many high school students who want a career in health care only know about the people they see, such as nurses and doctors, but do not realize the importance or even the existence of medical laboratory scientists. Being a tour guide at UMass Dartmouth, I have given countless amounts of tours to potential science majors who by the end say "Medical Laboratory Science is exactly what I want to do, but I did not know it was an actual major!" This is one of the reasons that we are not as appreciated as we should be. We want to work on educating people about their career options.

On the national level, our goal is to do just the same thing with expanding involvement but more importantly, gain a sense of community. Our new officers, Crystal Mino (Chair), Rosemarie Nguyen (Vice Chair), and Courtney Lower (Secretary) had a great start by making a well-used Facebook page. Every day a question is posted on a topic regarding medical laboratory science. Students from around the country are then able to discuss the answers together. On top of that, the page is used to inform members of each state's and region's activities (meetings, fundraisers, and plans to expand involvement).

Georgina Nicolo  
ASCLS- CNE student president  
UMass Dartmouth Class of 2014

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