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Doctoral Review Committee (DRC) - Chair
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Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
Sadly no, two household members are VERY allergic.

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
In the summer I love to garden, I love drinking wine with friends anytime of the year and in the fall hiking is a must.

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
A typical weekend involves running to all the sporting events for the kids on Saturday and I like that routine as long as Sunday can involve a slow unplanned morning with coffee.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
My kids have rekindled my love of 90s pop and hip-hop artists recently, but I really embrace all genres of music except country! Biographies and autobiographies have been my choice reading in the last year or so and I love to watch TV when I can. Marvelous Mrs. Maisel, Gilmore Girls, Netflix crime thrillers, etc.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
My true allegiance to sports teams resides with Wisconsin but my partner and I have lived in Chicago for close to twenty years now and have come to love going to Chicago Red Stars and Fire (Professional Soccer) games. Watching tennis is also a favorite with of course Serena Williams being the GOAT!

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Zanzibar off the coast of Tanzania. BEAUTIFUL island to completely unplug and center yourself.

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I’ve drank the same spinach -smoothie every morning for breakfast for the last 15 years (unless I’m traveling).

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
Professionally--author a clinical chemistry textbook.
Personally--Hike and travel around Banff, Canada.

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
Champagne + popcorn

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
All the random notes from my kids that are only legible to me.

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
I wanted to be a pediatrician growing up and did get into Med. School but my undergraduate degree was Medical Lab Science and having to do phlebotomy on sick kids made me realize quickly I wasn’t a fan of being on the bedside. Thankfully I had great mentors in undergrad at UW-Milwaukee who suggested I obtain my Ph.D and get into academia. I immediately fell in love with teaching (not so much research)!

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
Bring unique and insightful ideas to the table in order to push the DRC forward while maintaining its bar of excellence.



Janelle Chiasera, PhD
Doctoral Review Committee (DRC) – Chair-Elect
Dept. Chair, Vice President/Provost, or Dean (DRC)
Dean
Northern Arizona University

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
Yes, I own a 7 year old beautiful female greyhound named Twist (short for tequila twist)

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Camping, reading, kayaking

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Camping or gardening

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
I prefer reggae, folk and blues music; favorite read: pillars of the earth; favorite types of books: mystery; don’t watch a lot of TV but love podcasts

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Buffalo bills, Cleveland Guardians

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Melbourne, Australia

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I am an avid camper

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
Piano lessons

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
Nothing in particular

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
My retainer

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
Parents

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
To learn from others, to network, and to help advance the profession.



Hassan Aziz, PhD, FACSS, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}
Doctoral Review Committee (DRC)
MLS Graduate Faculty (DRC)
Dean and Professor
Rochester Institute of Technology

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Travel

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
With family.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
80s and 90s

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Football! 49ers fan.

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
London

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I am an introvert

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
Visit Australia

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
Pink flamingo

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
Profession chose me

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
to serve the medical lab community



Christen Diel, DCLS, CC (NRCC), MLS (ASCP)
Doctoral Review Committee (DRC)
Member at Large (DRC)
Medical Director
Delta Pathology Group

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
Yes, 3 cats. Isla, Simba, and Petra

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?

Anything water related. Fishing, tubing, kayaking, swimming, boating, wake surfing

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Outside in the sun

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
Singer - Billie Eilish Books/Movies - DUNE

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Football - LSU

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Boston, MA

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
Travel internationally

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
Lab decorated Jason mask

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
AHEC program in high school

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
DCLS advocacy



Cristian Lozano, DCLS, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}
Doctoral Review Committee (DRC)
DCLS Practitioner (DRC)
Principal Scientist
Quest Diagnostics

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
Yes, two. Ava: chihuahua/miniature pincher (Chipin) Lily: chihuahua/dachshund (chiweenie)

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
I enjoy gaming, cooking, the outdoors(hiking), and Disney enthusiast.

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
I enjoy spending my weekend with family and friends.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
Alternative and classical. All things Disney. I also enjoy cinematic music.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Kansas City Chiefs Jayhawks

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Montreal and Chicago Orlando

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I have a hearing aid. I love Disney.

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
Europe trip.

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
Baby Grogu stress Ball

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
I wanted to pursue a career that was challenging and would prepare me for a career in medicine.

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
I want to be able to serve the educational community and ensure the DCLS is prepared to succeed.



Dani Stroughton Duncan, EdD, MEd, MLS
Doctoral Review Committee (DRC)
Clinical Laboratory Sciences Industry Executive or Leader (DRC)
Director of Education
COLA

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
Dog- Cane Corso named Denali Mahogany Duncan Cat- Tabby Davin Duncan

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
plants

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Farmer market and trying new restaurants

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
Hip hop,R&B; horror

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Aruba

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
go to Portugal

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
Pineapple gummy bears

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
Love of science

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
To impact and help my industry and the future



Kimberly Sanford, MD, MT
Board of Directors
Board Liaison - DRC
Director of Transfusion Medicine
Virginia Commonwealth University

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!

Yes, I have a beagle named Buck and a cat named Zeke. They love spending the day chasing each other around the house.

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Fresh water Fishing/boating Running/walking Kyacking Snow Skiing

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Spending the day on our boat on the lake

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
Classic rock music I enjoy reading mystery novels from our neighbor that she publishes. Netflix series: currently finishing Suits and Evil

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
I liked the Packers when Aaron Rodgers was on the team

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Jackson Wyoming

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I have never lived outside of the county of Virginia that I was born in.

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
I would like to snow ski in Utah!

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
Movie popcorn and Raisinets

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
A container full of organs in specimen jars for teaching

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
My cousin was a med tech and she talked about her job and it was the combination of science and medicine that I liked.

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
To understand the responsibilities of the board in order to know how best to support the organization.



Phyllis Ingham, EdD. MEd. MLS(ASCP)cm AHI(AMT)
Program Accreditation Review Committee (PARC) - Chair
MLT Educator (PARC)
Dean of the School of Health Sciences
West Georgia Technical College

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
1 dog who is a complete princess! She is a chocolate lab and will be 13 years old this summer. Her name is Molly and she is just a big baby who is spoiled to the max! Yes, I am most certainly a DOG person! However, I do end up feeding several of the neighborhood cats who visit me when I am taking a minute for “back porch” sitting.

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
My grand kids are my major hobby! I gain much joy spending time with each of them. So you can understand that I spend a lot of time at the baseball parks, football games, tumbling and cheer lessons and camp and horseback riding. They keep me young and I love every minute of it... Oh yeah,...We have 9 and counting! When I am enjoying my own free time, I also love to bake, try out new recipes, and my plants and flower gardens are my silent weakness. You can never have too many!

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
During the summer, its definitely spending time outside around the pool and enjoying all my flowers. In the winter, most definitely curled up with a cozy blanket and the hubby by the fire.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
It is difficult to select just one music genre.....I like good ole “rock n roll” but gain the most music serenity and mindfulness moments listening to my favorite Contemporary Christian artists. Movie favorite category is Sci-fi for sure.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Only a fan of collegiate sports. Follow Equestrian events, and of course Auburn Football! War Eagle!

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Too hard to select just one.

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I am not always quiet.

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
Next up is probably retirement lol!

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
Just don’t really eat any “weird” things.....

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
“Microbe” miniatures, and several very “old” microscopes among my collection.....

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
Science, Healthcare, and Education became the perfect trifecta to share, serve others, and make a difference.

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
Grow.....Serve.....Lead....Advocate....make a Difference!



Candice Grayson, MS, MA, MLS (ASCP)^{CM}
Program Accreditation Review Committee (PARC) - Chair - Elect
MLT Educator (PARC)
Histotechnology & Medical Laboratory Technology Program Director, Professor
Community College of Baltimore County

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
There are three felines in the house, but none belong to me. The princess is Melody, who is my son’s. The troublemaker is Lumiere, who is my daughter’s. The old man is Charlie, who is my husband’s.

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
DISNEY, spending time with the family and traveling (day tripping to vacations)

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Out and about, exploring something.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
DISNEY answers all my questions. Okay, honestly any music (except country) and love going to concerts with my daughter.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Proud Baltimore Ravens fan! Current Fantasy Football

Champ and looking to retaining that title.

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Disneyworld and Big Sur

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
That I didn’t submit a picture of myself in ears

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
I don’t know, but if you are looking for a friend to try something, I am your person.

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
Icing on crackers

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
With the number of Goofy items, the strangest thing would be the actual office supplies

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
Amazing mentors who encouraged me and gave me a chance. I hope I am being that in turn to others and continually strive to do that.

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
to provide a voice of other educators and professionals to have a standard for quality programs; to ensure that we always remember that we are doing this for our students, professionals, and ultimately the patients that we care for.



Leigh Belair, M.Ed, MLS (ASCP)
Program Accreditation Review Committee (PARC)
MLT Educator (PARC)
MLT Program Director - Incoming
University of Maine at Presque Isle

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
I have a Springer Spaniel, Peyton. She is the sweetest girl, loves her people, and loves to swim, chase birds, and play ball!

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Cooking, Reading, Gardening, Knitting, Quilting

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Slow morning with coffee, relaxing at home, and enjoying an evening fire in our backyard. My husband and I often go out to eat for supper one night during the weekend.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
80s Rock or Country. I like to read Patricia Cornwell’s forensic series or historical fiction focusing on medicine/ holocaust.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
University of Maine Men’s Ice Hockey Team, Boston Bruins.

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Clearwater, Florida Prince Edward Island, Canada

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I hold a state basketball record for 3-point shots from 1990.

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
Finish a quilt I started during grad school. I cut squares from my kids’ jeans and saved them to make a quilt when I graduated. The squares are still packed away in my

closet.

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
Scrambled egg sandwich with jelly on the bread.

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
Nothing out of the ordinary.

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
My Aunt Paula was a lab tech, and I wanted to be like her. I remember visiting her at work years ago with my mom and sisters, where she showed us microbiology plates, explaining that this is how we know when someone has strep throat. It is one of my earliest memories of being fascinated by laboratory science.

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
My goals as a member of the PARC committee: 1. Networking, collaborating, and learning from new colleagues and friends. 2. Share my experience as an educator and program director of a successful partnership program and offer practical tips to others who may be seeking a collaborative program. 3. Give back to the lab profession by supporting laboratory science education and the accreditation process. I enjoy mentoring new educators and program directors and serving as a NAACLS volunteer.



Keri Brophy Martinez, MHA/ED, MLS(ASCP)
Program Accreditation Review Committee (PARC)
Phlebotomy Educator/Practitioner (PARC)
Program Director, MLT and Phlebotomy
Austin Community College

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
Yes, Ms. Jules. She is a tabby cat.

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Traveling and reading.

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Getting outdoors, and reading.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
Favorite band would be Duran Duran, but favorite music genre is electronic music. I love Jodi Picoult books. Not a big fan of movies, usually fall asleep.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Only if the University of Texas Longhorns are playing football- then I’m a sports fan.

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Out of the country, Jordan. In the U.S- South Dakota.

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I love fishing.

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
Travel to Cambodia and Vietnam. On my calendar for December 2027.

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
Can’t think of any.

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
A stuffed gerbil on a running wheel.

What led you to pursue your current profession? I

I stumbled into the field of Medical Technology after being a Marine Biology major.

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
providing consistency, good communication, and a spirit of inclusion.



Perla Gilman, MS, MLS (ASCP)
Program Accreditation Review Committee (PARC)
MLA Educator (PARC)
Program Director
Bunker Hill Community College

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
Yes! I have one beagle and her name is Hazel. She will be 12 this year and she is my Velcro dog and follows me everywhere!

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
I love to read! My favorite thing to do I head down to the lake, put my chair in the water and read for hours

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well.
I love country music!
I also enjoy anything comedy. Some of my favorite shows are Reba, everybody loves Raymond, friends, the Big Bang theory. I also enjoy shows such as FBI, Chicago fire

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Yes! Go Patriots!!!

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Ireland

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I am fluent in 3 languages and I am also an Advanced EMT
I also wasn’t born here!

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
Take my daughter to Lebanon to see where her mom comes from

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS review committee are:
To be more involved in the process. To better understand the process and to improve the process to better support educators.



Frankie Harris-Lyne, MS, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}
Program Accreditation Review Committee (PARC)
MLT Educator (PARC)
Professor Emeritus
Northern Virginia Community College

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
No

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Yoga, hiking, music, dancing, word games

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
doing something outside

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
Musical genre classic rock and jazz; Favorite recent read, Traveled; Prefer drama movies old and new

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
not really a sports fan

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Arches National Park, Moab UT

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I live in the town where I was born

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
hike Old Rag Mountain in the Shenandoah National Park

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
dipping french fries in honey

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
ceramic pencil holder made my daughter that reads: Dixon Ticonderoga # 2 (the only pencil I have ever used)

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
a summer job logging specimens at a small hospital laboratory.

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
To participate as a team member in supporting and promoting excellence in Clinical Laboratory Education.



Rochelle Helminski, MSCLS, MLS(ASCP)
Program Accreditation Review Committee (PARC)
MLT Educator (PARC)
Faculty, Program Director
Phoenix College

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
I have 2 dogs, one is a year and a half and the other is 13 years old. They are both Swedish Vallhunds which is a relatively rare breed. They are active dogs and love to bark and shed.

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
I like to hike, play disc golf, footgolf, pickleball, really anything active or sports related. I also enjoy kayaking. I also love board games and card games.

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
I enjoy being outside doing anything active. I am very competitive and am constantly playing against my husband in anything and everything.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
I like hard rock and country music (mostly older county, not recent country)

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
I enjoy all sports. I do not have a favorite, but I will watch or participate in pretty much any sport.

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
I enjoy Alaska quite a bit and hope to return soon.

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I can be shy around new people, but if anyone wants to talk about dog stuff, I can talk all night. I also have a goofy sense of humor.



Michelle Hill, MS, MLS(ASCP)
Program Accreditation Review Committee (PARC)
Two Year Educator (BoD & PARC)
Program Director - Retired
Southwest TN Community College

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
No--but would like to adopt an adult kitty

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Miniatures--doll house, or anything little. Collect and

make. Dabble in acrylic painting and drawing.

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
In summer--inside, or in my plastic cocktail pool
Otherwise, going out with friends, travel, work in the yard.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
Grew up with alt rock--70’s rock classics: Genesis, Yes, ELP, Rolling Stones, The Who etc. Like historical fiction-Outlander series. Stream a lot of HBO/Netflix series Documentaries and comedy.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Support local sports teams: Memphis Grizzlies and U of Memphis. Grew up in Cincinnati, always a Reds fan, but don’t keep up. Matthew’s adult rugby club team.

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Florida Gulf Coast.

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I have been to all 50 states.

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
Travel up the Maine coast into Canada. On my bucket list.

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
Breakfast for dinner.

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
Dr. Fauci doll my sister gave me during Covid

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
Retired--doing yoga, guided meditation, and taking Creative Aging classes. Still doing some side gigs-- Technical consult with a few physician office labs and editing the 11 ed. of Garza/Becan-McBride’s Phlebotomy Handbook-keeps my mind from going to mush.

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
Since I have been on PARC for six years, I feel I could mentor newer members as they come on board.



Ethan Kentzel, MS, MLS ASCP^{CM}
Program Accreditation Review Committee (PARC)
Phlebotomy Educator/Practitioner (PARC)
Program Director, MLS and PBT Programs
Reading Hospital

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
Yes, I have an Alaskan malamute (Layla) and a tuxedo cat (Charles)

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
I like to play sports, not really watch them! Sports like rugby, golf, tennis, frisbee. I enjoy a good campaign of dungeons and dragons. I usually am the DM/Game Master.

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Doing one or more of my hobbies if I am able!

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
I listen to everything except country music. My usual book reads are anything fiction or horror genre. The Dark Tower series by Stephen King was a person favorite.

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Oktoberfest in Munich. Iceland was a close second but I didn’t get to see any Northern Lights.

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
That would ruin the surprise?!

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
Probably get married

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
Watermelon and Soy Sauce

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
An air pump for tires.

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
Happenstance... I was working in a lab and was asked if I wanted to start teaching. I started with UA, moved to Heme. Eventually an opportunity arose at another institution and I started teaching all aspects of MLS. COVID happened and soon after I became the program director.

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
to learn more about NAACLS processes, better myself, and better the laboratory through quality improvements to education.



Mary Mattes, MS, PA(ASCP)^{CM}
Program Accreditation Review Committee (PARC)
Two Year Educator (BoD & PARC)
Chair & Program Director
Rosalind Franklin University

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
I do! I have three dogs. A French Bulldog (Lucy), a mini Golden Doodle (King), and an Aussie Doodle (Ranger). Together they are always up to no good.

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
I am sailor and enjoy as much time out on the water as possible during the warm months. I also enjoy gardening, reading and cooking (with lots of wine of course).

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Doing anything that requires me to be outside. I often spend time sailing, gardening, checking out live music/sporting events or walking with the dogs.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
Fleetwood Mac is my all time favorite but I enjoy all types of music from classical to jazz to indie rock and beyond. Some of my more recent favorite reads are the Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo, Make It Stick and Remarkably Bright Creatures.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Yes! I love both college and professional football. I went to the University of Iowa for undergrad so I’m a diehard Hawkeye and developed a love for the Green Bay Packers from my grandfather.

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
This past spring I spent some time in Italy and fell in love with the Tuscan Countryside.

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I’m an only child that was raised in a village of about 400 people in rural Illinois.

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?

Go on an African safari.

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
Pizza with a hefty side of ranch dressing.

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
to learn from more seasoned lab professionals/educators, help new and existing programs improve all while making a difference in the organization.



Brian Monson, MHA, MLS(ASCP), PBT
Program Accreditation Review Committee (PARC)
Phlebotomy Educator/Practitioner (PARC) - Incoming
Assistant Professor
Tulsa Community College

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
Yes! I have a Great Pyrenees livestock guardian puppy named Tantor. He takes his security duties very seriously...unless there’s a nap opportunity. I also have two barn cats, Reba and Barbra Jean. They handle mouse control and serve as a highly critical, unpaid advisory board for all ranch decisions.

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
I raise Plymouth Barred Rock chickens! Matilda, Merlene, Mildred, and many more currently run the egg operation and allow me to live on their property. At this point, I’m one woodland creature away from qualifying as a Disney princess. Unfortunately, the chickens are terrible singers and mostly just yell at me for treats.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
Favorite music genre: Country. My Spotify algorithm has correctly determined that I own cattle and have strong opinions about pickup trucks. Favorite book: “Where the Crawdads Sing” by Delia Owens. It’s got nature, mystery, and a main character who would rather spend time with animals than people. Relatable.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Absolutely! I’m a Minnesota Vikings fan, which has taught me the value of loyalty, patience, and managing expectations. Every fall, you’ll usually find me convincing myself that this is finally the Vikings’ year.

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
The Black Hills in my home state of South Dakota! Where the scenery is breathtaking, the wildlife has no respect for personal space, and every road somehow leads to another gift shop selling rocks I could have picked up for free outside. The Black Hills are a hidden gem!

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I own my own cattle ranch! I currently have about 150 head of Angus/Maine cattle. Some of my favorites are Ruth and her baby boy Charlie, Miss America, Mooch, Rusty, Deloris, Naughty, Rosita, Lil Girl, Big Girl, and Houdini. And yes, every one of them has a story behind their name. Feel free to ask, but be warned, I can talk about my cows for hours!

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
I’m not sure this qualifies as “unexpected,” but I love a good slice of pepperoni pizza loaded with mozzarella cheese and drizzled with hot honey. The combination of salty, cheesy, sweet, and spicy is hard to beat. Honestly, if they deep-fried it and put it on a stick, it would probably become a county fair favorite.

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
The funniest item on my desk is probably a calf skull.

To be fair, when you own a cattle ranch, your decorating choices start drifting away from the “motivational quote” aisle and into the “ranch chic” category. It also serves as an excellent conversation starter, usually beginning with a student asking, “Should I be concerned?”

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
As a Medical Laboratory Scientist, I enjoyed the challenge of solving problems and knowing that the work I did behind the scenes played an important role in patient care. Over time, I discovered that I was just as passionate about teaching as I was about laboratory medicine. Helping students develop the knowledge, skills, and confidence to become healthcare professionals has become one of the most rewarding parts of my career.

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Review Committee are to support educational excellence, promote continuous improvement, and help ensure that accreditation remains a meaningful and valuable process for programs. As both an educator and laboratory professional, I hope to contribute practical insights, encourage collaboration, and support programs in preparing the next generation of healthcare professionals. Most importantly, I want to give back to a profession and organization that has provided me with tremendous opportunities and help strengthen the future of laboratory and healthcare education.



Melmar Ordinario, MSML, HTL (ASCP)
Program Accreditation Review Committee (PARC)
Histology Educator
Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
Keiser University

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
I have a 13 pound Maltese named Sydney who's on the husky side of his breed. He's 11 years old and runs the house. He tells my wife and I when it's time to wake up and when it's time to go to bed. He is full of energy and playing fetch is his favorite past time.

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
My two favorite hobbies are working on my Corvette and fishing. I like keeping my Corvette showroom clean (as much as I can because it rains a lot in Florida). I like adding any new accessories to make it go faster. Also, I like fishing in our lake or on any coast in Florida. I do prefer salt water fishing.

What's your favorite way to spend a weekend?
My wife and I like spending the weekend at the beach relaxing to the sound of the waves. After a day relaxing at the beach, my wife and I head out to the nice restaurants along the beach. We're such foodies!

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
I grew up in the 80s so I like all the music of that era. A good AC/DC or Earth, Wind and Fire can get the place rocking! For books, I like reading all of Tom Clancy's books and movies, it has to be Sci-Fi or adventure. For TV shows, my wife got me hooked on food shows on Netflix like, “Is this Cake?” or “Please feed Phil.”

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
I'm a Miami Dolphins fan and hopefully we'll do good this season. We still hold the record of being undefeated throughout a season!

Where is your favorite place you've traveled?
My favorite place that I've been was Japan. The country is so beautiful and has this natural calming effect especially when you're in the country side. It has a mixture of beauty and advanced technology that blows your mind!

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
Aside from being a Histotechnologist and Associate Dean of Academics, I also work for the Osceola County Sherriff's office. I volunteer my time patrolling the county and helping out with community or outreach events.

What is something you haven't done yet, but you'd like to soon?
I think that would be Sky Diving. Still trying to find the time and go do it.

What's the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
Being Asian, I think the most unexpected food combination that I've enjoyed is the Asian Fusion thing. It's when all the Asian cultures' food starts to blend together into some very unique tastes and spiciness.

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
A 10 minute sand timer. When my faculty come in to see me, they have 10 minutes before the sand expires to tell me their concerns or complaints.

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
For the profession of Histology and Healthcare, it was my curiosity and love for science that got me where I 'm at now. Then when I got bit by the teaching bug, I started to pursue education. I wanted to help guide the younger generation to become healthcare professionals.

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
to be a productive team member and contribute as much as I can to better the laboratory science profession.



Erin Peper, M.S., PBT (ASCP)
Program Accreditation Review Committee (PARC)
Phlebotomy Educator
Education Program Director
Mayo Clinic

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
I have 4 miniature schnauzers - Fritz, Schultz, Moritz, and Heinz

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Walking/jogging, baking, cross-stitching, reading.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well.
I like all kinds of music. I like to read a variety of books, but favorite authors would be Lee Child, Diana Gabaldon, and Michael Connelly.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Do not really watch sports on TV. Both of my children wrestled from kindergarten into college, so I love watching them.

Where is your favorite place you've traveled?
Switzerland

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS review committee are:
Learning as much about the NAACLS processes as possible. Sharing my knowledge and experiences with others in a helpful way.



Becky Radabaugh, HTL (ASCP) QIHC
Program Accreditation Review Committee (PARC)
Histology Educator
Professor
Mt San Antonio College

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
Yes, Tuxedo Cat - Fatty (moved with me to California) 3 mini-schnauzers - Pepper, Poetry, and Addition 2 Gray Male Cats - Ocean and Quantum (These 5 are living in Syracuse, NY with my wife)

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Reading, camping, card games, watching sports, biking

What's your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Watching football or spending time with my wife and family

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
Country music - Currently, Ashley McBryde Favorite Newish Book - Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt Favorite Classic Book - Catcher in the Rye by JD Salinger Favorite Movie of all time - Matilda Favorite TV Show - Bones

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Yes! New Orleans Saints all the way!! West Virginia Mountaineers LLWS Favorite Athletes: Serena Williams and Bo Jackson

Where is your favorite place you've traveled?
Budapest, Hungary

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I'm a crafter (ceramics, paint-by-numbers, and especially quilling)

What is something you haven't done yet, but you'd like to soon?
Finish my PhD

What's the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
yellow mustard and popcorn

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
A crocheted pickle from a previous student

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
Wanted to train and educate future histotechnologists to be better humans and professionals

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
to use my background in pathology and histotechnology to help make sure programs are represented accurately and meet the standards students and the profession deserve. I want to bring fresh ideas, a collaborative spirit, and a focus on inclusion so that we're not only keeping programs strong but also making them accessible and welcoming for everyone. Most of all, I hope to give back to a field that has given me so much and support the next generation of lab professionals.



Ameer Rosales, MEd MLS (ASCP)
Program Accreditation Review Committee (PARC)
MLT Educator (PARC)
MLT and Phlebotomy Program Director (DH)
Pima Community College

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
Yes! 2 pound puppies: 80 lb 8yr old rottie mix a. 12-month-old brown puppy. I fostered her litter, she's my failed foster.
I have three cats: One of them has congenital ataxia. She walks around like she's dizzy. And two semiferal cats. I fostered their litter and these two live mostly outside my house... Sometimes they come in.

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Hiking! A friend and I are doing the Arizona trail. We are almost 400 mi into the 800 miles. I like swimming. I'm teaching my 2-year-old grandson how to swim. I do a lot of gardening and landscaping.

What's your favorite way to spend a weekend?
I like to be with my family and my friends doing whatever. ... Usually barbecues or hiking or going out on the town.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
I like all kinds of music except not too into jazz and rap. Older music. I like Gin blossoms, Fleetwood Mac. . newer music I like post Malone, Thomas Rhett...

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
UofA! (UAz) Basketball football softball... I like Boston teams as well. Patriots Red Sox Celtics

Where is your favorite place you've traveled?
I've seen so many beautiful places on the Arizona trail! I don't even know which one to list! Out of the country... Costa Rica

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
Hmmm I'm pretty typical right down to my phenotyping in blood bank ☺ ... Maybe that I have five kids?

What is something you haven't done yet, but you'd like to soon?
I want to do the Grand canyon portion of the Arizona trail, I want to do a walking tour or a biking tour of Europe, and maybe go on a river cruise. Oh and also, I want to go to Alaska

What's the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
Hmmm not sure about this one. Maybe chocolate on pineapple? I don't think that's that too weird?

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
A student gave me a flip book of different pictures showing emotions... There's like 30 choices. People always change it whenever they come to my office.

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
I left high School and my best friends Uncle told her she should be an MT... So I chose that degree to be with her. She's now an accountant haha

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
To learn as much as I can, and to give input to hopefully simplify the accreditation process and make some areas less redundant.



Becky Smith, MBA MLS(ASCP)SC
Program Accreditation Review Committee (PARC)
MLT Educator
Program Director
Fox Valley Technical College

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
Kenzie - she is a german shorthair rescue

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Network Marketing in the health and wellness space.

9. What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well.
Top hits or country

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Not a sports fan but have lived in Green Bay my entire life so it has to be the Packers.

Where is your favorite place you've traveled?
Costa Rica

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I'm an introvert.

What is something you haven't done yet, but you'd like to soon?
Scuba diving

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS review committee are:
Learn as much as possible and network with amazing individuals also in field



Maria Torres - Pilot, MA, MLS(ASCP)CM
Program Accreditation Review Committee (PARC)
MLT Educator
Retired Program Director



Taiquanda Winbush, MS, HT(ASCP)CMP
Program Accreditation Review Committee (PARC)
Histology Educator
Program Director
Albany State University

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
Yes. I have a dog named Bentley. He is a mix between a golden retriever and red-nose pit.

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Crafting

What's your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Doing nothing or spending time with family and friends

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
R&B. Mystery books and mystery television shows.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
No

Where is your favorite place you've traveled?
Bahamas

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I am afraid to fly but I still do it.

What is something you haven't done yet, but you'd like to soon?
Go to Germany to visit my sister.

What's the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
N/A

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
A can of Raid for Wasp and Hornets

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
I kind of fell into it. It was not my first choice but stumbled upon it when trying to obtain information about the MLT program.

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
Enhancing quality and standards and fostering collaboration and professional growth.



Nathan Johnson, Ph.D., MASCP, MLS(ASCP)DLM, SC, SLS, FACHE
Board of Directors
Board Liaison – PARC
Chair, Laboratory Sciences
UAMS

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
I have 3 cats, Spunky, 2dini, and Kipp. I have 3 dogs, Dachshunds, Red, Rod, and Oscar.

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
My hobbies include Church, watching sports, gardening, travel, and playing sports.

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Watching LSU sports.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
My favorite music is from 1967 to 1983. WHen I read, I prefer science fiction.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
LSU, Saints, Pittsburgh Pirates.

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Scotland and Afghanistan.

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I am a huge Napoleon Dynamite fan.

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
I would like to visit New Zealand.

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
Oatmeal and biscuits, together in the same bowl.

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
An authentic, to scale, replica of the time machine used in the movie Napoleon Dynamite.

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
Recommended by a relative.

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
My goal is to serve in whatever capacity where I can help NAACLS meet our important mission.



Jennifer Knight, MHS, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}
Review Committee for Accredited Programs (RCAP) - Chair
MLS Educator (RCAP)
Program Director
MS Baptist Medical Center School of Medical Laboratory Science

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
We have a rescue dog named Zoey. She’s part Chihuahua, part Dachshund, part Terrier and very barky!

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
I love to read fiction, cross-stitch and put together jigsaw Ravensburger jigsaw puzzles. My husband and I do a fair amount of cycling, too - mostly road biking.

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
I love spending time with family on the weekends playing board games and card games or going to the movies. We also love escape rooms, and we will seek them out when we travel.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
I love to read all kinds of contemporary and historical fiction - mystery, romance, fantasy, science fiction, etc.

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
I love Washington, DC, but my family recently went to London, England. That was a fun trip, and I would love to go back!

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I don’t consider myself artistic, but there are quite a few of my completed projects on display in my house - cross-stitch, mosaic, painting and papercutting projects. And according to my son, I like birds (there’s a story behind that comment!)

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
I would like to travel more - Ireland, Italy, Hawaii, Alaska, back to London. I also think I’d like to learn how to quilt, specifically I would like to learn how to make cathedral quilts.

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
a glow in the dark flashlight - it’s really dark in my windowless office if the lights go out!

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
I stumbled upon this field by accident when I was looking for a new major as a college student. I consider myself lucky to be able to help patients and teach students in this amazing field of laboratory medicine.

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
To help program officials understand how much flexibility there is in meeting the Standards and how many resources are available to help them; to foster teamwork and collaboration among my fellow committee members.



Jimi March, PhD, MS, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}
Review Committee for Accredited Programs (RCAP)
MLS Educator (RCAP)
Associate Teaching Professor
UMASS Dartmouth

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
a shih-tzu named Phinn, but haven’t lived with him in a year

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
reading, cooking, biking, beach, travel

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
relaxing with friends or being lazy

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
like everything

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
nope

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Santiago, Chile

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
Moving soon and spending a year traveling

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
live in another country

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
funyuns and cottage cheese

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
a unicorn pinata

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
change

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
to learn and work with a great group of people and support out programs



William Ahlfeld, MS,PA(ASCP)
Review Committee for Accredited Programs (RCAP)
Pathologists’ Assistant Educator/Practitioner (RCAP)
Laboratory Operations Manager
Wellspan Good Samaritan Hospital

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
Cats, two, Jamie,Savannah

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Anything water-scuba, boating, swimming, water skiing
Woodworking, DIY

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Usually on a project lately or working in on my workshop

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
Country music, Books: Grisham/Cornwell Tv: Chicago Series (Fire/PD/Med), Station 19, Contest shows: Voice, Idol, AGT

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Phila Eagles football and Phillies baseball

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Key West

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
Have flown an ultralight aircraft (powered parachute)

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
Additional diving/island travel

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
Staples EASY button

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
Sounds cliché’: to give back to the profession as I have possibly more time now to do these things.



Patty Boyer, MSHS, MLS(ASCP)CM
Review Committee for Accredited Programs (RCAP)
MLS Educator (RCAP)
Clinical Lab Trainer/Program Director
Wisconsin Diagnostic Laboratories

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
No pets, I am allergic to many animals

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Travel when I can, Marquette basketball, reading, lazing by the lake

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Spending time with friends or family, reading a good book if the weather isn’t as nice

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
I have an eclectic taste in music, but I have a lot of Beatles, Counting Crows, a cappella, and movie and soundtrack music on my playlists. I read a lot of historical fiction and non-fiction books. I’ll rewatch episodes of The West Wing Seasons 1-4 any time and be happy. Current shows that have made me laugh out loud are Abbott Elementary and The Four Seasons (on Netflix).

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
I enjoy college basketball the most, and I’m a huge Marquette University basketball fan.

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Hawaii

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I can (mostly still) recite the beginning of the prologue for The Canterbury Tales in Middle English after having to do it for a British Literature course in high school.

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
Traveling to the UK - I am crossing off the Alaska cruise September 2026!

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
The drawing of a Quetzalcoatlus thank-you note my nephew made for me.

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
Years of listening to “medical technologists” talk about work while playing bridge and eating popcorn and M&Ms. I also developed an interest in medicine overall as we talked about aspects of medical cases in the family while growing up, but I didn’t want to be a doctor.

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
to give back, to learn, and to network with the awesome people in the NAACLS community.



Janice Conway, PhD, MLS(ASCP)SM, FACSc
Review Committee for Accredited Programs (RCAP)
MLM Educator (RCAP)
Professor Emeritus
University of Minnesota

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
2 rescue cats Archie a blue point Siamese and Milo who is all black

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Watercolor painting, gardening, travel

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Quietly in nature

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
All music (except country) Mystery novels Most movie types except horror - I find these stupid

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Meh

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Turkey, Egypt, or Saudi Arabia

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
My DNA

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
more travel Scotland, Nigeria, Japan

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
A small toy stuffed camel from Abu Dhabi

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
Serendipity

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
To help facilitate improvement of knowledge and skills for potential PDs, faculty, and reviewers through a structured (required) training program as it typically required for most other health professions.



Michelle Costas, MHS, PA(ASCP)^{CM}
Review Committee for Accredited Programs (RCAP)
Pathologists’ Assistant Educator/Practitioner (RCAP)
Director and Assistant Professor, WVU Pathologists’ Assistant Program
West Virginia University

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Biking, both on and off road; Going to the gym for strength training;

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
A long bike ride or day trip when the weather is nice. Otherwise, spending time with family and friends for a game night.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
I have a wide range of interest in music. Anything from the 70s to early 90s. More recently, Caamp, Nathaniel Rateliff, Dua Lipa and even Lizzo. I've been a Star Wars fan all my life (growing up with the best episodes IV, V, VI). I was late to the game with Harry Potter, but I watch the movies whenever they are on and I’m currently reading the books.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
I enjoy college basketball and make sure to plan time off during March Madness to watch the games. I’m always rooting for the underdog to pull off the upset. I also enjoy watching women’s soccer especially the women’s national team.

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I am a huge fan of video games and play them whenever possible.

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
You will find a mechanical keyboard that I designed. I can select different types of backlighting and occasionally I will swap out the switches to create different clicking sounds when I type.

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
I was in med tech school when I met a PA who was performing the autopsy we were observing. I was intrigued but was anxious to get started working as a med tech. After several years, I revisited the idea of becoming a PA. I did some shadowing to make sure I was still interested. Needless to say, I was.

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
To be mindful of being impartial and objective when applying standards and to listen and learn from other people’s viewpoints.



Ramona Fox, MS, MT (ASCP)
Review Committee for Accredited Programs (RCAP)
MLS Educator (RCAP)
Retired Program Director
Arrowhead Regional Medical Center

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
Two dogs, Coty and Martini ages 10&15 Two cats, Simba and Doodle ages 5 & 21

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Reading, gardening, cooking, playing with my granddaughter

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
With family and friends

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
I like murder mysteries and have eclectic musical tastes. I watch lots of forensic files and TV mysteries.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Not particularly.

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Alaska and Hawaii and Ireland

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
Not much, I'm pretty much an open book.

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
Go to Iceland.

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
I like sour cream on almost everything.

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
No work desk anymore!

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
I love science and wanted to help people.

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
To contribute to the profession and help educate others in their accreditation journey.



Elizabeth Gockel-Blessing, PhD, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}
Review Committee for Accredited Programs (RCAP)
MLS Educator (RCAP)
Faculty Emerita
Saint Louis University

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
Two girl cats: Anni is a “snowball” cat with beautiful blue eyes and the softest coat ever. Minnow is an orange tabby. She has a cute grin when you look at her just the right way. Both cats are affectionate on their terms. They get along, or shall I say tolerate each other. Typical, right?

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Embroidery Crochet Cross-stitch Line Dancing (I know, right?) Reading Journaling Taking one and done classes at the botanical garden or other like institutions.

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Eat, rest, sleep, repeat!

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
1990’s country and beyond Favorite band-- there are many-- Little Big Town Lest not forget Parody- Weird Al -- my hero! Books- mystery, thriller, history I’m reading two books now: The Rise and Fall of TWA Airlines and a book called The Silent Patient Movies- Song, Sung Blue; Sister Act I, and my all-time favorite: Young Frankenstein! TV- I mainly watch the news, Jeopardy, Netflix, and Peacock. I never saw Yellowstone when it first ran. I'm in season 5 now and it's fantastic! Other series I liked: Bridgerton, How to Get Away with Murder, Scandal, just to name a few.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Not really. College Basketball is okay when I go to the games.

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
My dad worked for Eastern Airlines in the day, so we traveled domestically quite a bit growing up. Since then, I have done some international travel as well. I have many favorites, but I really liked London & Madrid.

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
Date night with my husband: I just went to my first drive-in movie last week. I loved the Road Runner cartoon. Dating myself, I know. We saw the new Star Wars flick, and we both liked it.

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
Travel to New Zealand, Australia, and Japan among other places in that region of the world. Here’s hoping!

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
Cereal without milk for breakfast. Ha ha!

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
Me-- I am technically retired yet here, I am (and loving it, by the way).

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
The love of microscopes, medicine, and playing lab detective. I taught guitar lessons for about 30 years off and on. I had a V8 moment when I realized that I could teach lab medicine too! :)

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
1. Share my experiences, time, and talents with NAACLS hopefully providing a useful perspective on topics related

to the scope of NAACLS’ work. 2. Continue to learn from my peers and the NAACLS staff so that someday I can “pass the torch” to the next generation. 3.Complete NAACLS-associated tasks with intentional effort in a timely manner being attentive to detail.



Brandy Greenhill, DrPH, MS, MLS(ASCP)
Review Committee for Accredited Programs (RCAP)
PHM Educator (RCAP)
Professor/Program Director
UT MD Anderson Cancer Center School of Health Professions

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
No. We lost our boxer Easter 2023. We'll probably start looking in the next year or so.

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Travel when I can (any place tropical), bike riding, going to the lake.

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Relaxing or doing stuff around the house

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
I like all types of music. For books, I like crime novels (favorite author John Sanford). Too many TV shows.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
I can watch or not watch.

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Ireland and Belize

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
Not sure

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
Just more travel

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
Don’t have anything crazy

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
My Juju (voodoo) doll. It’s for good luck. It was in my Sequoia for the last 15 years but since selling it, I moved Juju to my desk.

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
It was by accident. I didn’t get into PT school, so my biology advisor sent me over to the medical technology advisor.

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
to improve my confidence with the NAACLS standards and become a better expert as a Program Director. After 20 years, I still have a lot to learn from others.



Amy Groszbach, MEd, MLT(ASCP)MB^{CM}
Review Committee for Accredited Programs (RCAP)
DMS Educator (RCAP)
Education Coordinator/Program Director - RETIRED
Mayo Clinic

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
Yes, Sammy, a 5-year mini golden doodle

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Travel, being on the water (boating), counted cross-stich projects

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
On the water - boating

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
80’s Def Leopard and Jazz I love all sappy movies

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Golden Gophers of any sport

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Aboard, Viking ship

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I trap raccoons

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
All the stuff/papers. I love paper.

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
I love science

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
To serve, to learn and to network.



Rachael Hagerman, MA, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}, MB(ASCP)^{CM}
Review Committee for Accredited Programs (RCAP)
DMS Educator (RCAP) - Incoming
Assistant Professor
Upstate Medical University

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
I have a cranky old man cat named Bandit. He’s a black and gray tiger short hair.

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you

have?
I love to garden and work outside (I do most of the landscaping, except trimming trees...vertically challenged). I also like to run, albeit very slowly.

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Outside. I love to be by any body of water...the ocean/ beach is my favorite, but I'll take a lake any time! If I’m home, it’s putzing in my yard, taking walks, and getting soft serve ice cream at our local stand.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
I’m at the very end of Gen X, or Xennial generation if you prefer, so Alternative rock, Alternative pop, Emo, Angsty Aughts (as I like to refer to it). I love sci fi/fantasy: Lord of the Rings is one of my top favs, but also love most Stephen King books (Dark Tower series is also super high on my list). I also love science-heavy sci fi, like Andy Weir. Murder/Mystery/Crime Fiction like Lincoln & Child’s Pentergast series. I don’t really watch a lot of tv, outside of sports, but I love movies when I have the time, science fiction/nerd culture stuff, Star Wars, Marvel, DC, LOTR. I also love action movies like the John Wick series, and sciencey-sci fi. My top two favorite movies are The Princess Bride and Interstellar, but Project Hail Mary is a close third.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
I watch a stupid amount of American Football...college is my first love, Notre Dame, but I watch most of the major conferences. Pro was an acquired taste after I met my spouse, we watch NY Giants. I also love hockey, NY Rangers.

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Maui, HI

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I ran a marathon last year...I did have to start an hour early to make sure I finished before the course closed, but I made it in under six hours!

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
I would love to go to the Mediterranean. As mentioned previously, I love the ocean & beaches...but I also love Mediterranean food! I would eat my way across Italy, Greece, and the North African countries.

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
I don’t really do a lot of weird mixing of foods...I’m one of those people who doesn’t like their food touching...unless it’s a curry or something like that.

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
Oh...there are too many! The strangest item is probably the glow-in-the-dark sperm keychain that the andrology department gave me. The funniest is a name plate that just says, ‘Nope.’

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
It was kind of an accident. I couldn’t get a job with my BS in Biochemistry, so someone said, ‘hey, go work in healthcare.’ Originally applied for radiologic technology, but there was a wait list. The advisor told me about MLT and thought it would be a good fit. My program director was concerned that I would be bored getting an AAS degree after I also had a BS and was going part-time because I had a lot of transfer credit, so she pulled some strings and got me into the Honors Program, which was only open to liberal arts students at the time. I had to complete two projects, the first was creating supplemental course materials for body fluids (which was something students struggled with on the board exam) and the second was helping to develop a molecular lab. The program purchased a PCR instrument, but none of the faculty members were familiar with the technique/ instrument...but I was. So, I showed them how to make gels, run the analyzer, we designed a lab for my class to run the next semester. The PD had me teach my classmates...and that experience is what led me to where I am today!

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
To gain greater depth of understanding for the entire accreditation process, not just self study and site visits, as well as familiarize myself with other types of programs. To model the importance of service and contributing to professional organizations for my students and colleagues. To learn from experienced committee members, while contributing to the creativity, expansion, and adaptation NAACLS is undertaking to elevate laboratory education nationally and internationally.



Floyd Josephat, EdD, MLS (ASCP)
Review Committee for Accredited Programs (RCAP)
MLS Educator (RCAP)
Department Chair and Professor
University of Alabama at Birmingham

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
No

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Fishing Traveling

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Fishing

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
I like listening to reggae music

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Michael Jordan

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
St. Lucia

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
Don’t like spicy food

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
Travel to Europe

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
Fried chicken and rice

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
An old lamp

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
I love doing lab work

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
To learn more about the program accreditation process.



April Orange, MM, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}
Review Committee for Accredited Programs (RCAP)
MLS Educator (RCAP)
MLS Program Director
McLeod Health School of Medical Laboratory Science/
Pee Dee AHEC

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
No

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Crafts, jewelry making, reading, collecting pens

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Crafting in my She Shed or baking

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
Music: I love Gospel/Praise and Worship music Favorite Artists: Tasha Cobbs and Travis Greene TV series: Sweet Magnolias and Sullivan’s Crossing

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Absolutely, University of South Carolina Teams all Sports (my husband finally won me over to this school) and Minnesota Vikings

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Belize

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I was blessed with several crafty/artistic talents. I can make simple balloon animals. I also used to make hyperrealist cakes and wedding cakes.

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
Travel to Paris, France fingers crossed we will make this trip happen soon.

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
Ruffle potato chips and buttercream frosting

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
Miniature animals

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
I became an MLS because I don’t like little kid germs. I shadowed a pediatrician in January while in college and I realized that I could not handle kids coughing and sneezing on me all day long. I enjoyed healthcare and the laboratory setting. The MLS profession was a perfect blend. I became a Program director because I wanted to help transform healthcare as much as I could by helping to educate the next generation of medical laboratory professionals.

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
To provide my perspective from a hospital-based MLS program director, to give back to the profession by helping to ensure that we have quality education programs, and to learn as much as I can about the standards from a different perspective.



Carol Rentas, PhD, MEd, MLS(ASCP) SC^{CM} MB^{CCM}
Review Committee for Accredited Programs (RCAP)
MLS Educator (RCAP)
Assistant Professor Director, Clinical Laboratory Management Programs
George Washington University

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
Yes. A westie terrier (Caesar dog type) named Finley

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Reading, running

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
With family and friends doing anything.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
I love fantasy and science fiction books.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
not really a big sports fan

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Lots of favorites here but probably Rome

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
Nothing particularly interesting or surprising that I can think of. Maybe that I served 7 years in the army.

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
Visit China

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
A meditation candle. The irony is not lost on me because there is nothing meditative about my typical work day.

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
I entered the army to travel and the medical lab profession was suggested based on my ASVAB. Then I fell in love with the clinical laboratory.

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
I am here because I want to support peer programs through fair and constructive review, and help uphold the value and rigor of the accreditation process which protects the health professions and the ensures the quality of patient care our graduates go on to provide.



Casey Schroeder, PhD, MLS(ASCP), MB, SM, SLS
Review Committee for Accredited Programs (RCAP)
PHM Educator (RCAP)
Director III, Microbiology Unit
Texas Department of State Health Services Public Health Laboratory Division

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
No

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Hiking, photography,

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Being away from people by hiking

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
Classical, jazz, opera musical genres Books: Microbiology, Leadership, Military History

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Baseball

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Alaska

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
Used to storm chase until my wife made me stop

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
Not sure

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
Polio quarter and Teddy Roosevelt medal

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
The Army recalled me to Active Duty for COVID

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
Provide feedback and create the necessary documents for Public Health Microbiology certification



Renee Wilkins, PhD, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}
Review Committee for Accredited Programs (RCAP)
MLS Educator (RCAP)
HTL Program Director; Dept Chair of MLS
University of Mississippi Medical Center

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
2 cats, Penelope and Lucy

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Gardening (and I plan to become a master gardener), baking (sourdough, sweets), traveling, and soapmaking.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well.
I listen/watch a little bit of everything!

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Mississippi State University Bulldogs

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Italy/Greece

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
travel to Alaska

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS review committee are:
to understand the processes of reviewing and writing reports; and to engage/work with other members who share common interests.



Jason Yuhas, BS, CG(ASCP)MLS(ASCP) SC^{CM} MB^{CM}
Review Committee for Accredited Programs (RCAP)
Cytogenetic Educator (RCAP)
Compliance and Corporate Integrity Officer, Quality Improvement Coordinator, Director of Infection Control
North Shore Health Grand Marais

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
Three dogs. Max, Morty, and Millie. The boys are Havanese and our girl pup is a Jack Russell Terrier (Terror).

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Camping, Photography, Watching Hockey, Home Theater and Audio (albums)

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Relaxing with the family

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
80s, 90s alternative, classic rock

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
All things and teams hockey ;)

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Washington State

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I’m tongue tied

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
Travel more with our camper

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
Chicken and waffles

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
A golf ball from my former Admin Assistant claiming, “If found, please return...”

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
Profession change was inspired by bad employer practice. Loving my new field!

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
Continuing awareness of cytogenetics and best promoting the field.



Jerry Santiago, PhD, HTL(ASCP)QIHC
Board of Directors
Board Liaison - RCAP
Professor/Program Director Histologic Technology Program
Florida State College at Jacksonville

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
Small basenji named Jacklyn Marie.

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Riding bike, reading and nature walking.

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Most of the time watching TV, and shopping with my wife.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
Harry Potter

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Not really

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Buenos Aires, Argentina

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
not sure

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
ZipLine in Costa Rica

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
Hum...

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work

desk?
A Brazilian mortar and pestle

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
The love for medicine and patient care

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
1. Contribute to the definition of accreditation standards.
2. Increase visibility of laboratory education and programs.



Karen Brown, MS, MSCP, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}
Board of Directors - President
Adjunct Professor
University of Utah Department of Pathology, Medical Laboratory Sciences Division

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
I am an avid runner. I also bicycle and swim. I have completed hundreds of running road races, week-long and other bicycle tours (to include the Lotoja 200 miler - 2x), and many triathlons, even an Ironman distance event. I also enjoy hiking.

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Exercising, going out to breakfast, socializing and having dinner with friends, catching up with family (none live in Utah so have to call).

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well.
70s! Doobie Brothers, Carly Simon, Chicago, Elton John. Also 4 Seasons. I do like some music by current bands like Maroon 5, Train, One Republic. I also like movie musicals. Favorite type of book: history, historical fiction.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Yes. Cleveland Browns and any sport played by The Ohio State Buckeyes.

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Australia, New Zealand and the Solomon Islands (one trip) but also several countries in Africa (especially Rwanda and Lesotho) and along the Rhine River in Germany.

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I played trombone in high school and college. I took piano lessons when a child and am trying to pick it up again (though have not been good about practicing!)

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
I would like to go to Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany.

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
A miniature green plastic dinosaur.

What led you to pursue your current profession?
When I was in high school, my science club toured the medical laboratory at the local hospital. I knew I wanted to help people and liked science, but I did not want patient contact. Through this tour I realized I could be a scientist and help people without having to empty bedpans.

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
to be engaged and continuously committed to the entire accreditation process. I want to do the absolute best I can to fulfill NAACLS’ mission.



Marisa James, CAE, MA, MLS(ASCP)MLS(ASCP) SC^{CM} MB^{CM}
Staff
Chief Executive Officer
NAACLS

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
Berlin is my rescue German Shepherd mix. I walk her every morning even though she barks at inanimate creepy objects, grass that must smell suspicious, rabbits, cats, and most dogs. But she’s the sweetest pup when she’s off her leash or in the house.

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Whatever the kids (now 18 and 16) are doing. I also enjoy walking the dog, working out, puzzles.

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
When we can slow down and eat or spend any sort of time together as a family.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
I’m a Swiftie! I love reading thrillers, historical fiction, and silly romance novels after mindbenders. I enjoy listening to podcasts, such as Smartless, The Curiosity Shop (Adam Grant and Brene Brown), A Bit of Optimism, Working Genius, and Kathleen Madigan’s Pubcast.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
I am a proud Chiefs fan and still a fan of the Kansas City Royals, even though they are terrible.again. I enjoy watching Nebraska Volleyball and I like college football too (Nebraska and Kansas State are my favorites). I am hoping to go to more K-State at I am hoping to go to more K-State athletic events since my daughter is headed there this fall!

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Ireland. It will always be Ireland. Steve and I joined my parents back in 2011 and it may never be topped.

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
During my summers in high school, I detassled corn and worked in fireworks stands. I even got to package the big fireworks assortments in a factory and set up a new stand in Superior, Nebraska. These are common jobs growing up in Nebraska.

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
Someday I want to bring my daughter on a business trip. I think she would get a kick out of all the personalities. ;)

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
BBQ Chicken Pizza.

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
A Galileo floating temperature gauge.

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
Making wine and cheese in my High School Microbiology class. Even though Micro ended up being my least favorite laboratory discipline, I had to respect the fact that it was the gateway class for MLS.

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
to ensure we listen to one another with open minds, intentionally welcome and mentor new colleagues into our community, and explore innovative ways to expand the number of accredited programs across all current and future clinical laboratory science disciplines.



Julie Braglia
Staff
Exhibits and Operations Coordinator
NAACLS

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
Yes, a bengal cat. Bruce Wayne is 4 years old. He is very loud and active.

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Cooking, reading, peloton, puzzles.

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Spending time with friends/family. Going to dinners, plays, the pool, etc.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
I enjoy most genres of music...country, alternative, pop would be top tier. I enjoy reading historical fiction and fiction.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Love the Cubs, Bears, Blackhawks.

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
Travel to Europe

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
nothing yet!



Tara Cepull
Staff
Content Creator, Writer, & Editor
NAACLS

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
Not anymore, but I hope to get a long-haired dachshund one day - I love their short little legs!

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Hiking, reading, playing video games

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Sleep in, big breakfast, two cups of coffee, a hike outside, shower, and then reading on the couch or watching a movie with my husband.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
I like all music. Currently, I'm really into Taylor Swift, Raye, Olivia Rodrigo; I also love 90s country, rap/hip-hop, and Boy Bands! My favorite books to read are typically fantasy. My favorite TV show of all time is What We Do In The Shadows, but I also love Task Master, Parks & Rec, and watching comedy specials.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Enjoy sports but don't really root for any one team. Love to watch a good game! My local hockey team (Carolina Hurricanes) just won the Stanley Cup!!

Where is your favorite place you've traveled?
Shenandoah National Park (we go there 1-2x every year)

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I like to lift heavy weights! And I can't be friends with someone who doesn't laugh at my jokes. :)

What is something you haven't done yet, but you'd like to soon?
Hike the Appalachian Trail.

What's the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
My food preferences usually revolve around texture - I love a Hello Dolly square (some people call them Howdy Doody's), which has graham cracker, nuts, chocolate, coconut (it's the ONLY item I enjoy coconut in), and condensed milk. YUM!

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
A music box that plays the Harry Potter theme when cranked.

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
I have always wanted to write - when I was 7 years old, I was gifted a typewriter for my birthday. I left full-time work 2.5 years ago in order to pursue more writing, and I love it!

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
To help educate the public further on the clinical laboratory profession and opportunities, as well as the impact the profession has on patients that isn't always as celebrated as it should. If more people know about the career, I think more people will pursue degrees in NAACLS' accredited programs, which would further benefit health systems and the public as a whole!



Russell DeCaluwe
Staff
Program Accreditation Coordinator & Quality Assurance Liaison
NAACLS

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
I have a cat named Ollie and a dog named Lily! Ollie is 8 years old and a bit on the chubby side at a meager 22 lbs but that doesn't stop him from having a good time. He is a very sweet and affectionate boy that likes to watch a good episode of The Incredible Dr. Pol with his mom and dad. You will always know where he is as he is very vocal. Lily is my anxiety driven Cavapoo that barks a big game behind closed doors but once she comes face to face with whatever creature of the day she is barking at outside, she hides behind me. She is very protective and very loving, so much so that I fear if it came down to me or Lily, my wife might send me away.

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?

Bowling, Pickleball, Bags aka Cornhole and Swimming.

What's your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Anything with my wife. It can be something as simple as dinner and a movie or extensive like taking a trip together. She is my best friend so anything I do with her is fun!

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
I love all sorts of music to be honest. My range can go from Eminem to Chris Stapleton to some good old-fashioned oldies! Truly depends on my mood at the time.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Big Chicago sports fan! Bears, Blackhawks, Bulls and Cubs all the way!! Favorite athlete is the GOAT Michael Jordan.

Where is your favorite place you've traveled?
Italy!! Nothing beats Italy. I would move there if I could.

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I won the spelling bee multiple times in grade school.

What is something you haven't done yet, but you'd like to soon?
Travel to the Isle of Skye in Scotland.

What's the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
Scrambled eggs with ketchup. I also love Hotdogs/Mac n Cheese topped with ketchup.

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
The Aflac Duck.

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
I was always interested in various aspects of the education field and once I discovered NAACLS and accreditation, I never looked back.

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
to help accreditation grow and create even stronger bonds between programs and staff.



Megan Eggert
Staff
Meeting and Events Planner
NAACLS

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
Yes! I have a 6 month old Norwich Terrier named Ruby. She's very friendly, funny, stubborn, and a rascal.

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Gardening, traveling, walking, dining out, going to concerts and museums.

What's your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Going out for dinner or gathering with friends and family.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
Prince is my all time favorite artist. I like all types of music except for jazz. I like to read non-fiction and historical fiction. I stream a lot of shows and movies; no particular favorite, but Sci Fi is my least favorite. Favorite decade for movies was the 70s.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
Yes! I love baseball, football, college basketball and golf. Favorite team is the Cubs!

Where is your favorite place you've traveled?
I have two: Ireland and Italy

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
I'm a huge animal lover! Not sure that's surprising but I'm a bit nuts about them, especially dogs. And I love going to the zoo.

What is something you haven't done yet, but you'd like to soon?
Travel more. I'd like to go back to some European countries I've already been to, and many more I haven't been to. Netherlands is #1 on my list.

What's the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
Mostly items related to Prince

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
I have a degree in Journalism and Mass Communication and was hired as Publications Section Head by NAACLS after college. Eventually, I was given the opportunity to plan workshops, meetings and events!

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
To serve the BOD and review committees in my capacity as Meetings & Events Planner. To make meetings productive, interesting and fun.



Michele Giannosa
Staff
Volunteer Services Manager
NAACLS

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
Yes, I have a Great Dane Boxer Mix named Mac like Mac N Cheese. He was a rescue who was named Diesel but that didn't fix his cheesy personality. He is 100lb lap dog. We also have a fish tank.

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
I love to bake. It has been fun baking with my boys but the outcome is always questionable when they assist!

What's your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Anything that involves spending time with my husband and 2 boys. I have a big Italian family so anything that involves family time is great weekend for me.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
Prior to kids, I loved country music. Now I prefer silence when I am kid free in the car. LOL. Book wise, I love me a "Spicy" book. :) I do love all the One Chicago series on TV or on Netflix I love Sweet Magnolias, Sullivans Crossing or Virgin River.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
I am from Chicago, of course I am sports fan. Go Cubs & Hawks!

Where is your favorite place you've traveled?
Favorite place I traveled has to be Italy or Greece for our honeymoon. Otherwise in the states, I am huge Disney fan or my parents summer house in Michigan.

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
Aside from my RBF, I have a great personality and wear my heart on my sleeve. LOL

What is something you haven't done yet, but you'd like to soon?

Since becoming a boy mom, I have a growing interest in camping. I fear I am more of glamper, right now though.

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
I don’t know if it is unexpected but I love me cold coke for breakfast.

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
My siblings use the middle finger as a expression of “I love you”, so I have a variety of middle finger decor that brighten my day.

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
That is a great question...I always wanted to take over my dad’s plumbing company but that wasn’t acceptable profession for a girl. My mom and sisters chose nursing and I knew I did not have the bedside manor for that career either. Lol I always loved science so I went to school for that. I always said I wanted to be the person who performed the tests in the lab but I never knew the profession. After college, I worked in a cadaver lab for awhile and then found NAACLS, which is when I discovered what I originally should have went to school for. So although, I may be on the accreditation side, I do love all things lab science!

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
As a Staff member in program services, I find problem solving to be fun. I love a new challenge or idea and making it come to life. As the Volunteer Services Manager, I hope to show our volunteers how much of a asset they to the NAACLS community. They are the backbone of our organization.



Jessy Jasso
Staff
Onboarding Review Specialist and Accreditation Coordinator
NAACLS

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
No pets. My neighbor has a sweet dog though, her name is Cookie!

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
I like to read, go to the gym, shop, cook, and listen to music.

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
A morning Zumba class, then a coffee shop. We also love to have Sunday barbeques with family and friends.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
I like all music, except death metal. I tend to read self-help, motivational, and romance books. I do not have much time for to watch T.V. or to watch movies. But if I do watch a movie, it is foreign and if I watch T.V., it is going to be something paranormal, house related or shows like the Handmaiden’s tale.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
No, but with a house full of men... I would say Soccer!

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
This is a hard question! We love to travel. I just went to a small island, called Cayos Cochinos in Honduras and it is breathtaking. The water is crystal clear, and time is lost.

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
As bubbly as I am, I am actually very much a ambivert.

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?

Taking Nico to Europe, is still very much on our list.

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
Mayo/Ketchup dressing. I have seen this combination, since childhood... but thought it was weird. Then I went to Puerto Rico, and they gave it to us for the tostones (fried plaintains) and I was like wow... this is really good!

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
Nothing, but Mark has a disco ball and Steff has this weird vintage lamp that has strands that resemble hair (I think it is some type of yarn). Ask her to show you a picture of it!

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
I am a galvanizer, and extremely organized. I value seeing the direct results of my work, and having the autonomy to navigate challenges to make decisions.

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
To be unified, be treated with respect and to help safeguard patient’s health.



Jennifer Loyo
Staff
Accounting Manager
NAACLS

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
Fish: I have a convict cichlid named King Pin and multiple red jewel cichlids Bunnies: I have two lionhead girls Gloria and Juana and a REW boy named Zero

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
I love aquascaping (underwater gardening) my fish tank and decorating my bunnies’ pen. I collect records and also do nails.

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Spend time with family and work at the salon. I recently got a masterclass subscription so I’ve been learning more skills for the hobbies I like.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
I like mystery books, watching docuseries, and I mostly listen to rap, cumbia, and R&B/Soul.

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Egypt

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
Travel to Spain and Portugal.

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
Apples and oranges with lime and a dash of salt.

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
A multi color plush cow I won on a NAACLS team building outing.

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
Increase revenue to support NAACLS’ growth and goals.



Mark Spence
Staff
Directory of Strategic Initiatives
NAACLS

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
No pets. Regrettably my travel schedule is not pet friendly.

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
I really like to cook, go to live shows, scour the new music releases every Friday morning to find my next favorite band and record shopping.

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Catch up with friends, do my grocery shopping and maybe find a cooking project to get involved in.

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
Pretty much open to any genre of music, though I have a limited patience for heavy metal. I love the ASolaF (aka Game of Thrones) books, currently re-reading the series... again. I try to watch as many movies as possible.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
I enjoy the NBA as a whole! It is a constant soap opera, and I am a fan. I guess the Bulls are my favorite by proximity, but they have been hopelessly average for quite a while.

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
I’ve been very lucky to travel and represent NAACLS at a quite a few places either domestically and internationally. My favorites have been eastern Southeast Asia, Eastern Europe and Mexico.

What’s the most unexpected food combination you enjoy?
Fish sauce and Jack’s frozen pizza.

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
I have a wooden bird on my desk at the Rosemont office that was gifted by (perhaps stolen from) a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors when he was a teenager.

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
After a year of living in Chicago, and making no money working in a record store, a friend of mine told me she was leaving her current job. She and other friends were going to work in the Virgin Islands for about a year, so her current position would be open. That position was at the reception desk at NAACLS!

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
Provide insight and helpful perspectives to the organization from the variety of meetings I attend and assist NAACLS volunteers in the incredibly important work they do.



Elizabeth Swartz
Staff
IT Manager
NAACLS

Do you have pets? If so, tell us about them!
Josie, a labradoodle, aka JosieBean.

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
gardening

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Probably doing something my kid enjoys & ending with a family game night.

Are you a sports fan? Who is your favorite athlete or team?
nope. Kid’s team?

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Hawaii or Paris?

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
Scuba in open waters

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?

What is something you haven’t done yet, but you’d like to soon?
Travel to Greece and Italy.

What is the funniest/strangest item on your work desk?
A plastic toy shark from our trip to New Orleans.

What led you to pursue your current profession? I
The unexpected early retirement of my husband from AT&T.

Please finish this thought: My goals for serving as a member of the NAACLS Board of Directors/Review Committee/Staff are:
To provide the best customer service I can to students, program directors and NAACLS volunteers. To be the best co-worker I can to NAACLS staff members.



Stefanie Troxell
Staff
Program Accreditation Coordinator
NAACLS

What hobbies or (not work related) interests do you have?
Camping, sewing, attending German events, spending time with our 5 grandchildren!

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?
Camping!

What is your favorite band or musical genre? How about one of your favorite reads or types of books? If you are into movies and TV, let us know here as well?
Alternative - from the 80's to today. Christian music is a close second.

Where is your favorite place you’ve traveled?
Germany.

What is one thing that we might find surprising about you?
My family and I are involved in a German dance group in Chicago and also Milwaukee.