



**Texas Association for Clinical Laboratory Science www.tacsl.org
2024 TACLS ANNUAL MEETING – April 10-13, 2024**

Lake Granbury Conference Center ■ 621 E Pearl St, Granbury, TX 76048
Hilton Garden Inn ■ 635 East Pearl Street, Granbury, TX 76048,

Preliminary Program

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Registration in the Lake Granbury Conference Center
3:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Student Bowl Competition in the Lake Granbury Conference Center
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Vendor Setup

Thursday, April 11, 2024

7:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration in the Lake Granbury Conference Center
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Opening of Exhibits and Welcome Breakfast
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Poster Presentation and Judging
9:00 am – 10:00 am	A. Tiffany Roerich Wafford, MSTM, MLS(ASCP)CM, SBBCM “Platelet Transfusion Refractoriness: From Diagnosis to Management”
	B. LaShanta Brice, DCLS, MLS(ASCP) ^{CM} SH(ASCP) ^{CM} “Optimizing Coagulation Care: The Role of Therapeutic Drug Monitoring”
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Break in Foyer
10:30 am – 11:30 am	A. Sandy Wortman, MLS(ASCP)SBB ^{CM} “Validation, Proficiency Testing & Competency: Lions, Tigers & Bears...Oh My!”

	<p>B. Miles Tompkins, MLT(ASCP)^{CM}</p> <p>“A Breakdown of Breakdowns: What’s tearing the Laboratory Sciences apart and how to put it back together again.</p>
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Exhibits and Lunch Break
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Student Forum Meeting (Box Lunches provided)
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	<p>Opening Keynote</p> <p>Linda Smith, PhD, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}BB^{CM}</p> <p>“Professional Identity & MLS Nomenclature – We Finally Have It Right!</p>
2:15pm – 3:15 pm	<p>A. Cordy Kudika, MHA, CHS (ACHI)</p> <p>“From Discovery to Destiny: An Introduction to HLA and My Path Toward Specialization in Histocompatibility.”</p> <p>B. Shannon Bain, Clinical Pathology Laboratories</p> <p>“Lab Competencies”</p>
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	<p>A. Thermo Fisher Scientific</p> <p>“Oncology Sequencing”</p> <p>Brittany Teeter M.S CLS, MLS (ASCP)^{CM}</p> <p>“Defending Against COVID-19: The Critical Role of Vitamin D in Immune Health”</p>
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Break in Foyer – Get your Lab Olympics team ready, all can participate
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Lab Olympics
6:30 pm – 10:00 pm	<p>TACLS Reception</p> <p>Sponsor Pending</p> <p>Food, cash bar and entertainment</p>

Friday, April 12, 2024

7:00 am – 12:00 pm	Registration in the Lake Granbury Conference Center
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Exhibits (Breakfast available till 9am)
9:00 am – 10:00 am	A. Heather Parks, MLS (ASCP) ^{CM} “Taking the Mystery out of Bone Marrow Procedures” B. Danielle Clement, M.Ed., MSN, WHNP, AGNP BD’s Women’s Health Solutions presents: “BD Onclarity™ HPV Assay -- Why extended genotyping matters.”
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Break in Foyer
10:30 am – 11:30 am	A. Emily Wilson, MLS(ASCP)SBB “Case Study from the Immunohematology Reference Laboratory” B. Rachel Turner, MPH, MLS(ASCP) ^{CM} , Texas Department of Health, and Human Services
11:30 am – 1:15 pm	TACLS Luncheon, Award Presentation, and Spring Board meeting (All are invited to attend) Box Lunches Provided
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	A. Diana Candy Muzquiz, MBA, MLS (ASCP) “Step-by-Step description of how to set up a lab in a Free Standing ER” B. Karrie Hovis, Senior Ambassador, & James Jacobi, Enterprise Account Manager, Abbott Laboratories Core Diagnostics “Detecting Mild Traumatic Brain Injury”
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Closing Keynote Hassan Aziz, PhD, FACSS, MLS(ASCP) ^{CM} “Role of Artificial Intelligence in Transforming Healthcare”

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