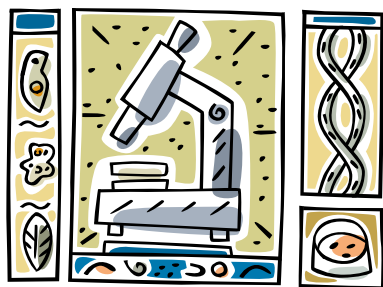


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A Message from the President

Christie Thompson, Ed.D., TACLS President



Mark your calendars for the TACLS Annual Meeting in Corpus Christi. The meeting will begin on Wednesday, March 30 with the opening of exhibits reception and special door prizes at 5 pm. The exhibits and door prizes will continue until Friday afternoon. Student Bowl will begin Thursday morning at 8 am with finals on Friday.

Paula Garrett, past-president of ASCLS, will be our keynote speaker on Thursday followed by a special Reception and Recruitment Fair at 5:30 pm. Current ASCLS President, Susan Morris, has accepted the convention committee's

invitation for a keynote address on Friday followed by the awards and first House of Delegates.

Saturday, April 2 features two workshops and a special Omni Hotel lunch before the second House of Delegates. In addition to the Saturday workshops, over 20 scientific presentations are scheduled for Thursday and Friday.

The Omni Bayfront is located in downtown Corpus Christi near the museum district, the Texas State Aquarium, the USS Lexington, the arena, the marina and the new baseball field for the Corpus Christi Hooks. So get Hooked on TACLS and join us in Corpus Christi.

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Corpus Christi 2005

National Medical Laboratory Week April 24-30



LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS

The Heart Of The Medical
Investigation Team

It's time to order your t-shirts, buttons, and other essentials to celebrate National Medical Laboratory Week. This year marks the 30th anniversary of National Medical Laboratory Week. You can order items from the ASCLS website at <http://www.ascls.org/about/national.asp>.

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TACLS Winter Business Meeting and CE Program on February 5

The annual TACLS Winter Board Meeting and CE Program will be held in San Antonio on Saturday, February 5, at 10:00 AM in Room 4.110 at the School of Allied Health Sciences at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

To get there from Loop 410, take the Babcock exit and take a right on Babcock. Go to Wurzbach (about a mile) and turn right. Go about a half mile to Louis Pasteur Drive and take a left. (The CTSC is on the corner.) Go about 4 blocks and turn left into the UTHSCSA campus. There are three buildings on that campus (North campus) and the SAHS is the white building in the middle. Directional signs with the room number will be posted on the front doors.

Jackie Keene, MBA, MT(ASCP) will be the speaker for the CE program. Her presentation is titled, "Performance Improvement: A Laboratory Project." Jackie is a UTHSCSA Clinical Laboratory Sciences alumna and has been recognized by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations for her innovative plan to enhance patient outcome measures at the Warm Springs Baptist Rehabilitation Clinic. Patient satisfaction rates with clinical laboratory services have soared to more than 98 percent since the plan was implemented.

The TACLS Business Meeting will follow Jackie's presentation. All members are welcome to attend and participate. Some of the items that will be discussed at this meeting include legislative issues, the TACLS annual convention, future CE programs, and election of new officers. Light refreshments will be served.

TACLS CE Program



Performance Improvement: A Laboratory Project

**Jackie Keene, MBA, MT(ASCP)
System Director of Ancillary Services,
Warm Springs Rehabilitation Hospital
San Antonio, Texas**

This presentation earned the Joint Commission on Healthcare Organizations' Codman Award and will describe the results of patients' evaluation of hospital services (conducted by an external agency), the laboratory's rating, and how the laboratory improved its image with the patients.

10:00 AM, Saturday, February 5, 2005
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