

ASHI MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



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Graduated from: Philander Smith University
How long have you been an ASHI member?
17 years

Your first ASHI Meeting: Savannah, GA (September 28 – October 2, 2015). It's always a great time. I loved catching up with past colleagues and meeting new colleagues.

What made you decide to work in HLA? Shortly after graduating from college, I applied to UAMS for a job opening as an HLA Technologist. At the time of my application, I honestly didn't know anything about the HLA field. I was just happy to apply for a role that would allow me to utilize my Biology Degree.

What do you find to be the most rewarding aspect of your work? The most rewarding aspect of my work in HLA is the direct impact it has on patient care. Knowing that my work contributes to critical transplant decisions and helps improve outcomes gives me a strong sense of purpose and fulfillment. Even though much of my role is behind the scenes, I take pride in being part of a process that can give patients a second chance at life.

Tell us a fun fact about yourself: My Husband says that he doesn't like to play games with me, because I'm super competitive. I love being a wife and a mother to our 6-year-old daughter. I enjoy baking, cooking, traveling & event planning & decorating.