

# ASHI MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



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**How long have you been an ASHI member?**  
4 years

**When was your first ASHI Meeting?** My first ASHI meeting was the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. I enjoyed all of the talks and presentations, but my fondest memory has to be the car rental place warning me about tumbleweeds, and the subsequent shock when I was told that they can pop tires and catch fire! Not something I've had to think about living in Florida!

**What made you decide to work in HLA?** When I got my first driver's license and was asked if I wanted to be an organ donor, I thought it was the coolest concept. It had my curiosity since then. Later in life, a friend's son received a heart transplant. Seeing that journey solidified my desire to help in the realm of organ donation and has led me here.

**What do you find to be the most rewarding aspect of your work?** It's very rewarding to hear the stories of transplantation. The firsthand accounts remind us that this is real and what we do is important.

**Tell us a fun fact about yourself:** I love tinkering. I can always be found in the middle of a project, whether it's crocheting a dinosaur for Comic Con, assembling a model arc reactor, or working on a craft that gives me an excuse to use a power saw.