

This week I will update you on the ASCLD scholarship program and also the passing of a colleague. We wish those of you in the United States a nice Thanksgiving holiday. Thanksgiving is a time when we remember those blessings we enjoy in our lives. My family has a tradition that before Thanksgiving dinner we go around the table and share several blessings we have in our lives. Mentions are always made of family, friends, beliefs, freedoms, jobs, homes, and transportation. As I prepare my thoughts for this event I have been reminded through several events this week how grateful I am for the gift of life and health. I am also grateful this year to be able to be with my family and friends for the holiday. I know many of you will spend the holiday providing critical criminal justice services for your agency; others will travel to the ISO TAG meeting on behalf of ASCLD. I am thankful for the dedicated professionals I have the blessing to work with on a daily basis at my agency and also through ASCLD. Travel safely and have an enjoyable holiday!

ASCLD Scholarships

- Because ASCLD has representation at ABC, we have one ASCLD scholarship available each year for someone to take the ABC certification test. Interested individuals should contact ASCLD board member Scott O'Neill to apply for this opportunity.
- Do you know a student who is in the process of obtaining a degree related to the field of forensic science and may need financial assistance? If so, ASCLD's annual scholarship solicitation is now open and accepting applications. The application deadline is February 15th, 2019. The annual award is in the amount of \$1000. Information and the application can be found on the ASCLD website <http://www.ascld.org/nominations/>. The recipients are recommended by the Nominating & Awards Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. Their names will be announced at the Annual Symposium in St. Louis in May.

The scholarship awards are for undergraduate and graduate students in forensic science. Applicants must be juniors or seniors in a baccalaureate program or a graduate student (masters or doctorate) at an accredited university who are pursuing a degree in forensic science, forensic chemistry, a physical or natural science. Applicants from FEPAC accredited programs will be given additional consideration.

Selection criteria:

- Overall scholastic record
- Scholastic record in forensic science coursework
- Motivation or commitment to a forensic science career
- Personal statement
- Faculty/Academic Advisor recommendation

In Memorium

ASCLD expresses our deepest sympathy to the family of "Artie" Eisenberg. Arthur Eisenberg, PhD, a pioneer in the field of forensic genetics who helped thousands of families identify their missing loved ones, died Thursday. He was 62. Dr. Eisenberg was a former chair of the United States DNA Advisory Board, served on the Texas Forensic Science Commission and was a member of the Department of Justice's Missing Persons Task Force, the National Forensic DNA Review Panel, the Association of Forensic DNA Analysts and Administrators, the American Academy of Forensic Science and the American Association of Blood Banks. He was the 2011 recipient of the Paul L. Kirk Award from the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. Dr. Eisenberg, known as Art to his friends and colleagues, helped establish the UNT Center for Human Identification as well as UNT Health Science Center's

graduate program for forensic genetics. Through the master's program, he mentored a generation of forensic analysts who went on to solve cases and make DNA associations for state and federal law enforcement agencies across the United States. We have included a link to a document outlining his many accomplishments. <https://www.unthsc.edu/newsroom/story/forensic-dna-pioneer-arthur-eisenberg-passes-away-at-62/>

