

Nationwide API Scholarships Awarded to Medical Laboratory Science Students

Five medical laboratory science students with plans to address challenges in the laboratory field were awarded scholarships by the American Proficiency Institute (API). For the 12th year in a row, “API scholarships support students who drive the future of the clinical laboratory profession,” explained Daniel C. Edson, President of API.

API awarded \$2,000 scholarships to: Elizabeth Brzezinski, a senior at University of Wisconsin at La Crosse; Emily Landreneau, a senior at Louisiana State University Health Science Center; Misty Schoolfield, a junior at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences; Rachel Siddall, a senior at Ferris State University; and Elizabeth Valcourt, a senior at University of New Hampshire.

“I think it is important to have well-trained and knowledgeable lab scientists in rural areas,” noted Ms. Brzezinski. “I hope to obtain a job in a rural health facility. A key aspect of health care is being available to all those in need.”

“I would like to be involved with developing tests and clinical trials, offering new solutions to health issues,” explained Ms. Schoolfield. While performing molecular testing for genetic mutations in tumors, she realized, “after the data analysis, treatment could be specifically tailored for each patient. I truly believe this could change the fight against cancer.”

Starting college as a welding engineering technology student, Ms. Siddall soon turned her focus to the clinical laboratory science field. “I wanted a career I was passionate about and that had a positive impact on people.”

“These students are focused on the opportunities offered by the clinical laboratory field,” said Edson. “Many expressed a desire to lead by sharing knowledge, improving processes, and attracting others to the profession. With students like these, our future is in good hands.”