

API Scholarships Support Students Essential to Medical Laboratory Science

Five students pursuing careers in the clinical laboratory have been awarded scholarships by the American Proficiency Institute (API). “With the COVID-19 pandemic, the vital importance of medical laboratory scientists has risen in consciousness,” explained Daniel C. Edson, President of API. “We are proud to continue for the 13th year scholarship support for the clinical laboratory profession.”

API awarded \$2,000 scholarships to: Hailie Baar, a senior at Grand Valley State University; Sierra Hammons, a junior at Muskingum University; Alex Lowman, a junior at the University of Mississippi Medical Center; Santana Cater, a senior at Georgia Southern University; and Molder Yestemessova, a junior at Texas Tech University Health Science Center.

“Clinical laboratory science is at the forefront of all of the innovation created by this pandemic,” explained Ms. Baar. “Employees in clinical laboratory science are truly the behind-the-scenes heroes. The laboratory plays an essential role in healthcare that I want to be part of.”

“The world is getting a crash course in lab information and I love it,” exclaimed Ms. Hammons. “We see how much work, knowledge, research and expertise goes into developing, running and obtaining laboratory results. Now the spotlight is on us and people can see how important this field is.”

“All of these scholarship winners have persevered to pursue their medical laboratory education,” noted Mr. Edson. “One returned to college after practicing as a nurse, a few have experienced deep, personal losses that influenced their future career choice, and most are working and saving to finance their own education. This is a determined group of students that will serve well the laboratory profession.”

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