

MESSAGE FROM A 2009 SYCL TRAVEL GRANT WINNER

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My name is Kara Lynch. I am a postdoctoral fellow in clinical chemistry at the University of California San Francisco.

I am grateful for the Van Slyke Foundation for providing funding for the SYCL domestic travel grants. I am honored to be one of the recipients who received a grant this year to attend the 2009 AACC annual meeting.

Attending the AACC annual meeting is a great opportunity to learn more about the new technologies and developments in the field of clinical chemistry through the numerous talks and activities.

I will also be presenting my research in a poster session, participating in the student poster contest and leading a brown bag session. I look forward to discussing my work with other clinical chemists to obtain ideas for future work and gain experience in communicating my research.

Meeting with colleagues is another large part of the AACC annual meeting. It is a great opportunity to make connections with other clinical chemists which could lead to collaborative projects in the future.

Having the opportunity to attend the annual meeting is a great asset to my career development. I would like to thank the AACC Van Slyke Foundation and the SYCL committee for making this possible for me and other SYCL members as well.