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Included below is a press release regarding Emily Tribble of Swartz Creek and Gene LaFleche of Alpena, both of whom received honors at the Michigan Society for Clinical Laboratory Science convention. Further information is available by contacting Leah Nixon.

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### **Clinical Laboratory Science students excel at convention**

BIG RAPIDS – Two senior students enrolled in the Medical Technology program at Ferris State University were recognized at the recent annual convention of the Michigan Society for Clinical Laboratory Science held in Livonia.

Emily Tribble, a senior majoring in MT from Swartz Creek, was elected to represent the students enrolled in the 24 Clinical Laboratory Science programs in Michigan. She will serve as the student representative to MSCLS for the next year. Her responsibilities include attending scheduled meetings of the MSCLS Board of Directors, writing a column for the organization's newsletter and representing the interests of students planning careers in clinical laboratories.

As part of her duties, Tribble will attend the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science convention in July 2007.

The Martha Roulund Membership Award is given to recognize future leaders of the society. The award for 2006 was given to Gene LaFleche, a senior majoring in MT from Alpena. LaFleche was nominated for this award by associate professor Daniel P. deRegnier. LaFleche was recognized for his participation in MSCLS Legislative Day in Lansing and for his potential to accept additional responsibilities as his career develops.

The Clinical Laboratory Science programs at Ferris include a certificate program in Phlebotomy, an A.A.S. degree in Medical Laboratory Technology, and a B.S. degree in Medical Technology. Clinical laboratory scientists perform, assess and develop the laboratory testing on which physicians base about 70 percent of their diagnostic decisions. Because of the rapid growth of clinical laboratory testing, it is estimated there will be about 14,000 job openings per year in the United States, with about 4,500 graduates per year. Ferris has one of the largest CLS programs in Michigan. Further information is available at [www.ferris.edu/cls](http://www.ferris.edu/cls).

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