FALL 2026 NEWSLETTER

FLSSAMT Connections

Learning, Leading & Looking Ahead

This summer and fall gave us plenty of chances to learn and connect. Florida AMT was there. We joined the 2026 AMT Annual Meeting in Columbus. We also joined the Magnolia Educational Treasures meeting in Mobile. Along the way, our members built relationships and gathered new ideas for what comes next.

The biggest takeaway? Professional organizations are strongest when we do more than attend meetings. We connect. We share what we learn. We welcome new people. And we bring those ideas home.

Florida Represents at the 2026 AMT Annual Meeting



Florida members representing FLSSAMT at the 2026 AMT Annual Meeting in Columbus.

Florida was well represented at the AMT 2026 Annual Meeting. It took place July 21–24 in Columbus. Laboratory and allied health professionals came together from across the country. The week included continuing education, leadership development, committee work, networking, recognition, and national business.

One of the best parts was simply meeting other Florida members. Annual meetings let us meet people we usually know only through email, social media, or virtual meetings.

The meeting also sparked important conversations. We talked about the future of AMT state societies. We talked about member engagement and leadership development. And we talked about how states can keep creating value for their members.

Change management was a major theme. Gregg Brown's keynote was titled *Leading What's Next: Becoming Future-Ready in a Changing Healthcare World*. It challenged attendees to think about Mindset, Innovation, and Action. For Florida, that raises one question:

> **How do we keep our members connected, informed, and involved while AMT continues evolving?**

That conversation will continue throughout the coming year.

Learning from the Southern District: Magnolia Educational Treasures



Florida members in Mobile at the Magnolia Educational Treasures meeting.

In September, members gathered in Mobile for the Magnolia Educational Treasures meeting. It showed us something valuable. Allied health education doesn't have to live in a single lane.

Friday's general sessions covered measles and vaccines, leadership, work-life balance, healthcare policy, nontraditional students, and infectious disease.

Saturday's tracks split by discipline:

- **Allied Health:** communication, conflict resolution, therapeutic phlebotomy, medical terminology, patient intake, and patient assessment.
- **MLS:** anemia, AI and automation in the laboratory, lupus and laboratory diagnostics, special collections, and laboratory safety.

That variety is worth remembering as Florida grows. Our members include laboratory professionals, medical assistants, phlebotomists, dental assistants, students, and educators. Programming for many disciplines could help us reach members who haven't attended state meetings before.

The next Magnolia Educational Treasures meeting is planned for 2028 in Charlotte.

Ideas We're Bringing Home to Florida

Other states and districts sparked ideas for keeping Florida members connected:

`Virtual education` `Regional coffee meetups` `Allied health book clubs` `Community health events` `Blood drives` `Student outreach` `Member spotlights` `Career development` `Volunteer leadership`

We also want to engage our growing dental assisting membership. And we want to offer education that represents the full allied health community.

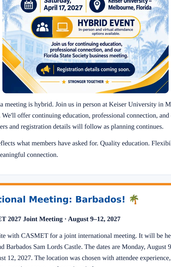
Florida has approximately 8,000 AMT members. The challenge isn't simply reaching them. It's giving them reasons to connect with one another.

Coming Up: Florida Virtual Meeting

Saturday, October 24, 2026

9:00 AM–1:00 PM Eastern · Virtual Continuing Education & Business Meeting

Earn 2 free continuing education credits. Take part in professional education. Then stay for the Florida State Society business meeting. It's an easy way to reconnect without travel, hotel costs, or a lost weekend.



Register Now

Spring 2027: Let's Meet in Person

Saturday, April 17, 2027 · Keiser University in Melbourne · Hybrid meeting



Our next Florida meeting is hybrid. Join us in person at Keiser University in Melbourne or attend virtually. We'll offer continuing education, professional connection, and our business meeting. Speakers and registration details will follow as planning continues.

This meeting reflects what members have asked for. Quality education. Flexibility. Networking. Meaningful connection.

Next National Meeting: Barbados! 🌴

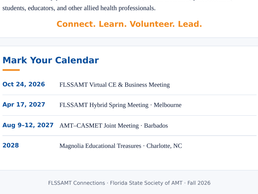
AMT–CASMET 2027 Joint Meeting · August 9–12, 2027

AMT will reunite with CASMET for a joint international meeting. It will be held at the Wyndham Grand Barbados Sam Lords Castle. The dates are Monday, August 9 through Thursday, August 12, 2027. The location was chosen with attendee experience, amenities, airport proximity, meeting space, and cost in mind.

Want to get more involved with AMT nationally? Put this one on your calendar early.

Connection Happens Between Meetings, Too

One lesson from both Columbus and Mobile was simple. Some of the most meaningful experiences happen outside the classroom. Over dinner. On the courthouse steps. In a conversation between sessions. When someone introduces you to another member and your network gets a little bigger.



Between sessions on the courthouse steps in Columbus.

That's the community we want to keep building in Florida. There is room for you here. That includes laboratory professionals, medical assistants, dental assistants, phlebotomists, students, educators, and other allied health professionals.

Connect. Learn. Volunteer. Lead.

Mark Your Calendar

Oct 24, 2026	FLSSAMT Virtual CE & Business Meeting
Apr 17, 2027	FLSSAMT Hybrid Spring Meeting · Melbourne
Aug 9–12, 2027	AMT–CASMET Joint Meeting · Barbados
2028	Magnolia Educational Treasures · Charlotte, NC