

Nominee for President-Elect

Rachael Looney

North Carolina State Crime Lab

Education Background:

- B.S. in Forensic Science and double minor in Biology and Criminal Investigations – *The University of Tampa*
- M.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences with a concentration in Forensic Drug Chemistry – *The University of Florida*
- Graduate Certificate in Forensic Toxicology – *The University of Florida*

Employment History:

- Forensic Scientist II- North Carolina State Crime Laboratory
 - (FSI Aug.2021- November 2022; FSII November 2022-Present)
- Criminalist- San Mateo County Sheriff's Office (June 2019- July 2021)
- LC-MS/MS Analyst- Anresco Laboratories (October 2018-June 2019)

Previous SAFS Involvement:

- Attended Annual Conference as an Undergraduate Student
- Became SAFS member in 2022
- Training Education and Research Committee (July 2024- present)
- 2026 SAFS Annual Meeting Planning Committee

Additional Memberships/ Certifications:

- American Board of Criminalistics certification (ABC-DA)- December 2022
- California Association of Criminalistics (CAC)- Associate Member

Why do you want to serve on the SAFS Board of Directors?

As a forensic chemistry student at the University of Tampa, attending SAFS provided an invaluable opportunity to not only learn from industry experts but also to connect with a community of professionals passionate about forensic science and its future. This networking experience led to two internships with local forensic laboratories, providing a jump start to in my career in forensics and allowing me to gain hands-on experience in the field. I am deeply grateful for the opportunities, connections, and sense of community I've found through SAFS. It is my aspiration to contribute to the organization that has been instrumental in providing me with an inspiring network and a strong foundation for my career.

