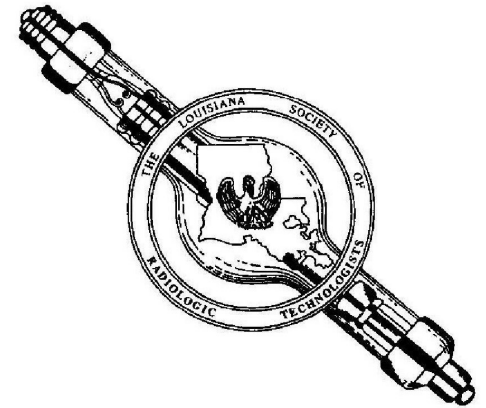


# Focal Spot Monitor



## Presidential Message

The LSRT Midwinter Seminar was held on Saturday, March 11th. As always, it was a successful event with both technologist and student involvement. On behalf of all LSRT members, I would like to congratulate our Meeting Planner, Caitlan Clark, for the hard work by her and the local committee to coordinate the day's activities. Senior students were engaged with Certification Review sessions to further prepare them for their coveted credentials. Junior students were engrossed in networking and critical thinking activities led by Mrs. Jaelyn Peters. Technologists had the opportunity to earn up to 5 CEs in lectures provided throughout the day. Coughlin Hall on the LSU Campus was full of vendor tables eager to discuss employment opportunities, and the LSRT is so appreciative of their time to attend!

The LSRT is happy to announce our new website! This has been an ongoing project, and we owe special thanks to Mr. Greg Bradley, the Director of Publications, for all of his hard work on seeing it completed. We hope you will all take a moment to visit the new website at [www.lsrtnet.net](http://www.lsrtnet.net). We are committed to providing members with the best services, and this website is no exception. The new page will allow you to navigate the LSRT's offerings in an easier format. The new webpage was funded by the ASRT Affiliate Development Program under last year's LSRT President, Mrs. Rebecca Hamm.

As we have previously shared, the LSRT has been very proactive in monitoring state legislative news for updates concerning the state's current full licensure requirement. At this time, the LSRT has not been able to identify any legislation that has been presented to challenge full licensure. However, the LSRT is working diligently with the ASRT to stay abreast of all legislative affairs so that we are prepared to fully defend patient safety in Louisiana. The current staffing crisis is affecting hospitals nationwide. As a result, medical imaging responsibilities have been threatened by encroachment in other states and the LSRT is communicating with those state leaders to remain poised for action. [Check out our conversation](#) with Tennessee advocate Jennifer Thompson for further details on this matter.

Your membership is now more important than ever. We have more power when we unite! I will be emailing technologists through the state in coming months to ask for your help in advocacy. Please share your thoughts with me in these emails and let us know how the LSRT can better serve you. We are making preparations now for our Annual Meeting in New Orleans. The tentative program is shaping up to be a remarkable event and we hope to see you there!

It has been a pleasure serving you this year, and I am looking forward to the work we have left to do!

Regards,

Allison Puente, MSRS, R.T.(R)(CT)(ARRT)  
President 2022-2023



LSRT President– Allison Puente

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## LSRT Scientific Exhibit Contest

You are invited to participate in the 2023 Scientific Exhibit competition. The competition is open to students and technologists.

All participants will receive a participation certificate; the top 3 winners in each category, technologists, and students, will receive a monetary prize.

- First Place: \$200.00 and a certificate
  - Second Place: \$100.00 and a certificate
  - Third Place: \$50.000 and a certificate
- You can find all of the pertinent information regarding the competition by going to the LSRT website at

[www.lsrt.net](http://www.lsrt.net) under competitions and clicking on Scientific Exhibit contest.

Applications must be submitted electronically to LSRT President—Elect Sarah Barnes at [barness@nsula.edu](mailto:barness@nsula.edu) no later than June 15, 2023. All incomplete applications, or applications submitted incorrectly, or after June 15th, will be ineligible for competition.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let Sarah know. Stay safe and I hope you will consider competing in LSRT Scientific Exhibit contest.



## LSRT

### Competitions

LSRT is providing you with an opportunity to share your knowledge and expertise with others by participating in the 2023 Scientific Essay or Scientific Exhibit contest. It is also a chance to win money!

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*"This is your chance to be superstar"*

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## LSRT Scientific Essay Contest

Calling all students and technologists! Enter the 2023 LSRT Scientific Essay Competition, and share your expertise and knowledge with others in your profession. All applicants will receive a participation certificate. Cash prizes are awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in both the student and technologist categories.

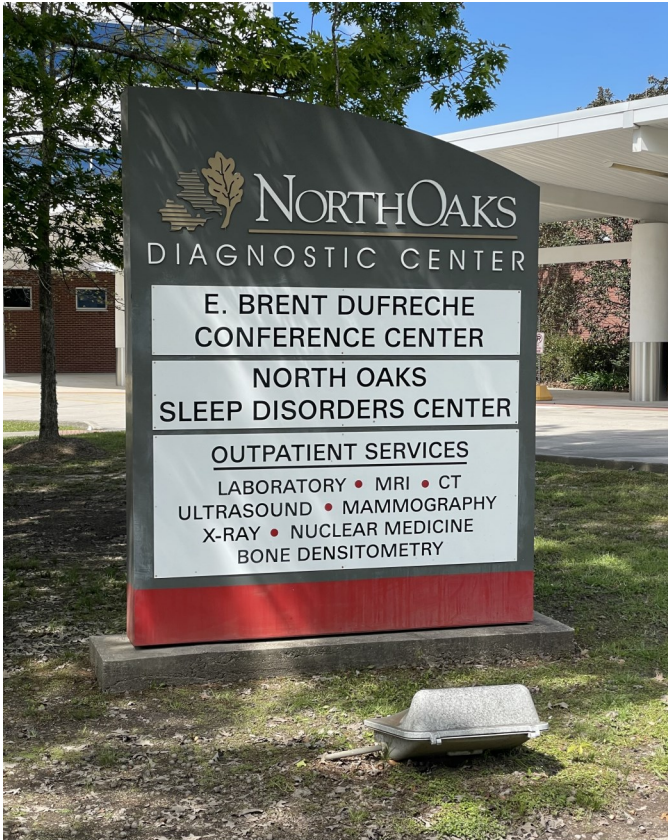
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$200.00 cash and certificate
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$100.00 cash and certificate
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$ 50.00 cash and certificate

All LSRT members in good standing are eligible to compete for awards with some exceptions (see the official rules). The official rules for the LSRT Scientific Essay Competition can be found at <https://www.lsrt.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/2023-Competitive-Essay-Rules.pdf>

The [essay application](#), the actual (original) essay, and another copy with no identification marks must be electronically submitted no later than MAY 15, 2023 to LSRT Vice President Heather Koepp at [koepph@northoaks.org](mailto:koepph@northoaks.org)

# LSRT Facility Recognition

## North Oaks Diagnostic Center Hammond, Louisiana



On behalf of the North Oaks School of Radiologic Technology students, I wish to take this opportunity to nominate North Oaks Diagnostic Center, Hammond, LA for the Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists Facility Recognition award. North Oaks Health System is one of the area's largest and most progressive health systems. Strategically based between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, the organization includes a 330-bed acute care hospital, a Level II Trauma Center, a 27-bed medical rehabilitation hospital, a freestanding surgical center, the largest multispecialty provider clinic in the region and two diagnostic centers. North Oaks Diagnostic Center in Hammond offers bone densitometry, CT, diagnostic cardiology, diagnostic x-ray, interventional radiology, lab services, mammography, MRI, neurodiagnostics, nuclear medicine, PET/CT, ultrasound, and vein therapy.

*Submitted by Heather Koepf*

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### LSRT Facility Recognition

In 2014-2014 the LSRT created the **Facility Recognition** program to recognize Hospitals/ Clinics in the official publication of the LSRT, the Focal Spot Monitor. This program allows for any LSRT member to nominate a hospital or clinic they feel deserves to be recognized. The LSRT member (technologist or student) submits a nomination form to the LSRT Historian or the LSRT Vice President and states why they feel the facility deserves to be recognized. The forms for the LSRT Facility Recognition can be found at [www.lsrt.net](http://www.lsrt.net) webpage.



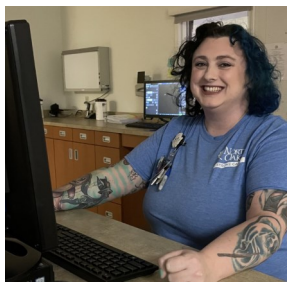
# Facility Recognition continued

## *North Oaks Diagnostic Center*

Facility Recognition continued:

Heather further stated that she would like to recognize the following technologists at the *North Oaks Diagnostic Center*: **Missy Ridgedell (supervisor), Breonne Butler, Kayla Wesley, Natali Scimeca, Taylor Greaud, Brianna Foster, Samantha Beyl, and Kathryn Steele.** Among the many comments made by the radiologic technology students about the North Oaks Diagnostic Center were:

- They have four different rooms which allows you to get comfortable moving the equipment.
- You see a variety of exams.
- The technologists teach us well.
- Very educational setting with a lot of opportunities to see multiple exams.
- The technologists are very in depth with their teachings.
- Every technologists is willing to help and educate.
- The technologists answer all of my questions.
- Fast paced environment.
- The technologists care about image quality and positioning of the patient.
- The technologists are busy and work hard, and push us to do the same.
- The technologists care about you.
- The technologists show you tips and tricks when you show initiative.
- High patient volume so you see a lot of diverse exams.
- The technologists are always willing to teach.





## *Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners (LSRTBE) - has a new Executive Director*

The **Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners** would like to welcome Angela Reed, Executive Director. Angie is a Radiologic Technologist with a Bachelor's degree in Health Care Administration from the University of Texas, and has held various positions in the Radiology field. Angie joined the Board in November and has done an excellent job in familiarizing herself with all functions of the Board.



*“Angela Reed, Executive Director of LSRTBE”*

## 2023 Student Bee Winners

The LSRT Student Bee, a Junior student competition was held on Saturday, March 11, 2023 at the LSUA campus in Alexandria, Louisiana. The Moderator of the event was **Susie Beasley**. The winners of the 2023 Student Bee are:

- 1st place **Ahmad Sarama**—LSUA,
- 2nd place **Avery Free**—ULM,
- 3rd place **Jaden Book**—ULM

Congratulations to the winners, and to all who participated in this educational and fun event sponsored by the LSRT.

Also thanks to the educators who

helped. Time Keeper—**Stephanie McKenzie**, Judges—**Greg Bradley, Sarah Barnes, Jessica Despino**, Facilitators—**Jaclyn Peters, and Sheena Abarca**.



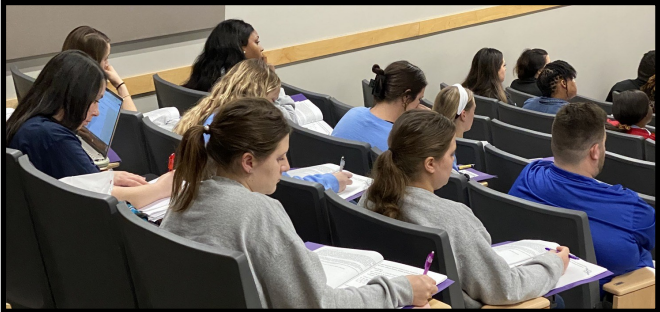


# Midwinter Seminar 2023 in Pictures





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## Quiz Bowl 2023

The LSRT will hold the Student Quiz Bowl competition at its Annual Meeting to be held in New Orleans, LA Thursday July 13<sup>rd</sup> 2023. Detailed information and applications will be sent to each Radiography program in the state in early May.

To access the Quiz Bowl rules and regulations go to [LSRT.net](http://LSRT.net) and click on competitions. For more information, please contact: Ann Treme, RT (R) Chairperson of Student Affairs, e-mail: [anne.treme@christushealth.org](mailto:anne.treme@christushealth.org) or See you in July!



## Hospitality Room Rules 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

The LSRT Board of Directors has adopted the following rules concerning Hospitality Rooms at the Annual Meeting. The Board respectfully requests your cooperation.

There will be NO OPEN DOOR hospitality rooms allowed at any time during the meeting.

Hospitality rooms are not to be in operation at any time the LSRT has a function scheduled.

**THURSDAY & FRIDAY NIGHT:** Following any sponsored social function, suggested closing time is 2:00 AM. All room must have their doors closed and acceptable noise levels must be maintained.

**LSRT WILL NOT ASSUME ANY LIABILITY OR ACCEPT ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTOXICATION OR ACTIONS OF ANY INTOXICATED GUEST. HOSPITALITY ROOMS ARE NOT SOCIETY SPONSORED EVENTS.**

## Call for Nominations for LSRT Officers 2023-2024

The nominating and credentialing committee is now accepting nominees for LSRT Officers for the 2023-2024 year. Nominations are needed for President-Elect, Vice President, and Recording Secretary.

Nominations and questions regarding the officer criteria are to be made to chairperson Kari Cook, Ed.D, R.T., [cookk@nsula.edu](mailto:cookk@nsula.edu)

**65th Annual Meeting of the LSRT**

July 13—15, 2023

Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel

New Orleans, LA

*Located on the corner of Canal Street  
and Bourbon Street*

Rooms \$ 139/night plus taxes

Last date to book at this rate is 6/11/23

Registration for discounted rate up to  
June 1, 2023, after that register

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go to [www.lsrtnet.net](http://www.lsrtnet.net) for more details

# 65th Annual Meeting of the LSRT



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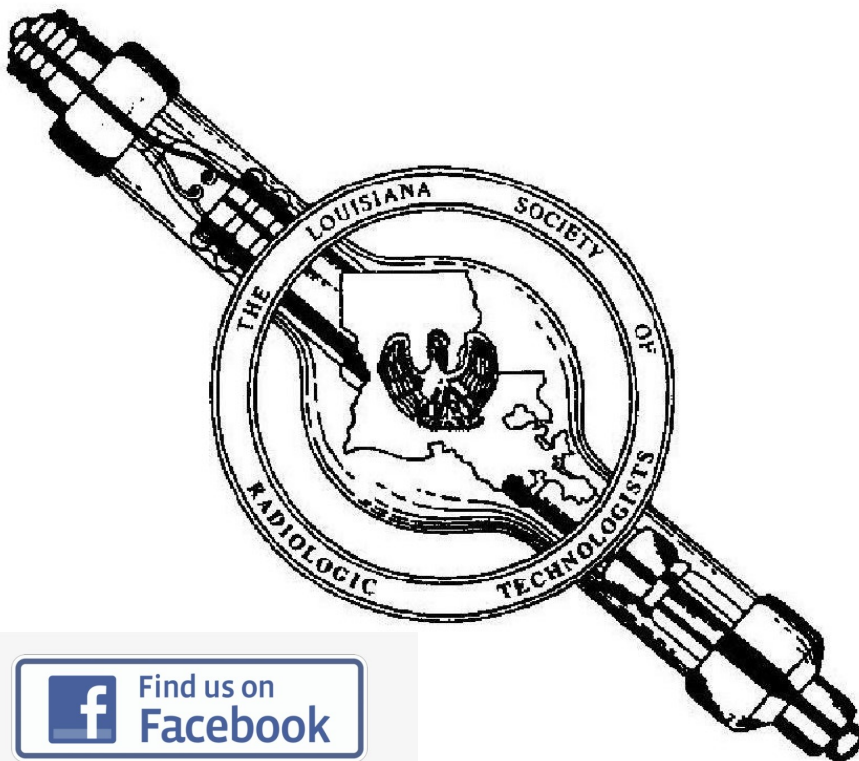
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Save the Dates



**2023 Annual Meeting**  
July 13—15  
New Orleans  
Astor Crowne Plaz

**2023 National Radiologic  
Technology Week**  
November 5—11

