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Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists

Our Purpose

The purpose of the LSRT shall be to advance the professions of radiation therapy and imaging specialties, to maintain high standards of education, to enhance the quality of patient care, and to further the welfare and socioeconomics of Radiologic Technologists.

In order to maintain high levels of ethical conduct, the LSRT adopts the Code of Ethics established by the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) and the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT).



President's

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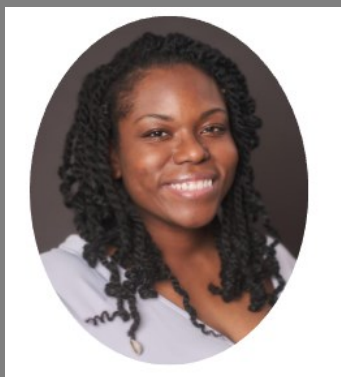
As presented at the 65th LSRT Annual Meeting

Good evening, everyone. I am honored to stand before you today as the new LSRT President. For those who do not know me, let me tell you a little bit about myself. I have been a Radiologic Technologist for 14 years, married to my husband (Joedy) for 13 years, and have 2 beautiful children (Sebastian and Felicity), and a third one (Amelia Grace) on the way. My personal priorities are faith, family, and radiology (*jokingly*). My career path post-graduation was to work for 2 years in order to gain experience in the imaging field and then become a travel radiologic technologist. However, that path was not meant for me. Instead, I graduated, worked at a hospital for 8 years, and then became an educator, working currently at NSU, all of which have led me to stand in front of you this evening.

I have had some great influencers throughout my journey which I would like to acknowledge and thank. I would like to thank God. He is the head of my life and who I rely on for leadership and strength. My parents, Billy and Sylvia, for encouraging me to study and work hard, learn all I can, and recognize the need to be a contributing member of society. Thanks to my husband for his love and support in following my dreams. He truly sees greatness in me where I see weakness. My mother-in-law, Connie, for being a counselor when needed. My kids for being my biggest cheerleaders and the driving force in all things that I do.

Professionally, I would like to thank Dr. Tammy Curtis for being a true role model. No matter how many times I called, I was always greeted with a smile and "Hey Sarah". While in school, she has shown a willingness to help me with anything, even if it wasn't her avenue. She has inspired me to be the same humble and genuine teacher for my students. It is truly an honor to work alongside her as my coworker. I also want to recognize Melissa Whitley, who has been an extremely valuable mentor in so many ways. Melissa provided me with my first educator job as an Assistant Professor at LSUA. She always encouraged my involvement in my profession, both in teaching and in this society. I would be remiss if I did not thank Jaclyn, Rebecca, Allison, and Carmen for always being supportive in each role I served. And to put you on notice, I will continue to rely on your expertise and kind assistance. I also would like to thank my students because they challenge me to become a better teacher. I think of myself as a teacher-student trying to find ways to help them understand our radiology technology field. To all the many people I did not mention...Thank you!

The LSRT has been around for 60+ years and has supported the profession of Radiologic Technology within Louisiana in a multitude of ways. Each of us owes a debt of gratitude to the various



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people who have led this organization's growth. As a student member (2007-2009), I never really grasped the full impact and rationale for the LSRT. Like many of you, I became a member because it was required of me for school. After I graduated, I felt my membership was no longer necessary. It wasn't until I became an educator, that I truly understood the responsibilities and impact of this great society. I also realized that my membership DOES matter. We are the voice of our profession when opportunities and challenges come our way. In this discovery, a passion to go all in was ignited. I started as the Chair of the Membership Task Force, then became the Recording Secretary, Vice President, President-elect, and now President. I believe we have a great Society, and I look forward to contributing to and helping to expand such a great organization.

As the incoming President of the LSRT, I will hold myself accountable to stay abreast of issues impacting our profession, such as technology, like AI, and legislative concerns impacting our profession. These are some of the issues we need to keep in mind and be ready to address proactively as needed. We should all be ready to address these things accordingly.

As the new President, I would like to promote the LSRT in many ways. We know who we are, but I would like for our local communities to know and see us as community leaders as well. As our new ASRT President Brandon Smith said, "If they refuse to see us, then we will refuse to

be ignored." My initiatives are as follows:

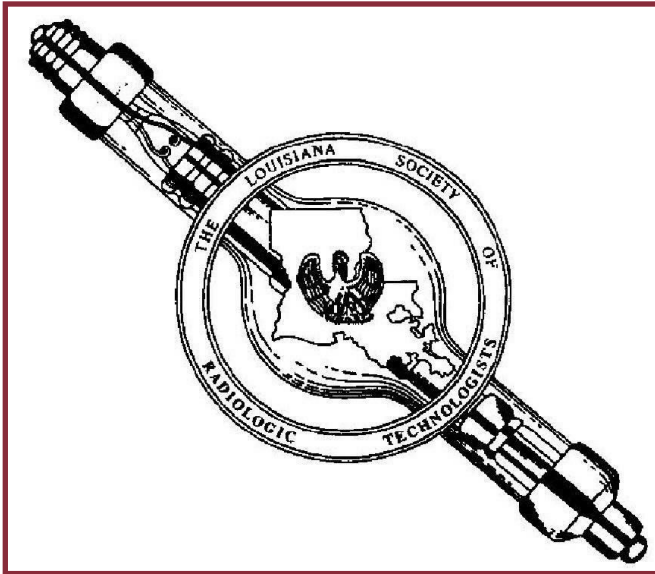
Promote students to become more active within LSRT. I want to urge more radiologic technologists students to see the need for this society, learn what is needed of you, and be active members. If you have the desire to serve, please let us know and we will put you to work. If you see a need, then share it with us so we can see if it has been visited before or should be tried.

I want to initiate a Regional Community Task Force. The responsibility of this task force will be to develop community service projects within their regions and take steps to increase LSRT membership. Sometimes when others see you actively participating and making your organization seen, then they are more apt to get involved. I also would like for this task force to provide community service minimally during Radiologic Technology Week and the holidays.

Another initiative is to increase our Social Media presence through LinkedIn and Instagram to aid in facilitating the spreading of who Louisiana's radiologic technologists are and to be seen. I want to encourage postings of the truth about our profession to patients and other healthcare professionals, encouraging messages to get you through the day and to highlight what the regional community task force is

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Life Member



The LSRT as the privilege of elevating one of our long-time LSRT members to Life Member status. This is the highest honor the LSRT can bestow on one of its members. This award recognizes a member who has demonstrated outstanding achievements, dedication and capabilities in the society and in the field of Radiologic Technology. Our newest Life Member has represented the Radiologic Technology field for 23 years as a technologist and previously served our nation in the U.S. military. They have worked as an educator and program director for the majority of their radiologic technology career while also remaining em-

Congratulations

Brett Bennett, MEd., R.T



ployed as a technologist in the hospital setting. This member has served in every office of the LSRT at some point and thus served on the board for nearly 10 of those 23 years. This member is also a prior recipient of the Technologist of the Year Award, they have presented numerous lectures at our conferences, and represented the LSRT and all Louisiana radiologic technologists by serving on the Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners. Their professionalism is nearly unmatched, and they tend to leave a lasting impression wherever they go. We are proud to welcome our newest Life Member, Mr. Brett Bennett. Would you please join us on stage to receive your pin.

2023 LSRT QUIZ BOWL

2023 T-SHIRT CONTEST

Quiz Bowl Champs 2023

University of
**HOLY
CROSS**



The Student Affairs Committee is please to report that the Annual Meeting held in New Orleans was a success! There were 9 schools that participated in the T-Shirt contest and 11 in the Quiz Bowl. How creative these student are, Holy cross was the big winner this year in both the T-shirt contest and the Quiz bowl. Congratulations!

The LSRT Quiz Bowl was sponsored by MAJESTIC. The First Place Quiz Bowl team is pictured above the Team Members are: Kali Timken, Perry Rosenson, Alexis Killingsworth, Steven Wattigney, Kassi Cressonie. The team was coached by Katie Catalanotto, program director is Chimene Pitre.



This was the first time the LSRT had a quiz bowl with Multiple choice questions. There were mixed reviews on the format, but it was a fun learning experience. Special Thanks to Moderator, Mr. Daniel De Maio from Hartford, Connecticut, who did and outstanding job!



2023 LSRT QUIZ BOWL

2023 T-SHIRT CONTEST

2nd Place in the 2023 LSRT quiz Bowl

Delgado

COMMUNITY COLLEGE



The second place team from Delgado Community College consisted of team members: Cody Luquet, Abigail Mabile, Angela Dugas, Madison DeArmond, Michaela Tracey, Russell Homes. The Coach was Laci Leblanc, and the program director is Ty Delger.

Many thanks to everyone that help bring forth such a successful bowl: Scorekeepers, *Barbie Landry, Monica Weber, Megan Wedgeworth, Susie Beasley.* Judges, *Ty Delger Kristi Moor, Brett Bennett, Greg Bradley, Nicole St. Germain, Heather Koepp, Melissa Whitley, Laci Leblanc, Rebecca Mercer, Carmen George.* Time Keeper, *Christy Reves, Mary Guo,* Assistants, *Charlene Sirman, Trey O'Conner, Shenika Bell, many others.* And Extra Special Thanks to **Ann Treme**, for serving as Chair of Student Affairs Committee on a moments notice.



Taking second place in the T-Shirt contest was University of Louisiana at Monroe, pictured above. Third place in the T-Shirt contest was Louisiana State University at Eunice, pictured below.



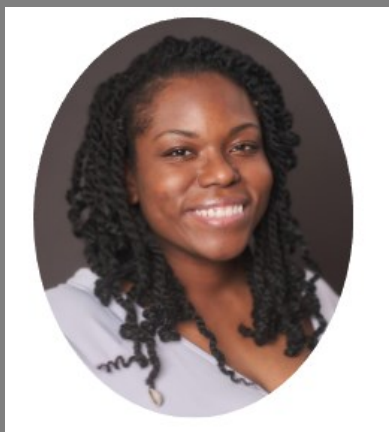
Thanks,
Anne Treme
for being there for the
LSRT
When we needed you!



Quiz Bowl Pics

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doing. This committee will also highlight opportunities for you to be involved.

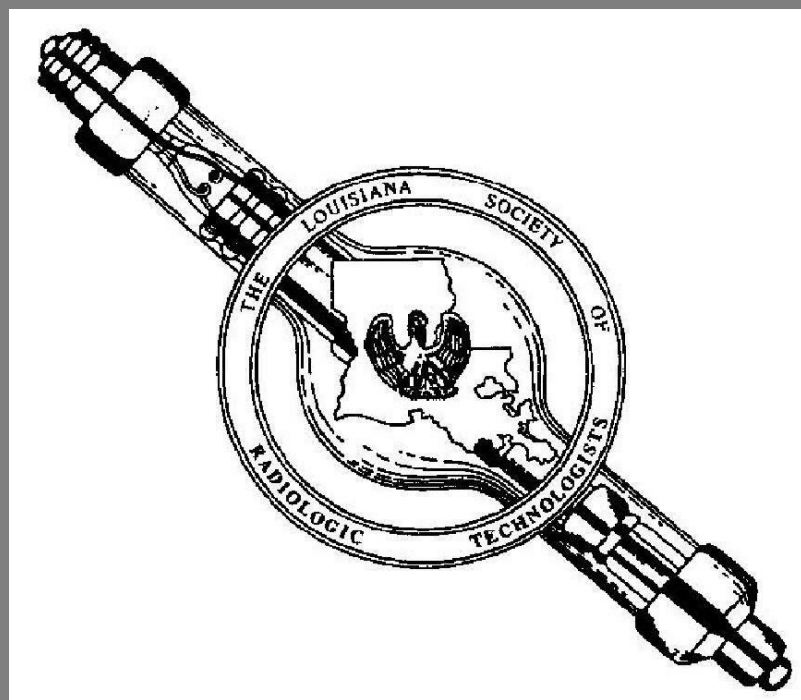
Finally, for us to have fun and provide more opportunities to network, let us know what your school or facility is offering so we can have a presence there.

Needless to say, I will not be the last President of the LSRT, and during my tenure, I want to lead and inspire others to grow from good to great. We need you! We are a team. After all, teamwork makes the dream work, right? Today is a new day, and a good day to reignite a passion for this career you have worked so hard in and are working so hard to complete. I love a good quote, please listen to this one by Johanna Burkhardt entitled **Let Yourself [Ourselves] Be Seen:**

"It's time that [we] let the world see [our] gifts and talents, put them on display. No one can see [our] greatness or potential when [we're] hiding away from the world and making [ourselves] small. [We] can't blame others for not seeing [our] greatness when [we're] not seeing it within [ourselves] often enough. It's time to embrace the unknown and time to put [ourselves] out there into the world. [We] can't keep living within the limits of [our]

fears...Claim [our] brilliance and stand in [our] light. Let [ourselves] be seen."

Only WE can determine how we and the public view OUR profession. Let's work together to build upon what has already been established and move forward to enhancing our profession. Not only in our healthcare facilities but also in our communities. Let's show them who we are and that our profession matters.



Technologist of the Year

2023

The Technologist of the year award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated outstanding capabilities and achievements in the field of Radiologic Technology.

The criteria for selection of this award includes: active membership and participation in the society, promotion and devotion to quality patient care, and professionalism. This year's 2023 Technologist of the Year is the perfect example of the spirit of volunteerism that the LSRT is looking for. They have served in several capacities on the LSRT's elected board, committees, and as meeting chairperson. They volunteer and fulfill any task big or small and do so selflessly and with a positive attitude. During COVID-19, the board members were asked to serve in their roles a second year because we couldn't hold elections, and she was willing to do so without a single complaint despite the unprecedented circumstances and challenges. As a working technologist and hospital radiology administrator, she takes time off from her busy schedule and uses her own vacation time to attend the LSRT's meetings and volunteer her time. She has missed, or left early, from countless family vacations and events to be present and help with our society's events. This year's recipient truly has a heart of service, and we are grateful to have her in our society. Our 2023 Technologist of the Year is Mrs. Alyssa Bell.



JOE SCHWARTZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Morrison Arianna “Airi” Hamilton

The LSRT awarded the Joe Schwartz Memorial Scholarship to Morrison Arianna “Airi” Hamilton from North Oaks School of Radiologic Technology at this year’s 65th Annual Meeting held in New Orleans, LA. Airi is projected to graduate in June 2024 and is described by her instructors as driven, intelligent, hard-working and has the potential to be a leader in our profession. She always goes above and beyond to meet patients’ needs and works well with her colleagues. Airi’s positive attitude and eagerness to learn is matched by her dedication and attention to detail. The excellence she has demonstrated surpasses others. At work Airi is described to be mature beyond her age and takes initiative to solve problems as they arise. She is kind, empathetic, personable, and possesses the capacity to recognize the importance of making a connection, while maintaining a professional relationship, with her co-workers, supervisors, and customers. Airi is a single working mother who commits time to be apart of her church, New Zion Baptist Church, volunteer as a coach with tee ball, soccer, and AAU basketball and volunteers for the Soup Kitchen of Lafourche Parish, the Special Olympics and at South Thibodaux Middle School tutoring. Her long-term goal is to eventually earn her master’s degree in health administration and one day run a radiology department. We are privileged to congratulate Morrison Arianna Hamilton as the 2023 Joe Schwartz Memorial Scholarship recipient!



Special Thanks

The LSRT would like to acknowledge the Sponsors and Commercial Exhibitors who help make the 65th LSRT Annual Meeting possible.

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Student Leadership and Development



**2023 LSRT Student Leadership and Development Participants
Congratulations to the future leaders of LSRT**



Baton Rouge General, Program Director, Jaclyn Peters facilitates a session during the LSRT SLDP

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Installation of Officers

2023-2024



The 2023 –2024 LSRT Officers are pictured to the left. They are from Left to right:
Angela Cottingham—Recording Secretary,
Monica Weber—Vice President,
Heather Koepp—President Elect,
Sarah Barnes —President, and
Allison Puente— Chair of the Board.

Newly installed LSRT 2023-2024 LSRT President Sarah Barnes received gavel from Kristi Moore 2022-2023 ASRT Chair of the Board.



2023 Essay Competition



First Place: Mia Maillet
“Ultrasound: A tool to Reverse or treat the Effects of Diabetes”
North Oaks



2nd Place: Amiyah Gray
“The Value of Diagnostic Imaging in Detecting and Diagnosing Lymphoma Cancer”
University of Louisiana at Monroe



3rd Place Tie
Paige Polkey on left, “The Importance of Imaging in Multiple Sclerosis”
Emily Maples on Right “Patient Dose Monitoring in Fluoroscopy”
Both Student are from the University of Louisiana at Monroe

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Exhibit Winners

Student Category

2nd Place
Meredith Chiles & Kylee Guitreau
FranU
“Accommodations to Reduce Anxiety in Patients with Autism Spectrum Disorder during MRI”

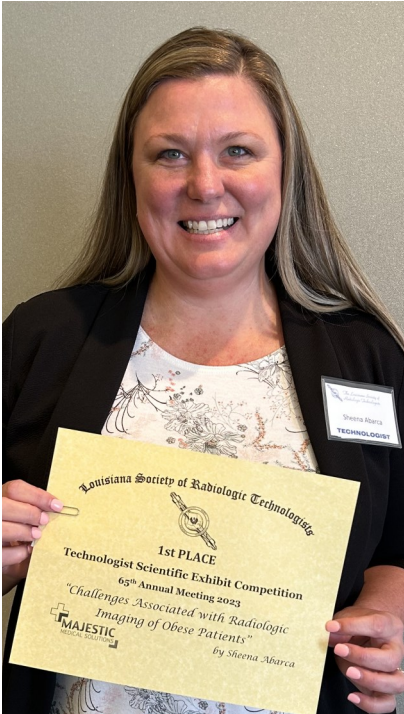


First Place
Tara Stuntz & Elizabeth Theriot
FranU
“Diagnosis of Susac Syndrome Through Radiologic Technology”

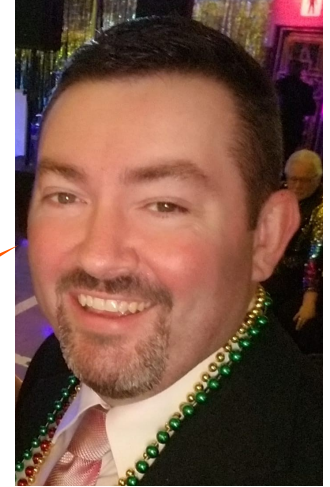


3rd Place
Peyton Luneau
BRG
“Importance of Imaging During Code FAST”

EXHIBIT WINNERS



First Place
Sheena Abarca
“Challenges Associated with Radiologic Imaging of Obese Patients”



2nd Place
Daniel Todd Peters

LSRT 2024 Annual Meeting Art and Theme Contest

- DEADLINE DECEMBER 1ST
- SUBMIT NAME, PROGRAM ATTENDING, THEME WORDING, ART, AND DESCRIPTION BY EMAIL TO LASOCIETYMEETINGPLANNER@GMAIL.COM
- MUST SEND ART IN JPEG, PNG, OR PDF FILE
- MUST BE ORIGINAL WORK
- IF SELECTED, YOU MUST SIGN A RELEASE
- WINNER WILL RECEIVE FREE REGISTRATION TO THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING JULY 11-13 IN SHREVEPORT.





Louisiana Delegate's Report

ASRT's 2023 House of Delegates (HOD) meeting was held in Reno, Nevada. The highlight of the HOD was being in the company of multiple state advocates throughout the US. We are definitely not alone with our problems. A number of other affiliates are facing the same issues we are facing (i.e., encroachment, lack of affiliate involvement, and so much more).

The key takeaways:

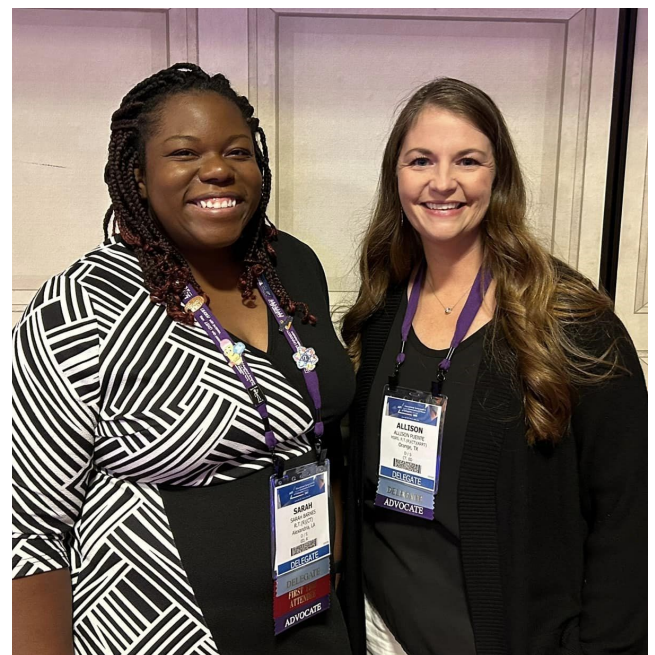
Continue advocating. Advocacy is a long journey and it never stops. Sometimes we have to step back to look at the bigger picture or take a mental break, but we always have to jump back in and be ready to fight for our profession.

Be transparent. We need to be transparent and realistic about the issues that we are facing. We cannot continue to sweep them under the rug when they do not pertain to us. If it is happening in a neighboring state, it is only a matter of time before it comes to our front door. Knowledge is power.

Volunteer. Volunteer as much as possible. There are so many positions within our state affiliate and national affiliate that you can volunteer for. Once you start volunteering, don't stop. You are being a voice for a number of people within our field.

I highly recommend others to get involved and stay involved. It was truly a humbling experience, a great opportunity to network, and a confirmation that we are making a change by being involved. I look forward to attending the 2024 HOD meeting.

From Sarah Barnes



2023 Louisiana Delegates to the ASRT House of Delegates. Left—Sarah Barnes, Right Allison Puente



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Louisiana Delegate
Andrew Frazier

Participating in the Student to Leadership Development Program has been quite the gift. I was honored by my teachers at the University of Louisiana Monroe by being nominated to participate in the LSRT's SLDP program. At the annual LSRT conference in 2022 I sat amongst my SLDP peers and embraced the self-exploration that the program bestowed upon me. I learned about my resilience, empathy, and ability to encourage individuals to achieve a common goal, as well as a few other key traits that made me a great candidate to grow into leadership. As I further immersed myself in the Student to Leadership Development Program, I began to receive more experiential gifts. One such gift I received was the ability to understand the importance of having leadership, especially as it pertains to my professional field of radiography.



Upon the encouragement of the LSRT SLDP facilitators, I played my hand at applying for the American Society of Radiologic Technologists' SLDP program. To my great surprise I was awarded a spot in the prestigious program. I could never have imagined the nourishment and enrichment that this program has bestowed upon me. I went to the ASRT's annual house of governance meeting and was honored to sit with the Louisiana delegates on the floor of the house of delegates. I witnessed the great and formal discussion of passing motions and position statements into the by-laws of the ASRT. I had heard many times over how important the ASRT and the LSRT is for our profession; until I saw it for myself, I could never quite comprehend the magnitude of the importance that these organizations of leadership have for me as a technologist. It was at this time that I realized that the people leading these organizations are different than myself, they all started as a green technologist with dream and a sparkle in their eye to add something to their profession, to make it better than it was when they arrived. This was the biggest gift I received from the Student to Leadership Development Program; the empowerment to make a difference. For that I am more grateful than I can express.

Save the Dates

2024 LSRT Midwinter Seminar
March 9, 2024
LSUA Campus Alexandria

66th LSRT Annual Meeting
July 11—13, 2024
Shreveport Convention Center



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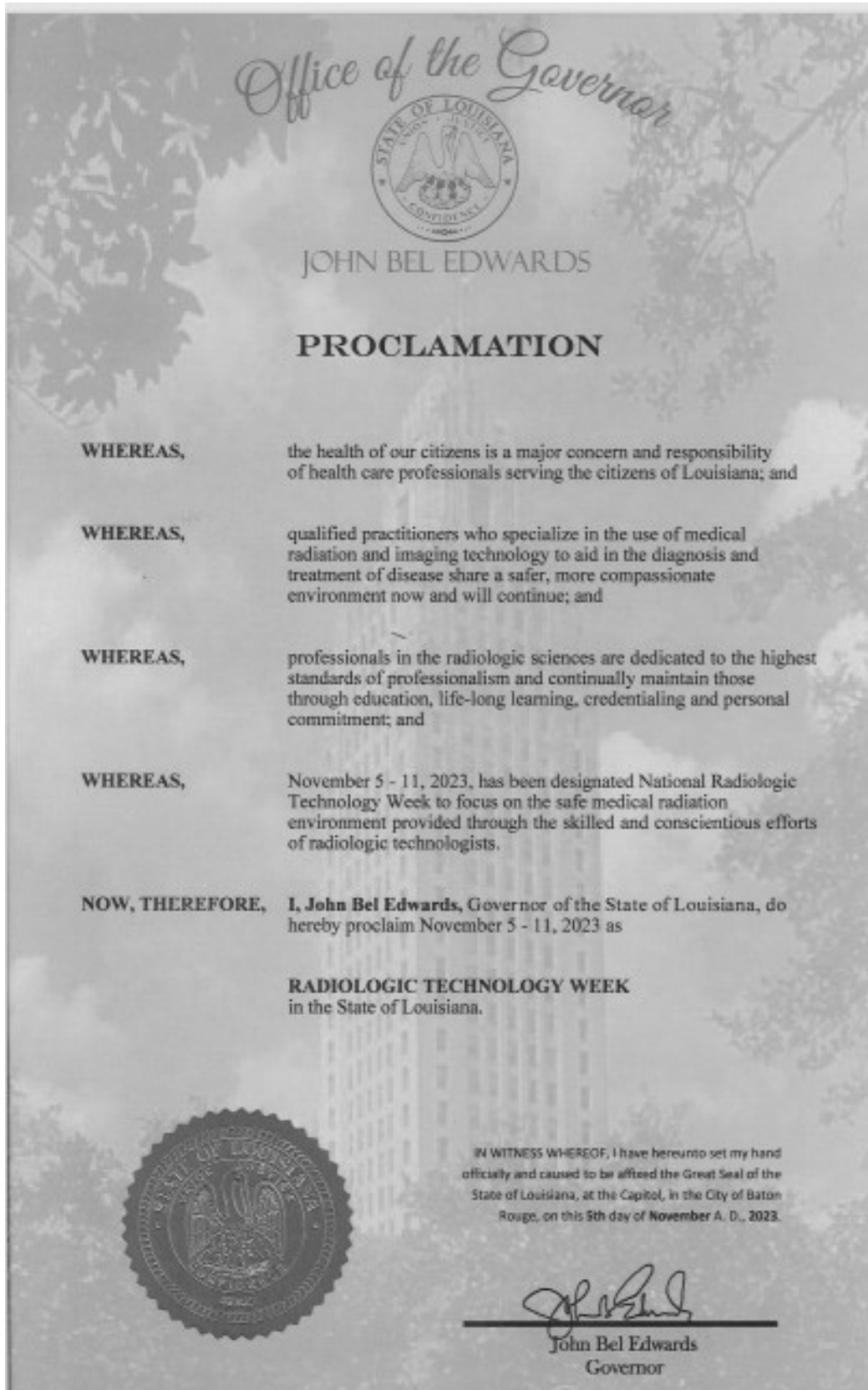
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Susie Beasley—LSRT Historian requested Governor John Bel Edwards to Proclaim Radiologic Technology Week in Louisiana to coincide with ASRT National Radiologic Technology Week.



65th Annual Meeting in Pictures



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**LSRT Has Two Executive
Board Appointments Available!
Executive Secretary of Membership
Meeting Planner**

*Both positions will be available for the 2024-25 year. If you are interested in either position, you can go to www.lsrt.net and look up the duties for the positions in the **LSRT Bylaws Guidelines Manual** under the about us tab “Administrative”.*

*To be considered for the appointments,
Send a letter of Application and a CV
To LSRT Chair of the Board*

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