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**Saturday
March 9,
2024**

**Alexandra,
Louisiana
LSUA
Campus**

- ◆ **Certification Examination Review for Senior Radiography Students**
- ◆ **Student Bee and Educational Program for Junior Radiography Students**
- ◆ **Continuing Education for Technologists**

*go to www.lsrn.net for
more information*

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**Marking
Our
Image**

Presidential Message

LSRT Officer Nominations now being accepted

The nominating and credentialing committee is now accepting nominations for LSRT Officers for the 2024—2025 year. Nominations are needed for President Elect, Vice President, and Recording Secretary.

Nominations and questions regarding the office criteria are to be made to **Kari Cook, EdD, R.T. (R)**, cookk@nsula.edu



I begin this month's presidential communication with a synopsis of past activities since I became the LSRT President. Members of the Elected and Executive Board attended the LSBME meeting in August. This in-person event consisted of discussions centered around Private Radiologic Technologists (PRTs), the adoption of the Control the Dose program, the disagreement of indirect supervision, and the importance of employing certified and licensed Radiologic Technologists. A subcommittee has now been formed with the LSBME and the LSRTBE meeting to review/discuss the position, educational requirements, and job description of a PRTs.

We will continue to be vigilant on encroachment and legislative issues, and advocate for our field. We have been very proactive in our recent issues, in person and via social media. Our voice is being heard within our state and in other states.

I am so proud to serve with you as a Radiologic Technologist in our noble profession. I hope you all had an awesome Radiologic Technologist Week and showered with the appreciation you deserve. Always remember that Rad Techs are way more than diagnostic and therapeutic imag-



ing experts. We embrace every aspect of the care, treatment, and services we provide to our patients. Whether transporting, ensuring patient needs are met, taking images, or performing tests, we are up for the job.

In closing, I found a wonderful quote by Abraham Maslow "In any given moment we have two options: to step forward into growth or to step back into safety." These words are reflective of my feelings during my term as the LSRT President. Always with safety in mind, we have to continue to grow in our profession and allow others to see us advance as well. Being-seen and heard does not always fall in the safe zone, but rather in the progressive sector. We should not be afraid to speak up about things that matter.

Thanks,
Sarah Barnes, MBA, R.T.(R)(CT)
President, LSRT



2024 Student Bee

Plans are under way for the 2024 LSRT Student Bee Competition. The LSRT student affairs committee tentatively plans on hosting the student bee at the 2024 LSRT Midwinter Seminar.

When: *Saturday March 9, 2023*

**Where: *LSUA campus,
Alexandria, LA***

You must be registered for the seminar and be a member of LSRT to participate. Registration student badges are required at sign-in.

- ◆ The questions will be taken from the Student affairs file. The references will be the same as the Quiz Bowl. The questions will be geared to Junior level students.
- ◆ The questions will be read to the student by a moderator, as well as, presented on screen in a power point format. Each student will have ten seconds to begin their answer after the question has been read.
- ◆ There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner.
- ◆ The LSRT will grant a \$200 cash prize to the school with the highest percentage of participation, in case of a tie, the schools will split the \$200 equally.

The rules for the Student Bee can be found at www.lsrt.net or by contacting one of the LSRT Student Affairs Co-chairs.

Shenika Bell, R.T. (R) shenikabell10@gmail.com or Treyton O'Connor, R.T. (R) treyoconnor2000@gmail.com

Tech & Student of the Year Nominations

It is time for us to nominate those individuals who have gone above and beyond their daily career objectives. These individuals should be recognized for their achievements and contributions to LSRT and the Profession. These individuals deserve to be recognized and you have the power to nominate this chosen person. Nomination for the awards can be made by any LSRT Member. All nominees must be LSRT Members. All nominations will be reviewed and recipients will be selected by the LSRT Board of Directors. Any members wishing to make a nomination should submit a curriculum vitae (CV) for each nominee and a brief statement of their qualifications. *All nominations must be received by email no later than 4/15/24*

Please submit all nominations to: Allison Puente, Chair - LSRT Board of Directors
apuente@mcneese.edu

Selection criteria and past recipients of the award can be found on the LSRT website at www.lsrt.net

Facility Recognition

If you would like your facility to be recognized by LSRT because the Medical Imaging or Radiation Oncology personnel are making a difference in the lives of the patients they serve, we can do that. The LSRT offer an outlet for facilities to be recognized for having outstanding personnel or state of the art imaging or therapy equipment. Your facility could be recognized in the next issue of the Focal Spot Monitor the official publication of the LSRT, and on the LSRT website. For more details go to www.lsrtnet.net, or email Susie Beasley, LSRT Historian at sbeasley@mcneese.edu for details

Scholarship Available

Attention, all students and technologists who are members of the LSRT in good standing, if you have a GPA of 3.0 or above and have a need for financial assistance in pursuing your educational objective in Radiologic Science. It's time to apply for the *Joe Schwartz Memorial Scholarship*.



The application and the rules for this scholarship can be found on the official website of the Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists (LSRT) at www.lsrtnet.net under the student tab and clicking on the scholarship link or by contacting *Carmen George* at lasocietyradtechs@gmail.com or by calling 1-318-235-6194 and leaving a message with a phone number or address. Written requests for the scholarship applications and rules should be addressed to the **LSRT** at 12521 Sherbrook Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70815. All completed scholarship applications must have a USPS postmark of no later than **April 15, 2024**

The *LSRT* is very pleased to offer this scholarship in the name of one of its past presidents, *Mr. Joe Schwartz*. Joe was a life member of the LSRT and was a true professional in every aspect of the word. The LSRT wishes to remember him by offering a scholarship in his name so that others may have the opportunity to pursue the career that Joe so loved. The next Joe Schwartz Memorial Scholarship will be awarded during this year's Annual Meeting in Shreveport.

LSRT has an Executive Board Appointment Available Meeting Planner

The Position will be available for the 20224-25 Year. If you are interested in the position, you can go to www.lsrtnet.net and look up the duties for the Meeting Planner in the LSRT By-laws Guidelines Manual under the about us tab "Administrative".

To be considered for the appointment Send a letter of Application and CV
to LSRT Chair of the Board - Allison Puente

apuente@mcneese.edu

2024 LSRT Scientific Essay Contest

Submission Deadline May 15, 2024

Calling all students and technologists!

Enter the 2024 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 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in both the student and technologist categories. 1st place: \$200.00 cash and certificate 2nd place: \$100.00 cash and certificate 3rd 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 www.lsrt.net

The essay application can be found at www.lsrt.net. The actual (original) essay, and another copy with no identification marks must be electronically submitted no later than MAY 15, 2024 to Monica Weber—LSRT Vice President mweber@mcneese.edu

2024 LSRT Scientific Exhibit Contest

Submission Deadline June 15, 2024

Inviting all LSRT members, both Technologists and Students to participate in this year's Scientific Exhibit competition.

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 the pertinent information at www.lsrt.net .

- ◆ Applications must be submitted electronically to Heather Koepf, MA, R.T., (R) LSRT President-Elect (koepf@northoaks.org) no later than June 15, 2024. Go to www.lsrt.net for the application. All incomplete applications, or applications submitted incorrectly, or after June 15th, will be ineligible for competition. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the LSRT President-Elect at koepf@norhtoaks.org

Position Available

Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners

Compliance Officer

Position Summary: Compliance Officer

The Compliance Officer ensures that Radiologic Technology licenses are in compliance with the Rules and Regulations of Louisiana Radiologic Technology licensure law and that all policies and procedures are being followed. The individual is responsible for developing, implementing, and maintaining a system wide compliance program. This individual will monitor licensees in the program through the utilization of effective program tools and provides guidance and support so licensees can resume safe medical practice. Investigations on violations are conducted regarding Board policies, state and federal statutes, licensure and/or ethics.

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in recommended field of study: Radiologic Sciences, Compliance Enforcement, Law, Business Administration, or Office Management.

Interested individuals are to send resume to: lsrtbechairman@gmail.com



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www.lsrt.net

SAVE THE DATES
2024 Mid-Winter Seminar
March 9, 2024
LSUA
Alexandria, Louisiana

2024 Annual Meeting
July 11—13, 2024
Shreveport
Convention Center