

# 66<sup>th</sup> LSRT Annual Meeting Shreveport Convention Center July 11-13, 2024

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## 2023-2024 LSRT Officers

### President

*Sarah Barnes, MBA, R.T.(R)(CT)*

### President Elect

*Heather Koepf, M.A., R.T.(R)(CHES)*

### Vice President

*Monica Weber, MSRS, R.T.(R)*

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#### Member

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## Executive

### Board Appointments

*Executive Secretary Membership*

*Carmen George, MSRS, R.T.(R)*

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*Meeting Planner*

*Caitlan Clark, MSRS, R.T.(R)*

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*Nominations and Credentials*

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*Student Affairs*

*Anne Treme, R.T.(R)*

*Charlene Sirman, BSRT, R.T. (R)*

*Legislative Affairs*

*Jason Smith, RRA, (ARRT), MIS*

*Harold Gaspard, B.S., R.T.(R)*

## Council and Task Forces

### Councils

*Education/LERS Chair*

*Manny Rodriguez, MHA, R.T.(R)(CT)(BD)*

*Education/LERS Vice Chair*

*Brittany Smith, MSRS, R.T.(R)(CT)*

*Student Council*

*Karissa Hoyt*

### Task Forces

*Advocacy Task Force*

*Kelli Welch Haynes, EdD, R.T.(R)FASRT*

*Regional Outreach Task Force*

*Tammy Curtis, PhD, R.T.(R)(CT)(CHES)*

*Membership Platform Task Force*

*Rebecca Hamm, EdD, R.T.(R)(CT)*

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[www.lsrt.net](http://www.lsrt.net)*

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## Presidential Message

*Sarah Barnes, MBA, R.T. (R)(CT)*

As my tenure as president draws to a close, I reflect on how I am humbled to have served in this position. I am excited for the future, and above all, I have a profound appreciation for everyone who has helped advocate for our state's affiliate.

Our society is more than a volunteer organization. Our society fosters meaningful connections, drives positive change, advocates for our technologists in Louisiana, and ensures our visibility. This year, we stood as beacons of hope in times of darkness, lending our time and efforts to our profession.

As I pass the torch to the next president, I encourage you to continue to help our society. Be an advocate for our state's society. Embrace new ideas. Welcome diversity. Never underestimate the power we possess to effect change. No matter how daunting the challenges may seem, we are stronger together. All of your voices matter.

In closing, I express my deepest gratitude to our Chairman of the Board, Allison Puente, and our President-elect, Heather Koepp. Your time and effort devoted to our society are noticed. Your unwavering commitment, tireless efforts, and boundless generosity are the driving force behind our success. Serving as your 2023–2024 President has been one of the greatest honors of my professional career.

May we persist in our efforts to gain visibility and recognition.

I'll leave you with this quote from Johanna Burkhardt, "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."

Cheers,

Sarah Barnes

## 66<sup>th</sup> LSRT Annual Meeting

Technologists and Student, come join us in Shreveport for the 66<sup>th</sup> LSRT Annual Meeting which will take place July 11 – 13, 2024 at the Shreveport Convention Center in Shreveport.

*The Hilton Shreveport* is attached to the Shreveport Convention Center and located at 104 Market Street in Shreveport, rate \$139/night, book by 6/26. Two overflow hotels are also available - *Sam's Town Hotel* is located 315 Clyde Fant Pkwy, rate \$155/night, book by 6/13, and *Holiday Inn Express Downtown* located at 201 Lake Street, rate is \$125/night, book by 6/20.

Registration after June 1 – is available only as on-site registration Members -Technologists \$170, Students \$155. Non-members can pay dues and receive the member pricing above. Non-member prices are \$240 for the technologist registration fee and \$235 for students. Single Day registration available for Saturday, July 13 only, go to [www.lsrt.net](http://www.lsrt.net) for detail on registration.

The tentative program can be found on page and on [www.lsrt.net](http://www.lsrt.net) under the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.



## Quiz Bowl 2024

When: Thursday July 11, 2024 1:00 pm – until

Where: Shreveport Convention Center,  
Ballroom C/D

Plans are under way for the 2024 LSRT Annual Meeting Quiz Bowl. This double-elimination tournament. You must be registered for the meeting and a member of LSRT to participate.

This year's moderators will be Kevin Clark and Brandon Smith. The format for the quiz bowl will be toss up questions read by the moderator – no projection of questions, and no multiple-choice questions.

Presentations of the LSRT Student Quiz Bowl championship trophy will be made at the Awards Luncheon on Saturday, July 13 at 11:15am. Winners will be announced as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place school teams.

Rules for the Quiz Bowl are posted on [lsrt.net](http://lsrt.net) or by contacting LSRT Student Affairs Char: Anne Treme or Charlene Sirman at [anne\\_treme@suddenlink.net](mailto:anne_treme@suddenlink.net) or [MsChar522@aol.com](mailto:MsChar522@aol.com)

## LSRT Annual Business Session

The Annual Business session including the election of officers will be Friday, July 12, 2024 at 9:20 am at the Shreveport Convention Center, during the 66<sup>th</sup> LSRT Annual Meeting. President Sarah Barnes presiding over the business session.

## LSRT 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



## LSRT Candidates for Office

The Nominating and Credentialing Committee Chaired by *Kari Cook*, submits the following candidates for officers of the LSRT 2024-2025. The candidates listed below have accepted the nomination and are eligible for the office in which they have been nominated. They are **President Elect -Monica Weber**, Vice President *Lakeidra Bell* and *Allee Clark*, and Recording Secretary – *Brittany Smith*.

Online Voting for the 2024 LSRT Election of Officers will take place via **ELECTION RUNNER**. The election will open on July 2, 2024 at 8:00 am and will close on July 11, 2024 at noon. A link to vote will be sent to your email address on July 2, 2024. You must be a member or renew your membership by July 1, 2024 to vote.

### President Elect Monica Weber, MSRS, RT(R)(M)

**NAME:** Monica L. Weber, MSRS, R.T. (R) (M)

**CITY:** Sulphur

**PRESENT JOB TITLE:** Assistant Professor of Radiologic Sciences

**PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:** McNeese State University

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:** American Society of Radiologic Technologists, Louisiana Educators in Radiologic Sciences, Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists, Phi Kappa Phi

**OFFICES/COMMITTEES:**

2023-2024 – LSRT Vice President

2022-2023 – LSRT Recording Secretary

2021-2022 - LSRT Nominations and Credentialing Committee

**ACHEIVMENTS/AWARDS/HONORS:**

McNeese State University Faculty Senate (2021-current)

Juliet Hardtner Women in Science and Technology Endowed Professorship (2022, 2022, and 2023)

M.S.R.S. degree with a concentration in Education, Northwestern State University (2018)

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

I graduated from McNeese State University in 1998 with a Bachelor's Degree. Six months after graduation, I knew that I wanted to obtain a Master's degree but did not know exactly what I wanted. In the meantime, I continued working in the Lake Charles area in Diagnostic and Mammography. After 18 years of working and soul-searching, I decided to enroll in the MSRS program at NSU and concentrate in education. It was the best decision I ever made! In 2018, I became a visiting lecturer for the RADS program at McNeese and was hired in 2020 as a clinical professor. I enjoy working with my students and love seeing their "aha" moments. I take great pride in being involved in their learning.

Becoming President-Elect for LSRT would allow me to be a role model for my students, hopefully inspiring them to become active technologists in the society after graduation. This role would also allow me to become more active and to enhance knowledge in advocacy for our professions



**Vice President**  
**Lakeidra Bell, EdD, RT(R)**

**NAME:** Lakeidra Taylor Bell, EdD, R.T. (R)

**CITY:** Denham Springs

**PRESENT JOB TITLE:** Clinical Coordinator – Radiologic Technology

**PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:** Baton Rouge General School of Radiologic Technology

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:** American Society of Radiologic Technologists, Louisiana Educators in Radiologic Sciences, Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists, Louisiana Educator Research Association

**OFFICES/COMMITTEES:**

2019-2022 – LERS 4 consecutive terms

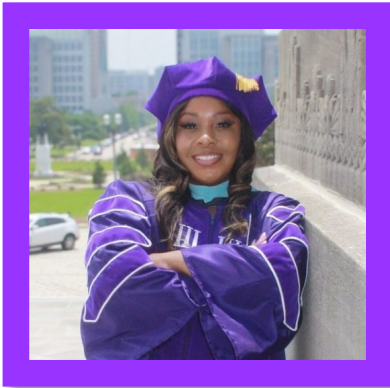
2020-2022 - LSRT Student Leadership and Development Program

2018 & 2022 LSRT – Annual Meeting Local Committee

**ACHEIVMENTS/AWARDS/HONORS:**

2021 – 2022, 2023-2024 Baton Rouge General Top Talent

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:**



**Vice President**  
**Allee Clark, RT(R)(CT)**

**NAME:** Allee Clark, MSRS, R.T. (R) (CT)

**CITY:** Lafayette

**PRESENT JOB TITLE:** X-Ray/MRI Technologist

**PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:** Iberia Medical Center

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:** American Society of Radiologic Technologists, Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists, American Registry of Radiologic Technologists

**OFFICES/COMMITTEES:**

2023 – LSRT Student Facilitator at 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

**ACHEIVMENTS/AWARDS/HONORS:**

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

I am a positive senior tech that has dipped her toes in multiple modalities. I am a driven registered CT tech and currently working on my MRI certification. I received my BA from ULM and was Chi Betta Gamma's president my senior year. I have a master's degree in Radiology with a concentration in hospital administration.



## Recording Secretary Brittany Smith, MSRS, RT(R)(CT)

**NAME:** Brittany Smith, MSRS, R.T. (R) (CT)

**CITY:** Calhoun

**PRESENT JOB TITLE:** Assistant Professor

**PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:** University of Louisiana at Monroe

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:** Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists, American Registry of Radiologic Technologists

**OFFICES/COMMITTEES:**

2023-2024 LERS Vice Chair

2022-2023 – LERS Chair

2023 – Organizer Senior Student Program – Midwinter Seminar

2022 – Student Leadership and Development Program Committee

2016 – LSRT Scientific Essay Competition Judge

**ACHEIVMENTS/AWARDS/HONORS:**

ASRT – James and Stephanie Johnston Journey Scholarship

Nominee Outstanding Faculty Award ULM School of Allied Health

Doctorate of Educational Leadership anticipated May 2025

Master of Science n Radiologic Sciences 2016

Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Technology 2012

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

The future of our profession lies with the practices of each of us as technologists. Our duty and privilege is to instill values and a spark for our profession in the next generation of radiographers. By leading by example, we can do just that. By running for recording, I am setting an example for my students and peers on what it means to serve the profession.





## Tentative Program Follows



## STUDENT EVENTS ONLY- THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024

12pm- 1pm	Registration Open	Grand Ballroom Breezeway
12:15pm	<b>Student Quiz Bowl Member Check-In</b> <i>Student Program Track</i> <i>Team Coach and ALL Members of Quiz Bowl Teams <b>must</b> be checked-in no later than 12:30pm.</i>	Pre-function Area
12:30pm	<b>Student Council Meeting, Elections, &amp; Presentation by the 2023 ASRT SLDP LA Representatives</b> <i>Led by LERS Vice Chair and 2024 ASRT SLDP Reps</i>	Ballroom C/D
1:00pm- Until	<b>T-Shirt Competition and LSRT Quiz Bowl Competition –</b> <i>Student Program Track</i> <b>Moderated by: Kevin Clark and Brandon Smith</b> <i>Double Elimination Tournament- Led by Student Affairs Committee</i> <b>Sponsored by: Majestic Medical Solutions</b>	Ballroom C/D
6:00-8:00pm	LSRT Pre-Annual Meeting Board Meeting	Re River Board Room

## EVENT DAY ONE- FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2024

7am- 4pm	Event Registration Open	Pre-Function Area
7am-7:45am	Light Continental Breakfast Provided	Pre-Function Area
8:00am	<b>Opening Processional for 2024 Annual LSRT Business Meeting</b>	Ballroom C/D
8:15am <i>(Or Immediately Following Processional)</i>	<b>Keynote Lecture:</b> <b>Law and Order: Best Practices for Radiologic Technologists</b> <b>Kelli Haynes, EdD, R.T. (R) FASRT, FAEIRS</b> <i>Director, School of Allied Health, Northwestern State University</i> 50 min lecture	Ballroom C/D 1.00 CE <i>Pending ASRT Cat A Credits</i>
9:20am	<b>2023 LSRT Annual Business Meeting and Announce of Election Results</b> <b>Led by LSRT President Sarah Barnes</b>	Ballroom C/D
10:15am	<b>2024 LA State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners Report)</b> <b>When Healthcare Workers Become the Patient</b> <b>LSRT Student Leadership Development Program (By Invitation Only)</b> <i>Led by LERS Chair Manny Rodriguez and Selected SLDP Facilitators</i> <b>-Welcome and Introductions</b>	Ballroom C/D Ballroom A/B
11:15a- 12:15p	<b>Lunch Break</b> <i>(Local Restaurants within the area or River &amp; Rye located in Hotel located in the Hotel Lobby)</i>	

12:30pm	<b>Can Empathy Be Taught? Exploring Methods for Teaching Concern?</b> <b>Rebecca Hamm, Ed.D., RT(R)(CT)</b> Associate Professor, ULM General Radiography Track 50 min lecture	Ballroom C/D	1.00 CE Pending ASRT Cat A Credits
	<b>Importance of Bilingual Skills</b> <b>Anna Kathryn Vaughn, MSN, RN, CNE</b> CONSAH, Northwestern State University General Radiography Track 50 min lecture	207/208	1.0 CE Pending ASRT Cat A Credits
	<b>LSRT Student Leadership Development Program (By Invitation Only)</b> -Advocacy: What is it and why it is important to me as a Student Leader? Roundtable Discussion on Advocacy/Leading Change (30 mins) -Introductions of SLDP Grad Facilitators & Impact Topics (20 mins)	205	
1:30pm	<b>Sensitive Practice from Survivors of Sexual Violence</b> <b>Kevin Clark, Ed.D., R.T.(R)(QM)(ARRT), FAEIRS, FASRT</b> Program Director, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center General Radiography Track 65 min lecture	Ballroom C/D	1.25 CE Pending ASRT Cat A Credits
	<b>LSRT Student Leadership Development Program (By Invitation Only)</b> - <b>Impact Project.</b> Student Lead Group Projects on Recent Advancements & Challenges with the Profession and how they can project it will impact the profession.	205	
2:40pm-3:00pm	<b>Break</b>	<b>Grand Foyer</b>	
3:05pm	<b>Advocacy: Ring of Fire Edition</b> <b>Lessons Learned from Tennessee</b> <b>Jennifer Thompson, Ed.D., RT(R)(QM)</b> Program Director, Austin Peay State University General Radiography Track 50 min lecture	207/208	1.0 CE Pending ASRT Cat A Credits
	<b>LSRT Student Leadership Development Program (By Invitation Only)</b> 1. <b>Impact Project.</b> Report Out Presentations 2. <b>Next Step... Conclusion and Steps Forward.</b> Roundtable Discussion on Growth Opportunities within the Profession Statewide or Nationally 50 min lecture	205	
4:15pm	<b>Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Medical Imaging</b> <b>Jason Smith, R.R.A., R.T.(R)(CT)ARRT</b> <b>Andy Allen, Ed.D., RT(R)</b> Associate Professors, University of Louisiana at Monroe General Radiography Track 50 min lecture	Ballroom C/D	1.0 CE Pending ASRT Cat A Credits
7p-7:30p	<b>LSRT Induction of 2024-2025 Officers</b> (Event Attire: Dressy or Business Professional)	<b>Ballroom C/D</b>	
7:30p-9p	<b>LSRT Presidential Reception</b> Sponsored by: Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System Sweet & Savory Hors d'Oeuvres will be Served Cash Bar with Event's Signature Drinks- The Old Fashion Film & The Digital Daiquiri (Event Attire: Dressy or Business Professional)	<b>Red River Board Room</b>	

## EVENT DAY TWO- SATURDAY, JULY 13, 202

7:30a-8:30am	Registration Open	Pre-Function Area	
8:00am	<b>R.T.hink</b> <b>Brandon A. Smith, M.B.A., M.S.R.S., RT(R)(VI), CIIP</b> <i>GE Health Care, Radiology Applications Specialist</i> <b>General Radiography Track</b> 50 min lecture	Ballroom C/D	1.0 CE <i>Pending ASRT Cat A Credits</i>
	<b>The Lumbar Puncture: Indications, Techniques, and Complications</b> 50 min lecture <b>Reece Burgoon, MSRS, RRA, RT(R), ARRT</b> <i>Registered Radiologist Assistant, Texas Radiology Associates</i> <b>Specialty Track</b>	207/208	1.0 CE <i>Pending ASRT Cat A Credits</i>
9:00am	<b>Professionalism is for Every Stage of the Radiologic Career</b> <b>Andrea Delony, MSRS, RT(R)(M), CRA</b> <i>Regional Director, Onsite Womens Health</i> <b>General Radiography Track</b> 65 min lecture	Ballroom C/D	1.25 CE <i>Pending ASRT Cat A Credits</i>
10:30am	<b>Leadership: How are You Developing?</b> <b>Larry Arant, MSRS, RT(CT)(MR)</b> <i>Northwestern State University</i> <b>General Radiography Track</b> 65 min lecture	Ballroom C/D	1.25 CE <i>Pending Approval Cat A Credits</i>
	<b>A Roadmap for Creating an Effective Assessment Plan</b> <b>Kelli Haynes, EdD, RT(R), FASRT, FAEIRS</b> <i>Director, School of Allied Health, Northwestern State University</i> <b>LERS Lecture and Meeting (55 min CE Lecture with 20 mins LERS Meeting)</b>	205	1.00 CE <i>Pending Approval Cat A Credits</i>
11:15a - 12:15p	<b>LSRT LUNCHEON with AWARDS PRESENTATIONS</b> <i>Including Annual Awards, Competitions Awards, and LSRT Recognitions</i> <b>Led by LSRT President Heather Koepp.</b>		
12:30pm	<b>Your AI Study Sidekicks</b> <b>Kevin Clark, Ed.D., R.T.(R)(QM)(ARRT), FAEIRS, FASRT</b> <i>Program Director, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center</i> <b>General Radiography Track</b> 65 min lecture	Ballroom C/D	1.25 CE <i>Pending Approval Cat A Credits</i>
1:45pm	<b>Examining the Effects of Burnout and Mental Health Challenges in Higher Education Faculty</b> <b>Jay Hicks, Ed.D., R.T.(R)(ARRT)</b> <i>Assistant Director &amp; Clinical Coordinator, University of Hartford</i> <b>General Radiography Track</b> 65 min lecture	Ballroom C/D	1.25 CE <i>Pending Approval Cat A Credits</i>
2:45pm-	<b>LSRT Post-Annual Board Meeting</b>		Red River Board Room

## Seeking Licensure Board Nominations Attention – LSRT Technologists

"The LSRT is seeking qualified candidates to be submitted to the Governor of Louisiana, as requested, to fill positions on the Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners (Licensure Board). Interested individuals should see the candidate requirements listed below. After reviewing the information below, if you are interested in being considered to serve on the LSRTBE (Licensure Board) submit your Curriculum Vitae and other documents to ***LSRTChairman@gmail.com*** by 5pm on Wednesday June 12th. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The final appointments to the LSRTBE (licensure Board) is made by the Governor from the names submitted by the LSRT.

*Procedure for the LSRT to make appointment to the LSRTBE, from the LSRT Guidelines and Procedural Manual is listed below*

### **APPOINTMENTS TO THE LSRTBE**

This establishes a procedure to select a list of nominees from the Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists to be submitted to the governor of Louisiana as requested or to fill vacancies on the Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners. Then nomination guideline shall be within the constraints of the current license law.

It is the responsibility of the Chair of the Board to handle the process.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS OF NOMINEE SELECTION**

- Nominee must be a Registered Radiologic Technologist.
- Nominee must have resided in the state of Louisiana for the last five years and if appointed should agree to reside within the state throughout the duration of the appointment.
- Nominee must have practiced the science of Radiologic Technology in the healing arts of man for a period of not less than five years or within the last ten-year period.
- Nominee must hold a current license to practice Radiologic Technology in the state of Louisiana and if appointed retain a current license.
- Nominee must be a member in good standing of the Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists for the last five years and if nominated retain membership.
- Nominee must be a member in good standing of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists, or join at the time of nomination.
- Nominee must submit a candidate fact sheet, a resume or curriculum vitae, an employment history of the last ten years, an educational history, and a position statement describing his/her desire to serve on the LSRTBE. These documents are to be submitted to the LSRT Chair of the Board in accordance with the time limits allowed by the Chair of the Board.
- The nominee must agree to abide by the selection policy developed and described by the LSRT Executive Board and by Louisiana law governing this process.



# 2023 LSRT Annual Business Session

## Minutes July 14, 2023

Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists

2023 Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers July 14, 2023 at 9:30am

New Orleans, LA

- 1) Call to order
  - A. Meeting called to order at 9:35 am by President Allison Puente
- 2) Introductions
  - A. Sergeant at Arms – Dr. Laura Aaron and Jessica Despino
  - B. Parliamentarian - Greg Bradley
  - C. 65th Annual Meeting Committee:
    - i) Rebecca Mercer, Ty Delger, Katie Richard and students from Delgado.
  - D. 2022-2023 Executive Board of Directors, Elected Officers & Appointees
    - i) Chairman of the Board – Dr. Rebecca Hamm
    - ii) President – Allison Puente
    - iii) President Elect – Sarah Barnes
    - iv) Vice President – Heather Koepp
    - v) Recording Secretary – Monica Weber
    - vi) Executive Secretary of Membership - Carmen George
    - vii) Executive Secretary of Finance – Megan Wedgeworth
    - viii) Director of Publications & By-laws Task Force Chair- Greg Bradley
    - ix) Meeting Planner – Caitlan Clark
    - x) Historian - Susie Beasley
    - xi) Legislative Affairs - Jason Smith
    - xii) Nominations & Credentialing – Kari Cook
    - xiii) Student Affairs – Anne Treme
    - xiv) LERS Chairman & Vice Chair- Brittany Smith & Angie Cottingham
    - xv) Advocacy Task Force - Kelli Welch Haynes
- 3) Minutes
  - A. Motion to approve the minutes from the 2022 Annual Business Meeting as published in the Focal Spot Monitor Brett Bennett.
  - B. Motion made to accept minutes as published by Brett Brennett, motion seconded by Melissa Whitley.
  - C. All in favor, no opposition, motion passed.
- 4) Reports
  - A. Executive Secretary of Membership - Carmen George
    - i) Currently, there are 676 members (328 active members, 5 emeritus members, 12 life members, and 331 students).
    - ii) 321 registrants for the 2023 Annual Meeting (58 technologists, 255 students, 7 guests, and 1 Saturday only).

- B. Executive Secretary of Finance – Megan Wedgeworth
    - i) Currently, we have \$171,665 between a couple of accounts. We are closing an account today and moving the money over to a general fund.
    - ii) There are a couple of mutual funds with a total of close to \$93,000.
    - iii) The grand total of our bank accounts and mutual funds is approximately \$265,000.
  - C. By-laws Task Force - Greg Bradley
    - i) Electronic voting: To allow for electronic voting for the election process as published in the Focal Spot Monitor.
    - ii) Emergency by-laws: Presented to the board by Sarah Barnes to establish operating procedures in times of emergency. This was also published in the Focal Spot Monitor.
      - (1) Motion made to allow for voting on these two changes to the by-laws (as written and published).
      - (2) All in favor, no opposition, motion passed.
  - D. Legislative Affairs- Jason Smith
    - i) No concrete legislation pending.
    - ii) LXMO in progress and urged attendance at the LSBME meeting in a few weeks.
    - iii) Regarding RA, the movement has lost steam at this time but will continue working on this.
- 5) Election of Officers
- A. President-Elect
    - i) Candidate submitted: Heather Koepp, no nominations from floor after 3 calls.
      - (1) Motion to close nominations and accept Sarah Barnes by acclamation. Motion made by Greg Bradley
      - (2) The motion was seconded by Brett Bennett.
      - (3) All in favor, no opposition, motion passed by acclamation.
  - B. Vice President
    - i) Candidate submitted: Monica Weber.
    - ii) Nomination from the floor for Brittany Smith. Nomination accepted by Brittany Smith.
    - iii) No other nominations from floor after 3 calls.
    - iv) Short speeches made by both candidates.
      - (1) Vote taken by paper ballot and counted by Sargeant at Arms.
      - (2) Monica Weber declared winner by ballot vote.
  - C. Recording Secretary
    - i) Candidate submitted: Angela Cottingham, no nominations from floor after 3 calls.
      - (1) Motion to close nominations and accept Angela Cottingham by acclamation. Motion Made by Carmen George.
      - (2) The motion was seconded by Kelli Haynes.
      - (3) All in favor, no opposition, motion passed.
- 6) New Business
- A. Volunteering for LSRT
    - i) For those wanting to volunteer their time and efforts to LSRT, contact any board member for more information.
    - ii) Committee and Task Force assignments for the 2023-2024 will begin after this meeting.
- 7) LSRTBE Report
- A. LSRTBE Board Chairman, Susan Hammonds-Guarisco, introduced the LSRT members who serve on the LSRTBE Board. They are Greg Bradley and Brett Bennett. Fred Drouant is also on the LSRTBE Board but is not present

- B. Sue differentiated between certification and licensure and there are two laws in the state. The first is that the BME provides certification for private physician's offices. The LSRTBE is full state licensure, which includes all hospital and all hospital-owned facilities.
- C. The ARRT is the credentialing agency and provides the testing necessary to gain certification. Once you pass your certification, you will then apply to the LSRTBE for your state license.
- D. Licensure stats from the inception of the law:
  - i) 15,852 (total)
  - ii) 7,026 (active)
  - iii) 6,859 (expired)
  - iv) 1,469 (inactive)
  - v) 381 (revoked/suspended)
- E. Sue stated that the LSRTBE upholds the law but cannot lobby for technologists.
- F. Susan presented the number of active licenses in Louisiana – 6841. Additionally, in 2022, 90% of technologists renewed their license; and 3082 were audited.
- G. Licensure renewals are every two years. 3,305 renewals were processed in 2023 with all of them being audited.
- H. Common errors with license renewals:
  - i) The most common error noted in audits are CE errors. Twenty-three people were non-compliant. Twenty of those came back into compliance. All uploads must be PDF.
  - ii) Must have 24 CEU in a two year period with no duplicate credits.
  - iii) Insufficient payment.
  - iv) Failure to meet the deadline. It was reminded that May 31st is the renewal deadline and on June 1st a license will move to expired status.
  - v) CEU certificates must be official.
- I. Questions about arrests, licensure revoke, etc. must be accurately answered on the renewal. If you answer yes, you must provide documentation. Documents can be uploaded online, mailed, or brought to the LSRTBE office. Documents may include: arrest record, court documents, or any other requested documents for investigation. The main purpose is to verify that you can safely practice and the public is protected.
- J. ARRT clearance does not necessarily mean you are cleared by the LSRTBE. The LSRTBE still conducts their own investigation.
- K. LXMO: BME is trying to change their law to allow other individuals to image patients. This may include receptionists, nutritionists, medical assistants, etc. Once they publish in the Louisiana Register, the public has 90 days to comment to oppose. If no comment, the law comes into play.

8) Reminders

- A. Pick up vendor raffle ticket from the desk on the way out.
- B. Share pictures using #LSRT 2023, #wishyouwerehere, #advocacymatters.

Adjournment at 10:20 am

# **Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists**

## **Continuous Membersip**

### **Awards 2024**

Continuous membership pins will be distributed at the 66th annual meeting. The LSRT will award membership pins to technologists with **5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, and 50 years of continuous membership**. Below is a list of members who will receive pins at the 2024 Annual Meeting in Shreveport. If you are listed for a pin and not registered for the meeting your pin will be mailed to you. As always, if you feel that you are due a pin and not listed, please contact the Executive Secretary of Membership at [lasocietyradtechs@gmail.com](mailto:lasocietyradtechs@gmail.com)

#### **55 Years (member since 1969)**

Harold Gaspard

#### **50 Years (member since 1974)**

Jolene Carson Betty Davis

#### **45 Years (member since 1979)**

Charlene Sirman

#### **40 Years (member since 1984)**

Janis Mayfield Elizabeth Sanchez Robin Wegener

#### **35 Years (member since 1989)**

James Poisso Joey Fontenot Alan Cason Ann Treme

#### **30 Years (member since 1994)**

Monica Grant Kelly Stein Ashlyn Falcon Roger Fontenot

Sandra Giambrone Heather Koepp Karen Lovecchio

Jerome Ramone Nan Leger Janice Dean Ana McMasters

#### **25 Years (member since 1999)**

Barbara Scott Melissa Loe Brett Bennett Betty Yruegas

#### **20 Years (member since 2004)**

Jaclyn Verret Peters

#### **15 Years (member since 2009)**

Caitlin Fursov Sarah Bell Gary Barnett Mary Lambert Jackie Robian Brooke Spector Dianne Tyler Terry Heffern

#### **10 Years (member since 2014)**

Mary Guo Amy Sylvester Tammy Kliebert Alyssa Bell Courtland Hollenshead Annette Rasmussen Nicole Trosclair  
Kristen Kenney

#### **5 Years (member since 2019)**

Kerstyn Johnson Alicia O'Neal Allie Douglas Tisa LoPiccolo Karla David James Hosey Alina Smith Donna Wade  
Taylor Nation Brandon Smith Edoard Talamayan Malyn Fontenot Lexie Guidry Brenda Baumgartner Harrison Wool  
Elizabeth Mazoch Ashley Riecke Alex Robles Charla McInnis Kenneth Radley Thomas Bice Cynthia Fox Brittany Kata  
Justin Tidwell Lauren Kerns Jennifer Dollins Danielle Giroir Ashley Herman Natali Scimeca Cody Teelucksingh  
James Loupe Kayla Jacobs Bailey Pate Lindsay Womack Bridget Roussel Amanda Pierlas Shannon Faulstick  
Hollie Arnold Wendy Myers Tess Myers Cheryl Blazo Kirsten LeCompte Amy Bonvillain Adam Courtiade Triston Gros  
Christian Harvey Ericka Banks Rachel Bragg Alexis Panquerne Dayanne Lanza Tori Senkowski Thomas Bonvillain  
Samantha Damico



# LSRT Facility Recognition

## North Oaks Diagnostic Center

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. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row our students have selected this clinical setting (from multiple other). I feel this speaks volumes about the caliber of the facility, technologists, and quality of patient care. It should also be noted that there are 4 less technologists listed than last year. Hence, only 3 technologists are carrying the same (if not more) patient volume/load. 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.

The following technologists at the *North Oaks Diagnostic Center* need to be recognized: **Suzanne Smith (Manager), Missy Ridgedell (supervisor), Breonne Butler, Natali Scimeca, and Brianne Foster.** Among the many comments made by the radiologic technology students about the North Oaks Diagnostic Center were:

- The technologists are so hard working
  - Even though they are very busy, they take so much time to teach the students.
  - There is a variety of exams.
  - The technologists are incredible welcoming and helpful.
  - The technologists go above and beyond for their patients.
  - The technologists are very helpful and want to make you a better technologist.
  - This setting gives students the opportunity to learn how to work quickly and practice many different exams.
  - A great learning atmosphere.
  - It is so involving and there is constant learning here.
  - My confidence level skyrocketed when I was at this setting.
  - The technologists are ALWAYS willing to help and show us exactly what we need to do and learn.
  - Every tech at this setting is smart, caring, and handles their workload well.
  - Learned the most at this setting.
  - The technologists are helpful.
  - The facility is very clean and it is a great atmosphere.
  - One on one with patients.
  - The technologists are kind.
  - The technologists are very involved with the students.
  - It is an amazing place to learn.
  - The technologists treat patients like family.
  - The technologists make patients feel like home.
  - The technologists treat students like they matter.
  - The technologists are extremely knowledgeable.
  - The technologists explain things exceptionally well to both students and patients.
  - The technologists work hard through a high volume of patients while maintaining high levels of care.

# McNeese Student has a Paper Published in ASRT Journal “Radiologic Technology”

The McNeese State University Radiologic Sciences faculty are proud to announce that Senior student McKenzie Mitchell had her article, Imaging Evidence of Eating Disorders, published in the January/February 2024 issue of *Radiologic Technology*, the journal of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists. McKenzie is from DeRidder, La and graduates with her BS in Radiologic Sciences in May 2024. She has already accepted a full-time position as a computed tomography technologist at Lake Charles Memorial Hospital.

McKenzie wrote this article as part of an assignment in the Radiologic Sciences curriculum and then pursued publication of the article on her own, working with the journal's publication staff. It is worth mentioning the following accomplishments:

- The **first** MSU Radiologic Sciences student to have a scientific paper published prior to graduation,
- The **first** student nationwide to be published in the journal with a single-author article before national certification has been awarded.



Short Report

## Imaging Evidence of Eating Disorders

McKenzie Mitchell

Eating disorders are considered a relatively common diagnosis, especially for the adolescent population. The *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, fourth edition (DSM-IV) classifies eating disorders on a spectrum ranging from anorexia nervosa to bulimia nervosa, and a middle category called eating disorders not otherwise specified (EDNOS).<sup>1</sup>

Each classification of eating disorder has different diagnostic criteria, but the appearance of restrictive behavior is a common trait among them. Individuals with anorexia nervosa are classified by low weight, fear of gaining weight, a desire for total-body thinness, and body dysmorphism. Anorexia nervosa also has the

have an eating disorder with measurements of healthy individuals.<sup>2</sup>

### Advancements in MR Imaging Technology

MR imaging is a noninvasive and nonionizing method used to image internal structures of the body.<sup>3</sup> Strong magnetic fields and radio frequency are used to create cross-sectional images of the body without exposure to radiation. The strong magnetic fields that circulate the patient and the presence of a radio frequency cause hydrogen atoms in the body to align.<sup>4</sup> This alignment creates density for the machine to detect; different tissues and structures create different densities in relation to their atomic number.<sup>5</sup> These basic principles

of the disorder, yet no research has been able to demonstrate this conclusively.<sup>6</sup> Some studies have found that participants with bulimia nervosa have greater left temporal blood flow compared with healthy controls.<sup>7</sup> Studies also have found that participants with bulimia nervosa have an increased likelihood of choosing a sweet food compared with other options. These findings have presented the idea that the processing of taste stimuli for individuals diagnosed with an eating disorder might be altered.<sup>8</sup>

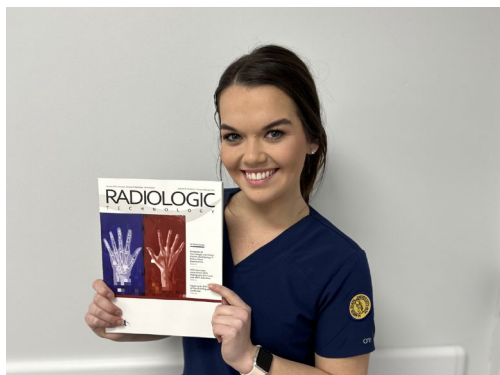
Different classifications of eating disorders have different symptomology. Binge-eating disorder (BED) is noted as uncontrollable episodes of eating with feelings of guilt and compensatory behaviors. Researchers at the University of Padua in Italy enrolled 42 participants and divided them into 2 groups based on BED behaviors. The study aimed to compare gray matter volume and impulsivity of participants with BED with healthy controls.<sup>9</sup> The study used numerous self-reporting questionnaires to divide the subjects into BED and non-BED groups. The subjects then received fMR imaging

to stimuli compared with the traditional method of imaging that produces stagnant images. For individuals diagnosed with an eating disorder, the use of regular imaging scans can be a vital part of the recovery process.

McKenzie Mitchell is a student at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana, pursuing a bachelor's degree in radiologic sciences.

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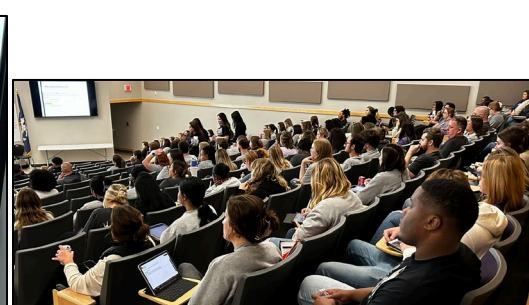
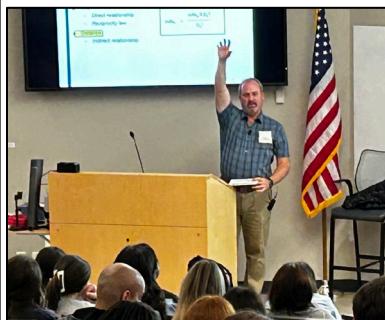
# Pictorial Highlights Midwinter Seminar 2024



2024 Student Bee winners Kristin Care LSUE, Kayleigh Harrison Southern, Jenna Bonnette NSU



2024 Student Bee Moderator  
Susie Beasley



# Don't Forget to vote for your LSRT Officers

*Online Voting for the 2024 LSRT Election of  
Officers will take place via ELECTION RUNNER.*

*The election will open on July 2, 2024 at 8:00am and  
will close on July 11, 2024 at noon. A link to vote  
will be sent to your email address on July 2, 2024.  
You must be a member or renew your membership by  
July 1, 2024 to vote.*

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March 8, 2025