



2024—2025

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President's Message

The phrase, "It takes a village," refers to the power of community and a shared effort. The 2025 LSRT Mid-Winter Seminar was evidence of such. Having said that, I would like to express my gratitude to the LSRT volunteers. Their efforts behind the scenes did not go unnoticed or unappreciated. The insight and expertise of the esteemed speakers helped enrich our understanding of their topics. Lastly, thank you to the 29 technologists, 196 students, and 6 vendors in attendance. Their participation and engagement made this seminar a success.

The LSRT has kept members well informed about PRTs and LXMOs via email, lsrt.net, and the LSRT social media platforms. The most recent update was the LSRTBE submitted the Notice of Intent and proposed rule for LXMOs. The proposed LXMO rule provides for qualified individuals to perform limited scope of x-rays in private physician offices, private

clinics, and urgent care centers. LXMOs will be issued a permit, **not** a license. Permitted individuals will **not** be able to work in hospitals, cross train, work in modalities, or perform fluoroscopy. LXMOs will have to complete both didactic and clinical coursework, pass a standardized test (ARRT), abide by a standard of ethics, and complete CE units upon renewal - just as a full-scope technologists. The LSRTBE received one public comment from the ASRT. The ASRT is encouraged by the proposed rule changes to Title 46 and believes Louisiana is taking a critical step to ensure Louisianians receive safe, high-quality care from qualified medical imaging professionals in private physician offices and urgent cares" by requiring LXMOs to meet initial educational requirements, pass a standardized competency exam, and complete continuing education. So, what next? The LSRTBE is awaiting a re-



view by the oversight committees. More information will be available in April or May. The LSRT continues to monitor the LSBME meeting agendas each month. Since December, PRTs have not been on the agenda. As always, if you are not a member, please consider joining. If you are a member, please consider becoming more **active** and running for an officer position or serving on a committee. It truly takes a village – and your involvement can make a difference. Respectfully,

*Heather Koepp, MA.,
R.T.(R), CHES*

LSRT President 2024-2025

2025 LSRT Scientific Essay Competition

Calling all students and technologists!

Enter the 2025 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 award-

ed 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, 2025 to Allee Clark—LSRT Vice President Alleecrews@msn.com

2025 LSRT Scientific Exhibit Competition

Calling 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 Monica Weber, MSRS, R.T., (R)(M) LSRT President-Elect (mweber@mcneese.edu) no later than June 15, 2025. 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 mweber@mcneese.edu

LSRT Executive Board Appoints

Meeting Planners

**The LSRT Appoints two individuals to serve Co-Meeting Planners.
They are:**

Sarah Barnes, MBA, R.T.(R) sbarnes@lsua.edu

Jessica Love, MSRS, R.T. (R) lovej@nsula.edu

2025 Student BEE Winners

The *LSRT Student Bee* was a great success thanks to the many students who participated and techs who volunteered their time to assist. The Junior competition was held as part of the 2025 LSRT Midwinter Seminar on March 8, 2025 in Alexandria



The 2025 winners were:

- 1st place: Hailey Stevenson, Northwestern State University
- 2nd place: Jaydon Evans, Northwestern State University, and
- 3rd Place: Stephanie Ezenwafor, McNeese State University

Thanks to all the program who participated and the staff who helped put on a successful student bee.

Best,

Allee Clark, MSRS, R.T. (R)(CT)



Quiz Bowl 2025

The LSRT will hold the Student Quiz Bowl competition at its Annual Meeting to be held in Lafayette, LA Thursday July 10th, 2025. 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](https://lsrt.net) and click on competitions. For more information, please contact: Allee Clark, MSRT, RT (R)(CT); Chairperson of Student Affairs, e-mail:

alleeclark@msn.com. See you in July!

***“The individual
competition is completed
with the 2025 Student Bee
behind us,
Get Ready for the team
competition by
participating in the 2025
Quiz Bowl*”**

LSRT Annual Business Session

The annual business session will be held on Friday, July 11, 2025 immediately following the first lecture at the Doubletree by Hilton in Lafayette during the 67th Annual Meeting of the LSRT.

2025 T-Shirt Contest

Programs participating in the Annual Quiz Bowl may also participate in a T-Shirt Contest. Each team participating in the Annual Quiz Bowl will select 2 members from their program on the quiz bowl team to present the School's T-shirt to a panel of judges. The T-Shirt Contest shall be held immediately preceding the quiz bowl. For official rules consult www.lsrt.net.



LSRT Officer Nominations now being accepted

The nominating and credentialing committee

is now accepting nominees for LSRT Officers for the 2025—2026 year. Nominations are needed for President Elect, Vice President, and Recording Secretary. Nominations and questions regarding the office criteria are to be made to **Caitlan Clark, MSRS, R.T. (R)**
CRAcclark36@mcneese.edu



American Society of Radiologic Technologists

Election Results for LSRT Members Running



Brandon A. Smith, M.B.A., M.S.R.S., R.T.(R)(VI), CIIP, was elected in the ASRT Special Election and will be installed as president in June 2025 for the 2025-2026 term. Smith is a senior clinical instructor analyst, global services organizational readiness at GE HealthCare in Houston, Texas.



COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY CHAPTER DELEGATE/CHAIR

Allison Puente, M.S.R.S., R.T.(R)(CT)
Orange, Texas

Assistant Professor/Staff Computed Tomography Tech
McNeese State University/Christus Hospital Orange
Lake Charles/Orange, Louisiana



EDUCATION CHAPTER DELEGATE*

*Due to a tie vote, chair and vice chair roles will be determined by lot at the 2025 ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates meeting.

Jay Hicks, Ed.D., R.T.(R)
Trumbull, Connecticut

Assistant Program Director and Clinical Coordinator, Radiography
University of Hartford
West Hartford, Connecticut



EDUCATION CHAPTER ALTERNATE DELEGATE 2

Heather Koepp, M.A., R.T.(R), CHES
Amite, Louisiana

Program Director
North Oaks School of Radiologic Technology
Hammond, Louisiana



LSRT Annual Awards & Recognitions

Email nominations along to Sarah Barnes at sbarnes@lsua.edu no later than April 15th.

LSRT Life Member

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 the field of Radiologic Technology.



Outstanding Technologist of the Year

The LSRT will sponsor the Outstanding Technologist of the Year Award at the Annual Meeting. The award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated outstanding capabilities and achievements in the field of Radiologic Technology.



Outstanding Student Technologist of the Year

The LSRT will sponsor an Outstanding Student of the Year Award at the Annual Meeting of the LSRT. We wish to recognize outstanding achievements as well as contributions to the field of Radiologic Technology.



LSRT Facility Recognition Award

The Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists (LSRT) Facility Recognition Award recognizes a healthcare facility's radiologic technology department that has demonstrated excellence in providing quality patient care, advocating for the patient and/or the profession, and providing an environment conducive to the student's radiologic technologist educational journey.



LSRT is seeking speakers for the 67th Annual Meeting in Lafayette, LA.



When: July 11-12, 2025

Where: DoubleTree by Hilton

If interesting ins speaking
Contact one of the Meeting

Planners

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**We are on the web
At www.lsrt.net**

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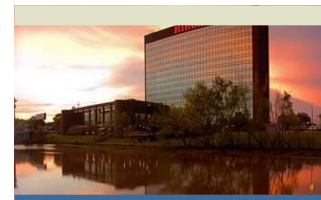
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67th LSRT Annual Meeting



July 10-12, 2025

Doubletree by Hilton

Lafayette, LA

Hotel Reservations group code LSR

Register online

Registration form

For more information contact one of the LSRT Meeting Planners

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