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**67th Annual LSRT Meeting**

**July 10—12, 2025**

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Lafayette, Louisiana***

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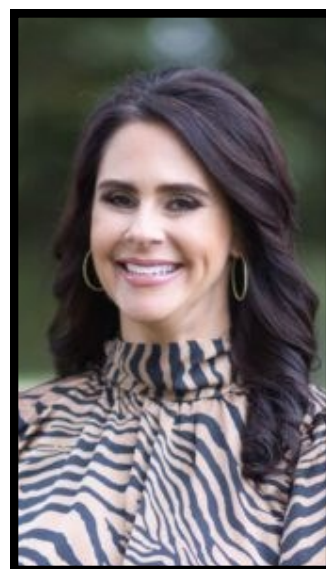
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**W**ow, what a year it has been! When I reached out to Carmen George and Rebecca Hamm 4 years ago about serving on a LSRT committee, I did not have an officer position in mind (especially not president). And I certainly did not anticipate a year like this past year. However, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for this incredible journey and learning experience.

It has been an honor to serve such a dedicated and passionate community of professionals. I am convinced there is no other community like our community - the radiology community. Although there are more than 7000 licensed and certified technologists and therapists in Louisiana, we are still family. And a RAD family at that!



Together, we have achieved remarkable milestones that have strengthened our society and protected our patients and profession. I am particularly proud of the LSRT for “holding the line” and preserving quality, safe patient care by opposing and testifying not to allow a Rules change for private rad techs to be supervised by a physician remotely.

I am grateful for the American Society of Radiologic Technologists. Their support for their affiliates is unmatched. The LSRT was selected from a pool by the ASRT allowing Louisiana to have three participants (instead of two) for the ASRT Student to Leadership Development Program this year. Congratulations, again, Chris, Kamryn, and Heaven!

Also, the LSRT applied and was selected for the ASRT Affiliate Development Program. As part of this program, the LSRT developed an action plan to recruit members and volunteers, survey our members, improve social media, and the LSRT officers were given access to the ASRT Leadership Academy modules.

Since last July, our membership has increased by 78 members. The LSRT had a successful year, but there is still work to be done. I am motivated by checking things off a list. This past year, I found out there are some things you can check off a list but advocating for patients and our profession is not something any of us should ever check off a list. In Allison Puente’s words, “Advocacy is a marathon, not a sprint.” Ad-vocacy takes grit and perseverance – it takes a bulldog mindset.

One of my favorite quotes is “Most people don’t want to be part of the process; they just want to be part of the outcome. But the process is where you figure out who’s worth being part of the outcome.” I encourage every LSRT member to be more active - be part of the process. It’s challenging and requires time, but aren’t your patients worth it?

As I step down, I am confident the LSRT will continue to thrive. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the LSRT Board and members for their unwavering support and commitment to excellence. It is your dedication that makes our society strong. Thank you for the privilege of serving as your President. I look forward to witnessing the continued success and growth of the LSRT.

Respectfully,

*Heather C. Koepp*

Heather Koepp, MA, R.T. (R)(ARRT), CHES  
2024-2025 LSRT President

**Tentative**

# Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

July 10-12, 2025

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Lafayette, LA

## Annual Meeting Program



**Cajun Contrast**  
*Spicing up Imaging*

Special Thanks to **Majestic Medical Solutions** for their partnership for this event. Special sponsorship for our Student Competitions + LA Student Leadership Development Program Events for 2025  
I Be sure to stop at their booth and say thank you and see what innovative options they have for Medical Imaging!



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### What is the total number of CEs for Technologists?

~8.5 ASRT Approved Category A CE Credits are available during the event! The lectures were sent to ARRT for CQR credit distribution, and those are available for participants to use to assign their meetings correctly to the required CQR credits needed upon request.



## STUDENT EVENTS ONLY- Thursday, July 10, 2025

12pm-1pm	Registration Open	Ballroom Foyer
12:15pm	<b>Student Quiz Bowl Member Check-In</b> <i>Student Program Track</i> Team Coach and ALL Members of Quiz Bowl Teams <b>must</b> be checked in <b>no later than 12:30pm.</b>	Ballroom Foyer
12:30 pm-1 pm	<b>Student Council Meeting, Elections, &amp; Presentation by the 2024 ASRT SLDP LA Representatives</b> <b>Led by LERS Vice Chair and 2024 ASRT SLDP Reps</b>	Salon AB
1:00pm- Until	<b>T-Shirt Competition and LSRT Quiz Bowl Competition--</b> <i>Student Program Track</i> <b>Moderated by: Kevin Clark</b> <b>The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center</b> Double Elimination Tournament by Student Affairs <b>Sponsored by:</b>	Salon AB
Immediately Following Quiz Bowl Competition	<b>LSRT Pre-Annual Meeting Board Meeting</b>	Oak Alley

## EVENT DAY ONE- FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2025

7:00 am-12 pm	Onsite Registration Open	Ballroom Foyer
7:00 am-7:45 am	Coffee and Continental Breakfast Selections	River Foyer
8:00 am-8:20 am	<b>Opening Processional for 2025</b>	Salon AB
8:20 am-9:10 am	<b>Keynote Lecture: TaRADiddle: Emphasize on RAD</b> <b>Brandon Smith M.B.A., M.S.R.S., R.T. (R)(VI), CIIP</b> <i>Sr. Clinical Analyst, Global Services</i> <b>General Radiology</b> 50 min lecture	Salon AB
9:15 am-9:45 am	<b>2025 LSRT Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers</b> <b>Announcement of Online Election Results</b> <b>Led by LSRT President Heather Koepp</b> 30 min meeting	Salon AB
<b>9:45 am-10:00 am Break</b>		
10:00 am-10:50 am	<b>LSRTBE: Radiologic Licensure, Legislation, and Compliance</b> <b>Hollie Taranto, MBA, RT(R)(ARRT) and Manny Rodriguez, MHA, RT(R)(CT)(BD)(ARRT)</b> <i>LSRTBE Representatives</i> <b>General Radiology</b> 50 min lecture	Salon AB
	<b>LA SLDP Program Begins- Event by Invitation ONLY</b> <i>Separate Program Sent to those Accepted Students and Facilitators</i>	Salon D
11:00 am-11:50 am	<b>To Infin-RT and Beyond: What Employers Want From Your Students</b> <b>Andrea Delony, MSRS, RT(R)(M)ARRT, CRA</b> <i>Women's Imaging Lead, DeSoto Imaging Specialists</i> <b>General Radiography Track</b> 50 min lecture	Salon AB
	<b>Honoring our History, Creating New Pathways to Encourage</b> <b>Cheryl V. Cunningham, MS, RT(R)(ARRT)</b> <i>Carillon Clinic, Instructor</i> <b>General Radiography Track</b> 50 min lecture	Salon C
	<b>LA SLDP Program Begins- Event by Invitation ONLY</b> <i>Separate Program Sent to those Accepted Students and Facilitators</i>	Salon D
<b>11:50 pm-1:00 pm Lunch on Your Own</b>		
1:00 pm-2:05 pm	<b>Test-Taking Anxiety or Test-Taking Excuse?</b> <b>Zephaneth Munson, MSRS, RT(R)(CT)(ARRT)</b> <i>Professor at Baton Rouge General</i> <b>Student Radiography Track</b> 65 min lecture	Salon AB

	<b>Let's Make Another Roux: Radiologic Technology Educational Gumbo!</b> <b>Robin L. Wegener, MSRS, RT(R)(T)(ARRT)</b> <i>Program Director of Radiation Therapy, Delgado Community College</i> <b>General Radiography Track</b> 65 min lecture	Salon C	
	<b>LA SLDP Program- Event by Invitation ONLY</b> <i>Separate Program Sent to those Accepted Students and Facilitators</i>	Salon D	
2:15 pm-3:05 pm	<b>Inside the NFL From a Radiologic View</b> <b>Anthony Anderson, RT(R)(ARRT)</b> <i>Leader at Philips Healthcare</i> <b>General Radiography Track</b> 50 min lecture	Salon AB	
	<b>Beyond Compliance: Rethinking Assessment for Meaningful Improvement</b> <b>Kevin Clark, EdD, RT (R)(QM)(ARRT), FAEIRS, FASRT</b> <i>Program Director, the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center</i> <b>General Radiography Track</b> 50 min lecture	Salon C	
	<b>LA SLDP Program- Event by Invitation ONLY</b> <i>Separate Program Sent to those Accepted Students and Facilitators</i>	Salon D	
<b>3:05 pm-3:25 pm Coffee Break</b>		<b>River Foyer</b>	
3:25 pm-4:30 pm	<b>Theory Practice Gaps From First Year Radiography Student Observations</b> <b>Melanie Hail, MEd, BSRS, RT(R)(M)(ARRT)</b> <i>Vice President of Business Development, Advanced Health Education Center</i> <b>General Radiography Track and Educator Track</b> 65 min lecture	Salon AB	
	<b>Resume Writing and Interview Skills</b> <b>Michelle Izzo, Senior Outreach Specialist</b> <i>Ochsner Health</i> <b>General Radiography and Student Track</b> 65 min lecture	Salon C	
	<b>LEERS Lecture: Effective Succession Strategies for Academic Success in Higher Education</b> <b>Becky Farmer, MSRS RT(R)(M)(ARRT)</b> <i>Associate Professor, Northwestern State University of Louisiana</i> 50 min lecture <b>LEERS Meeting (15min) – Led by Jessica Love, LEERS Chair</b>	Salon D	
<b>EVENT DAY TWO-SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2025</b>			
7:00 am-8:15 am	<b>Coffee and Continental Breakfast Selections</b>	River Foyer	
8:30 am-9:35 am	<b>Patient Care: From Competence to Compassion</b> <b>Kevin Clark, EdD, RT (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	Grand Ballroom	
9:40 am-10:30 am	<b>Loud Leadership in a Quiet Quitting World</b> <b>Andrea Delony, MSRS, RT(R)(M)ARRT, CRA</b> <i>Women's Imaging Lead, DeSoto Imaging Specialists</i> <b>General Radiography Track</b> 50 min lecture	Grand Ballroom	
10:40 am-11:25 am	<b>Installation of Officers</b> <b>ASRT Representative: President-elect Brandon Smith M.B.A., M.S.R.S., R.T. (R)(VI), CIIP</b>	Grand Ballroom	
11:30 am-1:00 pm	<b>LSRT LUNCH with AWARDS PRESENTATIONS</b> <i>Led by LSRT President Monica Weber</i>	Grand Ballroom	
<b>Immediately following the Luncheon: LSRT Post-Annual Board Meeting</b>		Ashland	

Please let us know if you have any questions! We are happy to help-  
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# LOUISIANA SOCIETY OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS

## 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting REGISTRATION FORM

**Tech Program: July 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Student Program: July 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>**

Please complete and return the entire form with payment made to LSRT  
OR Register & pay ONLINE by using your MemberPlanet Account and purchasing a ticket!

Please check the Registration Selections you are paying for and mail to:

LSRT, 375 Racetrack Road, Dry Prong, LA 71423

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

LSRT Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_ R.T.s ONLY LSRTBE or ARRT Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (for Confirmation of Event Registration and Membership): \_\_\_\_\_

### Event Pre-Registration Registration Postmarked by June 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Current LSRT Member:

Technologist \$150 ☐

Student \$135 ☐

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

### Event Registration AFTER June 1<sup>st</sup> Online or Onsite ONLY

#### Current LSRT Member:

Technologist \$170 ☐

Student \$155 ☐

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**NON-LSRT MEMBERS MAY PAY DUES AND THEN REGISTER AS A LSRT MEMBER- And Save! (Technologist dues: \$40 student dues: \$20)  
Other State ASRT Affiliate Members may present membership proof and register as LSRT Member!**

#### NON-LSRT Member:

Technologist \$250 ☐

Student \$235 ☐

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

#### NON-LSRT Member:

Technologist \$270 ☐

Student \$255 ☐

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

#### DAY REGISTRATION SATURDAY JULY 12<sup>TH</sup> ONLY:

Technologist LSRT Member \$80 ☐

Technologist NON-LSRT Member \$180 ☐

#### DAY REGISTRATION SATURDAY JULY 12<sup>TH</sup> ONLY:

Technologist LSRT Member \$100 ☐

Technologist NON-LSRT Member \$200 ☐

Guest Registration: \$45 ☐ # Needed: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest registration may not be Students or Technologists.

**NO Event registrations should be mailed after June 1<sup>st</sup> for the event.**

**Method of payment:** The LSRT accepts checks, cash & money orders. Although the LSRT does not accept credit cards, current members may use credit cards by going to LSRT.net and registering online using their account through MemberPlanet.

**Deadlines:** All registrations must be postmarked by the US POSTMASTER on or before the published deadlines. Any registrations postmarked after the deadlines indicated that do not include the proper registration fees **WILL BE RETURNED**.

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# LSRT CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE



The Nominating and Credentialing committee chaired by **Caitlan Clark** submits the following candidates for officers of LSRT 2025-2026 . The candidates listed below have accepted the nomination and are eligible for the office in which they have been nominated, they are: **President-Elect—Brittany Smith, Vice President Caitlan Clark, and Recording Secretary Katie Catalanotto and Alisha Trisler.** In accordance with the current by-laws **Online Voting** for the 2025 LSRT Election of Officers will take place via **ELECTION RUNNER**. The election will open on July 2, 2025 at 8:00 am and close on July 10, 2025 at noon. A link to vote will be sent to your email address on July 2, 2025. You must be a member or renew your membership by July 1, 2025 to vote. **Monica Weber** will be installed as **President** during the 67th LSRT Annual Meeting.

## President-Elect Brittany Smith, MSRS, RT (R) (CT)



**ADDRESS:** Calhoun, LA

**PRESENT JOB TITLE:** Director of Radiology

**PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:** Glenwood Regional Medical Center

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- LSRT
- ASRT

### OFFICES/COMMITTEES

**Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists**

- Recording Secretary, 2024-2025
- LERS Chair 2022-2023
- LERS Vice Chair 2023-2024
- SLDP Committee 2023-2024
- Essay Contest Judge 2016

### ACHIEVEMENTS/AWARDS/HONORS

- ASRT-James and Stephanie Johnston Journey Scholarship
- Nominee Outstanding Faculty Award ULM School of Allied Health
- Doctorate of Educational Leadership anticipated graduation August 2025
- Master of Science in Radiologic Sciences 2026
- Bachelor of Science in Radiologic technology 2012
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### PERSONAL STATEMENT

The future of our profession lies within the practices of each of us as technologists. Our duty and privilege is to instill a spark for our profession in the next generation of radiographers. Leading by example, we can do just that. As a nominee for President Elect, I am setting an example of what it means to serve the profession.





**Vice President  
Caitlan Clark, MSRS, R.T. (R) CRA**



**ADDRESS:** Lake Charles, LA

**PRESENT JOB TITLE:** Visiting Lecturer Adjunct  
Faculty

**PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:** McNeese State University and Northwestern State University

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- LSRT
- ASRT
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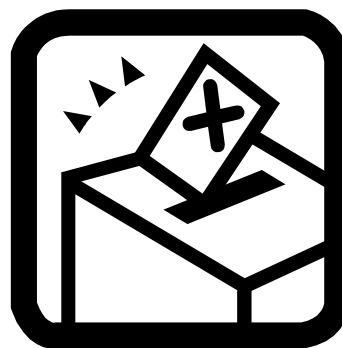
**ACHIEVEMENTS/AWARDS/HONORS**

- CRA Credential November 2021
- MSRS, Northwestern State University, May 2021
- BSRS, McNeese State University, May 2013

# LSRT CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

I have always believed that leadership is rooted in service and I am eager to serve the society, its members, and the future of our profession. Throughout my career, I have witnessed the profound impact that strong professional advocacy, continuing education, and collaboration can have-not only on individual technologists but on the medical imaging profession as an entirety.



## Hospitality Room Rules 67th Annual Meeting

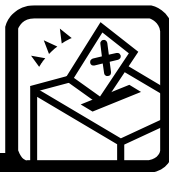
LSRT Board of Directors has adopted the following rules concerning Hospitality Rooms at the Annual Meeting. The Board respectfully requests your cooperation. There will be NO OPEN DOOR hospitality rooms allowed at any time during the meeting. Hospitality rooms are not to be in operation at any time the LSRT has a function scheduled.

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

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# LSRT CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE



**Recording Secretary  
Katherine (Katie)  
Catalanotto, MS, RT(R)**



**ADDRESS:** Metairie, LA  
**PRESENT JOB TITLE:** Program Director / Assistant Professor  
**PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:** University of Holy Cross

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- ARRT
- LSRT
- LSRTBE
- ASRT

## OFFICES/COMMITTEES

- Gumbo Cookoff
- Retention & completion
- Faculty & Staff Celebration
- Honors Convocation
- Dual enrollment,
- Lambda Nu Moderator for UHC Chapter

## Achievements/Awards/Honors

- ARRT Educators Institute Participant 8/24
- MS degree May 2024
- Sigma Beta Delta—International Honor Society for Management

## PERSONAL STATEMENT

I would love to begin volunteering with LSRT. I believe this would be a good first step in beginning my journey with LSRT. I am a very organized and meticulous person so I feel this would be a good role for me to fulfill. As Program Director, I am already complete the tasks listed in the requirements regularly.

**Recording Secretary  
Alisha Trisler, RT(R)**



**ADDRESS:** Trout, LA  
**PRESENT JOB TITLE:** Assistant Professor  
**PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:** Louisiana State University of Louisiana—Alexandria

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- LSRT
- ARRT
- ASRT

## OFFICES/COMMITTEES

- Student Radiologic technology Association Faculty Advisor
- Center for Teaching Excellence Advisory Board
- Selected as a participant for the first cohort of “Career Champions at LSUA 2023-2024

## PERSONAL STATEMENT

One of my personal goals is to become more actively involved in my professional societies and contribute meaningfully to the growth and integrity of our field. I am deeply honored to have been nominated and am genuinely excited about the potential opportunity to serve as Recording Secretary for LSRT. Being a part of this profession fills me with pride, and I am committed to helping others recognize the importance of upholding the high standards and expectations of the imaging community. I look forward to supporting my peers and advancing our collective mission through this role.



# LSRT

## 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

### Business Session Minutes

### July 12, 2024

**Meeting called to order:** Meeting called to order by President Sarah Barnes 7.12.2024 @ 9:21am.  
**Sergeant of Arms:** Rebecca Hamm & Larry Arant.

**Parliamentary:** Brett Bennett

**Previous Minutes:** Motion made to approve prior minutes. The motion was seconded, all in favor.

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#### Reports from Executive Board Appointments

**Executive Secretary of Membership (Jessica Despino):** Total membership, 641. Registered members, 204.

**Executive Secretary of Finance (Megan Wedgeworth):** \$135,000 in checking. Moving mutual funds to Cadence Bank.

**Legislative Affairs Committee (Jason Smith):** LSRT members attended BME meeting. Were advised to hire a lobbyist. A son wrote a well-scripted letter to the BME to reconsider actions and not allow PRT's to practice under current guidelines. Sarah adds there is an upcoming rule change and we are watching for the updated ruling.

#### Election of Officers

Officers were elected by Election Runner prior to meeting and announced at the meeting.

**President:** Heather Koepp

**President Elect:** Monica Weber

**Vice President:** Allison Clark

**Recording Secretary:** Brittany Smith

#### LSRTBE Report

Susan Guarisco encourages licensed technologists to stay active in our society's. Also informs technologists that we are not allowed to train PRT's as this is aiding and embedding. Furthermore, if we witness someone practicing as a PRT it should be reported. Reporting is anonymous and there is a full presentation on activism on the educational program, we are urged to attend and learn more.

#### New Business

Sarah Barnes announces and shares the "Be Seen" ASRT video that aired during the Olympic games.

A call was made for member concerns and announcements.

Announced the member raffle at the vendor booth. If you submit a ticket by 10am tomorrow you will be entered into a raffle. Winner to be announced at the awards ceremony tomorrow.

See Caitlan for a parking voucher.

#### Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37am.



# MEMBERSHIP PINS

Continuous membership pins will be distributed at the 67th annual meeting. The LSRT will award membership pins to technologists with *5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 35, and 45 years of continuous participation*. On the following pages is a list of members who will receive pins at the 67th Annual Meeting in Lafayette. 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 Jessica Despino, Executive Secretary of Membership at [lasocietvradtechs@gmail.com](mailto:lasocietvradtechs@gmail.com)

## 45 years Continuous Membership

**John Bradl**

## 35 years Continuous Membership

**Vincent Asaro**  
**Shawn Hotard**

**Darin Kremer**  
**Kim Mercadal**

**Randy Guillot**  
**Laura Aaron**

## 30 years Continuous Membership

**Raymond Tyndall**

**Brian Pike**

## 25 years Continuous Membership

**Brandy Taylor**

**Carmella Gudan**

## 15 years Continuous Membership

**Joel Hicks**

## 10 years Continuous Membership

**Jason Smith**

**Leah Belleau**

**Cristina Benavide**

**Zephanet Zoleta**

# 5 years Continuous Membership

Brittany Marten  
Dwayne Norwood  
April Frank  
Chelesa Babin  
Emily Aguiard  
Shelia Swift

Samantha Wilks  
Jeremiah Juneau  
Chelsea Doughty  
Gina Brasseaux-Creteur  
Katelyn Rasmussen  
Hacie Neal

Shirley Cassels  
Evan James  
Jennifer Lipsey  
Leslie Hutchinson  
Kenneth Fournet  
Sylvester Smith

Kaylee Puckett  
Jessica Despino  
Malak Abdelhadi

## QUIZ BOWL 2025



The LSRT will hold the 2025 student quiz bowl competition at its Annual Meeting to be held in Lafayette. The Student Quiz Bowl competition will take place on Thursday, July 10, 2025 at the Doubletree by Hilton in Lafayette. Detailed information and applications were mailed to each Radiography program in the state. For more information and official rules go to [www.lsrtnet.net](http://www.lsrtnet.net) or contact:

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# T-Shirt Contest



All Louisiana Radiologic Technology Students registered for the 67th annual meeting of the LSRT may participate in the T-Shirt Contest. This will be held immediately preceding the 2025 quiz bowl. Each program will select 2 members from their program to present the School's T-shirt to a panel of judges. There will be 3 judges judging the T-shirt.

## Rules for T-Shirt Contest

- No Skits, presentation only
- 2 individuals presenting the T-Shirt (1 wearing it, and one reading the shirt)
- Shirt must be presented in 2 minutes or less (if goes over 2 minutes, will be disqualified)
- Must be ready to present prior to the quiz bowl (typically 1pm on Thursday at the Annual Meeting)

## Judging/Time Keeper

- A panel of three (3) judges will be selected by the Chair of Student Affairs Committee
- Judges will use only the approved scoring grid
- All Three judges' scores will be tallied and then averaged resulting in 1 score per program
- The program with the highest score will be declared the winner of the T-Shirt Contest
- A time keeper will be selected by the Chair of Student Affairs Committee



Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists

## IN MEMORIAM

# Dr. Joel Hicks

### Dr. Joel Hicks

Past President, Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists (2016)

It is with deep respect and profound sorrow that we remember **Dr. Joel Hicks**, a beloved leader, mentor, educator, and friend. Dr. Hicks, who served as President of the Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists in 2016, passed away on **October 18, 2024**, in Little Rock, Arkansas, surrounded by his loving family. He was 52 years old.

Born in **Shreveport, Louisiana**, during Monday Night Football—a fitting beginning for a lifelong football enthusiast—Joel was the cherished son of the late **Judith Bonnette Hicks** and **Jerry Hicks**. His love for the game never waned, and in true Joel fashion, he departed this world with football playing in his room.

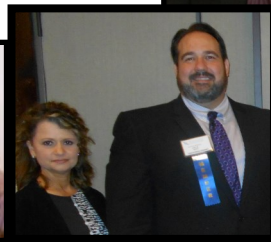
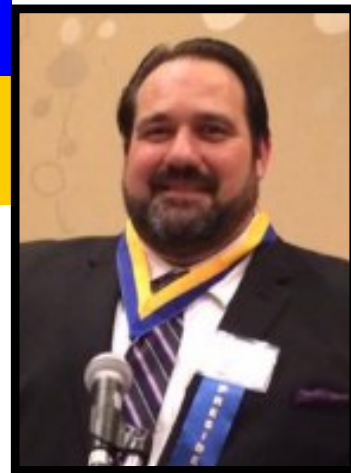
Dr. Hicks was a man of many titles: **Radiographer, Radiology Administrator, Professor, Dean, President, Pastor**—but above all, he was a **lifelong student**. His insatiable curiosity and commitment to learning led him to pursue seminary studies while working full-time in higher education. His passion for knowledge was matched only by his passion for people.

As a leader, Joel was **inspiring, compassionate, and unwaveringly positive**. He had a gift for lifting others up, always offering a kind word or a thoughtful insight. His mentorship shaped countless lives, and his legacy continues in the hearts and minds of his colleagues, and those he taught and guided.

Whether he was **working as a radiographer, teaching radiology, preaching from the pulpit, coaching youth football, or judging MMA fights**, Joel brought the same energy, integrity, and heart to everything he did. His life was a testament to service—service to his students, his colleagues, his community, and most importantly, his family.

Among all his accomplishments, Joel's most treasured roles were **Husband and Dad**. He poured his wisdom, love, and strength into his family, creating a foundation of support and joy that will endure for generations.

His spirit lives on in the lives he touched. His legacy is one of **dedication, faith, knowledge, and unconditional love**—a legacy that will forever be cherished by the LSRT community and beyond.





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IN MEMORIAM

Josia Houston



It is with deep sadness that we share the loss of a Southern University—Shreveport clinical student enrolled in the Radiologic Technology Program, **Mr. Josia Houston**. Shiela Swift, Program Director at Southern University said Josia was a dedicated student who brought compassion, perseverance, and Professionalism to his clinical work and academic journey. His presence will be greatly missed by his classmates, faculty, and the clinical staff who had the privilege of working alongside him.

Josiah Samuel Houston, born October 11, 1981, in Shreveport, Louisiana passed away much too soon, leaving behind a legacy of kindness, creativity, and a heart full of love.

He was the cherished son of Michael James Houston and Linda Lamb Seemann, who remember him for his generous spirit, quiet strength, and unwavering love for people, music, and animals.

Josiah is preceded in death by his grandparents, Patson and Eudean Houston, and Burl and Eunice Lamb. He is survived by his father, Michael James Houston; his mother, Linda Lamb Seemann and husband, Kurt; his brother, Scott Mason and wife, Andrea; his nieces, Ella and Adelaide Mason; and many loving aunts, uncles, and cousins.

From an early age, Josiah was drawn to music. He pursued this passion at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, where he proudly played tuba in the LSU Tiger Marching Band. Outside of school, he brought his talent to the local rock scene, playing bass for The Jake Tyler Band and sharing music with friends and fans alike.

His compassionate nature led him to volunteer at Yogie and Friends, an animal sanctuary that meant a great deal to him. He had a deep love for animals and shared his home with an unforgettable assortment of pets over the years—snakes, an alligator, fish, dogs, and cats—all of whom were lucky to be part of his world.

Josiah recently returned to school to study Radiologic Technology at Southern University of Shreveport. This endeavor brought a new sense of excitement and anticipation of what his future career would bring.

Josiah lived his life authentically, with humility, curiosity, and a sense of humor that made people feel at ease. In keeping with his generous nature, he chose to become an organ donor through Louisiana Organ Procurement Agency (LOPA), giving the gift of life to others. As a result of Josiah's selfless gift, over 75 lives will be saved or enhanced.

A celebration of Josiah's life will be held at Osborn Funeral Home in Shreveport, Louisiana. Visitation hours will be 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., on Friday, May 23, 2025. A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 24, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

Serving as honorary pallbearers are Crystal Bobo, Richard Burchett, Jonathon Gates, Roy Lamb, Jeremy Shows, and Charles Zube.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to [Yogie and Friends](#) in Josiah's memory. They also encourage everyone to register to be an organ donor at [lopa.org](https://lopa.org).

Josiah will be deeply missed by his family, friends and all who have had the privilege of knowing him. His life was one of quiet impact and lasting love—and that is how he will be remembered

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## IN MEMORIAM JUDY BENNETT

**LSRT Legend, Educator, and Mentor**  
**June 24, 1938 – June 5, 2025**



With deep respect and enduring gratitude, we honor the life of **Judy Bennett**, a true legend in the field of radiologic technology and a guiding light to generations of students, colleagues, and professionals. Mrs. Bennett passed peacefully on **June 5, 2025**, at the age of 86, leaving behind a legacy of excellence, compassion, and unwavering dedication.

Born in **Middletown, Ohio**, Judy began her journey in radiologic technology at Middletown Hospital, where she became a registered x-ray technologist. Her passion for the profession led her to teach at Fort Hamilton Hospital in Ohio, and later, to Louisiana, where she would leave an indelible mark on the LSRT community. She taught at **Delgado Community College** and served as **Program Director at North Oaks School of Radiologic Technology** in Hammond, LA—shaping not just careers, but lives.

Judy was more than an educator—she was a mentor, a leader, and a truth-teller. She taught more than anatomy and technique; she taught **integrity, accountability, and compassion**. She had a way of “keeping it real,” even when the truth was hard to hear, and her students are better for it. Many of her students will never forget their “exit interviews” with her—moments that challenged them, inspired them, and, in some cases, made them dream of one day filling her shoes.

Mrs. Bennett’s influence extended beyond the classroom. Alongside her late husband, **Ernie Bennett**, and son **Randy**, all three were deeply rooted in the radiologic sciences. Together, they formed a legacy of service and excellence that continues to ripple through our profession.

Judy’s life was rich with love and purpose. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She found joy in **fishing, gardening, watercolor painting, WWII history, and Alaskan cruises**, but her greatest joy was her family. She is survived by her daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and countless extended family and friends who will carry her memory forward.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Judy’s memory to **Northshore Passages Hospice**, a reflection of the care and dignity she gave to others throughout her life.

As we say goodbye to Mrs. Bennett, we do so with full hearts—grateful for the wisdom she shared, the standards she set, and the lives she touched. May we all strive to carry forward just a fraction of her dedication, strength, and grace.

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# Don't Forget to vote for your LSRT Officers

*Online Voting for the 2025 LSRT  
Election of Officers will take place  
via ELECTION RUNNER.*

*The election will open on July 2, 2025 at 8:00am and  
will close on July 11, 2025 at noon. A link to vote will  
be sent to your email address on July 2, 2025. You  
must be a member or renew your membership by  
July 1, 2025 to vote.*

*Celebrate National  
Radiologic Technology Week  
November 2—8, 2025*

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**Doubletree by Hilton**  
**July 10-12, 2025**  
**Lafayette**

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