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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I began my career as a radiologic technologist 27 years ago. Had you asked me then where I envisioned myself nearly three decades later, I would have confidently said I'd be working in CT or diagnostic imaging within a hospital setting. Never could I have anticipated that my professional journey would pivot toward mammography, nor that I would go on to earn a master's degree and become an assistant professor. And certainly, I never imagined I would one day stand before you as the newly installed president of the Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists.

This evolution in my career was not the result of a lack of ambition, but rather a reflection of life's shifting priorities. In those early years, there were financial responsibilities to meet—student loans to repay, a spouse facing illness, and, before long, children to raise. One of our children would later be diagnosed with autism, adding a new layer of complexity. During that season of life, my time and energy were devoted entirely to my family and to fulfilling my professional duties. While I always held the desire to become more involved with LSRT, I recognized that I could not give the organization the time and attention it deserved. The timing simply wasn't right—and as we all know, timing is everything.

In 2021, at the LSRT annual meeting, I had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Rebecca Hamm. She was being installed as president and was seeking individuals willing to serve on committees. After a meaningful conversation about her experiences in leadership and her involvement in LSRT, she graciously invited me to serve on the Nominations and Credentialing Committee. Her belief in my potential reignited a confidence I had not felt in some time. That renewed self-assurance led me to run for secretary in 2022, and I was honored to be elected. Each year thereafter, I continued to seek ways to serve, and now, I stand before you with immense gratitude—as your LSRT president.

Rebecca is just one of many individuals who have inspired me along this journey. In fact, if you take a look around this room today, you'll see a number of people who have not only inspired me, but who continue to

serve as an inspiration to many of you. Almost everyone here knows Greg and Susie. Not only were they once my professors, they are now my colleagues—and occasionally, my personal counseling team. Your unwavering dedication to the profession and to LSRT is nothing short of legendary, and I am truly fortunate to be a recipient of your wisdom, mentorship, and support.

I am also incredibly blessed to work alongside someone who is charting her own remarkable path beyond LSRT: Ally Puente. Ally has made a lasting impact on LSRT and is now beginning an exciting new chapter as CT Delegate to the ASRT. Ally, you are the embodiment of true advocacy in our profession. You always offer thoughtful guidance, and your willingness to share your

knowledge and experience is deeply appreciated. Knowing that you're cheering me on from the sidelines—and ready to lend support whenever needed—gives me strength and confidence.

To Sarah and Heather, It has been a privilege to serve alongside you over the past four years. Your unwavering passion for advocacy—not only for our profession, but also for service and volunteerism—has truly inspired me. I deeply admire your dedication and leadership. There is still much for me to learn, and I am confident that you will continue to generously share your knowledge, wisdom, and experience.

Liz, Caitlan, Brittany, Kristen, Allee, and all of the Jessicas. I am truly excited to work alongside you in the year ahead. I look forward to the fresh perspectives, creativity, and energy you each bring to

the table. With your talents and dedication, I am confident that together we will accomplish great things and continue to move LSRT forward.

To my husband, Russell, who would have thought we'd end up here? I don't think either of us could have predicted what our life would look like today. We always imagined that, as we grew older, things would slow down—but clearly, the joke is on us.

If I'm being honest, I know I'm the one who keeps things moving. From competing in pageants to earning my master's degree, changing careers, and beginning this journey with LSRT, I've certainly kept you on your toes. And through it all, you have responded with unwavering



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support and patience. I am so deeply grateful for you—for your love, your encouragement, and everything you do behind the scenes to help make all of this possible.

As I begin this term, I want to share my vision for LSRT and the role I hope each of us will play in shaping its future. First and foremost, I am deeply committed to advancing advocacy—not just at the state level. Our profession is evolving, and our voice must be heard in the conversations that shape healthcare and the future of imaging. I encourage all of us to become engaged, stay informed, and stand united in representing the interests of technologists and the patients we serve. Equally important is our commitment to patient care. At the heart of everything we do is the patient, and our responsibility to them extends beyond image acquisition. It involves empathy, communication, safety, and excellence in every encounter. I will work to strengthen educational opportunities, promote best practices, and foster collaboration that elevates the standard of care across all specialties. Finally, I want to inspire each of you to become more active—in your departments, your communities, and

especially within LSRT. Whether you serve on a committee, mentor a student, or simply attend meetings, your involvement matters. Students, you are the future leaders of this profession, and your perspective is both needed and valued.

As Andrea mentioned in her speech, we are not “just” rad techs. Now is the time to change your mindset. Beginning now, incorporate “I am” in your thought process. I’ll start.

I am a mom. I am a sister. I am a daughter. I am a wife. I am changing the world through educating future technologists. I am a licensed radiologic technologist. Lastly, I am your new 2025-2026 LSRT President.

Sincerely Yours,
Monica Weber
Monica Weber
LSRT President
2025-2026



LSRT wishes you a Happy and Wonderful Radiologic Technology Week

Susie Beasley, LSRT Historian has corresponded with the Governor’s office and the Governor has declared November 2-8, 2025 as Radiologic Technology Week in Louisiana. This aligns with the National Radiologic Technology Week. Please let the LSRT know how you and others at your place of employment celebrated National Radiologic Technology Week. Your submissions will be included in the next issue of the Focal Spot Monitor or the LSRT web site at www.lsrt.net

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QUIZ BOWL CHAMPS!

The 2025 LSRT Quiz Bowl was held on Thursday, July 10, 2025 in Lafayette, Louisiana. There were 11 teams competing in the 2025 quiz bowl. **University of Louisiana at Monroe** captured 1st place in the quiz bowl. The members of the First Place team were **Nate Lebo, Lauren Isbill, Chrystal Dowd, Katherine Jewell, Bryce Vallery, and Ethan Stelly**. The Coach of the winning team was **Andy Allen**. The Program Director for the University of Louisiana at Monroe Radiologic Technology program is **Brett Bennett**, all pictured below. **Congratulations!!**

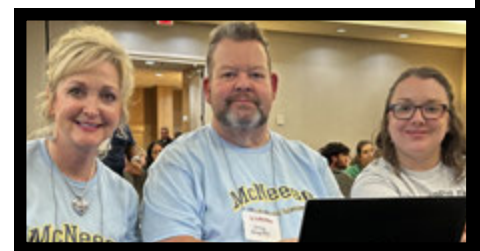
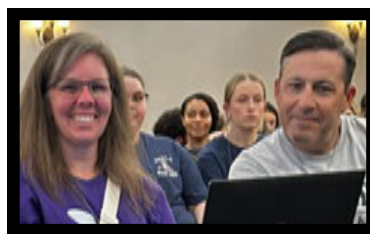
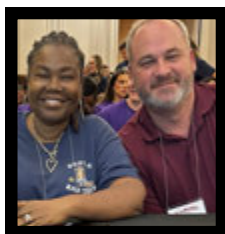
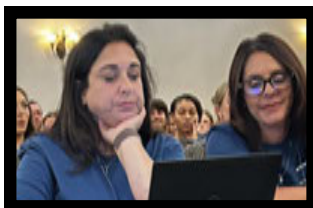
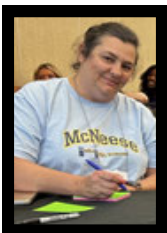


QUIZ BOWL

Placing second in the event was the team from *Delgado Community College*. The team members were: *Anaika Silva, Lauren Latino, Maria Forstall, Tommie Landry, Lacie LeBlanc, Toni Casey*. The Coach was *Laci LeBlanc/Ty Delger* and the Program Director at Delgado Community College is *Ty Delger*.



Congratulations and Thanks to all the students and coaches for their many hours of work to prepare for the Quiz Bowl. It takes long hours and dedication to prepare for the Bowl. It also takes long hours and dedication to complete the actual event. Many thanks to the helpers of the Quiz Bowl, Judges; *Andy Allen, Brett Bennett, Susie Beasley, Greg Bradley, Katherine Catalamotto, Ty Delger, Heather Koepp, Stephanie McKenzie, Rebecca Mercer, Megan Wedgeworth*; Scorekeepers: *Brett Bennett, Ty Delger, Bonita Lawrence, Alisha Tresler, Monica Weber, Megan Wedgeworth*, And a Special Thanks to **Dr. Kevin Clark** from M.D. Anderson in Houston for serving as moderator, he did a great job!



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QUIZ BOWL TEAMS



Congratulations
to all of our Teams!

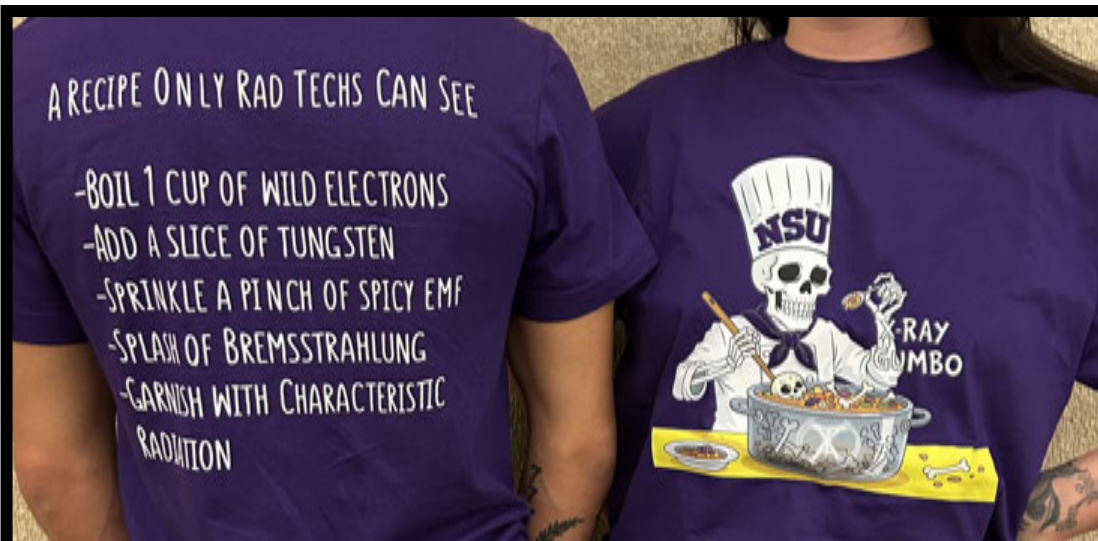
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T-SHIRT CONTEST

*Northwestern
State University*

*Wins
T-Shirt Contest*



T-Shirt contest Judges: *Brandon Smith—ASRT President, Whitney Sion—Doubletree Employee, Johanna Gautreaux— Doubletree Employee*



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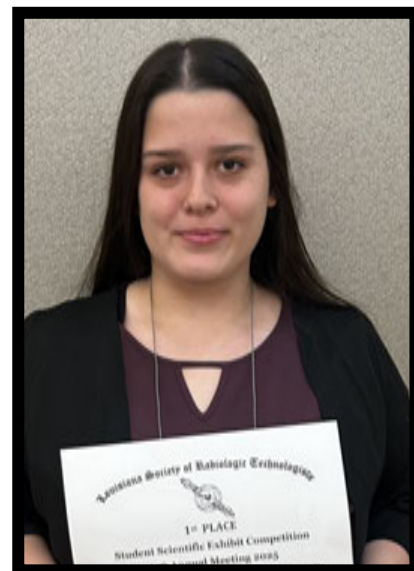
Student Scientific Exhibit Winners

1st place

“Beyond the Scan: Embracing Human Diversity in Radiologic Imaging”

Madison Cannon

Baton Rouge General

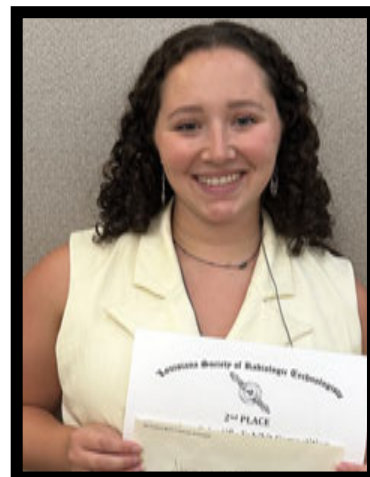


2nd place

“Is Ultrasound Technology, as used in Humans, a Viable and Effective Source in Study of Marine Life Reproduction?”

Abbigail Wallace

University of Louisiana-Monroe



3rd place

“What are the Benefits and Differences between an O-arm and C-arm Imaging System?”

Cyndalinn Crow

University of Louisiana-Monroe



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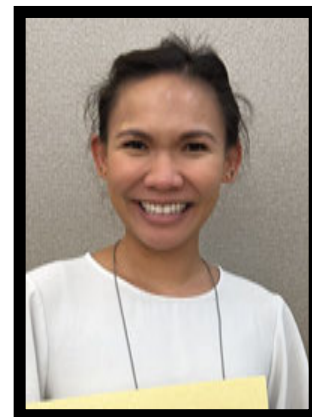
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**Scientific Exhibit Winner**Technologist Category**1st Place*****“ALARA 2.0: As Long As Reasonably Achievable”***

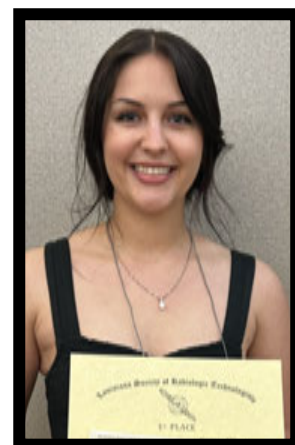
Allison Puente

**2nd Place*****“Work Related Injuries Among Radiologic Technologists”***

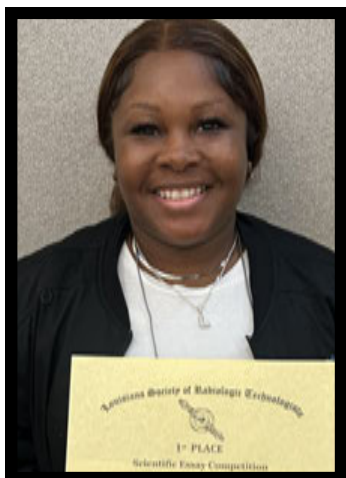
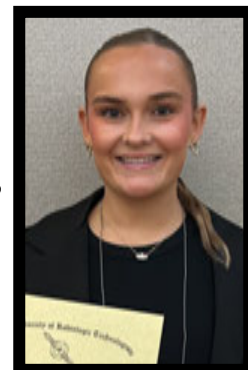
Zephaneth Munson

Student Category**1st Place*****“The Need for SOC Reclassification & Professional Recognition of Medical Imaging Technologists”***

Taylor Durbyn-ULM

**Scientific Essay Winners**Technologist Category**1st Place*****“Small Intestine Imaging Tech & Their Clinical Applications for Assessment”***

Dr. Lakeidra Bell

**2nd Place*****“Accident or Abuse”***Presley Pevey
North Oaks**3rd Place*****“PET Scans Visualize Abnormal Accumulation of Tau Proteins”***Allison Williams
North Oaks

TECHNOLOGIST OF THE YEAR

It is with great enthusiasm and pride that we name **Allison Puente, MSRS, R.T.(R)(CT)(ARRT)** the **2025 LSRT Technologist of the Year** award. Allison exemplifies the highest standards of professionalism, service, and dedication to the field of Radiologic Sciences, making her deserving of this prestigious honor.

Allison's commitment to **legislative affairs** has been nothing short of extraordinary. Currently serving as **Chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee** for the Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists (LSRT), she plays a pivotal role in championing the interests of imaging professionals across the state. In addition, she has recently been appointed **Chair of the Regional Subcommittee on RT Advocacy for Region III of the ASRT**, further extending her influence and advocacy at the national level. Her work has been instrumental in ensuring the visibility, recognition, and protection of our profession through informed legislative action.

Beyond her leadership in advocacy, Allison is a **gifted educator** whose impact on students and peers alike continues to elevate the standards of radiologic science education. As an **Assistant Professor at McNeese State University**, she teaches a broad spectrum of courses—including Radiographic Exposure, Radiographic Procedures, and Computed Tomography—demonstrating both breadth and depth of knowledge. Her curriculum development work, online teaching certification, and active mentorship have prepared countless students to succeed as competent, certified radiologic technologists. Her dedication to education is further underscored by her involvement in multiple institutional committees and her service as a faculty sponsor and mentor.

Allison's professional résumé is a testament to her tireless pursuit of excellence. She has served in numerous elected leadership roles within the LSRT, including **President** and **Chairman of the Board**, and has contributed nationally through multiple terms as a **delegate to the ASRT House of Delegates**. Her contributions as a **manuscript reviewer** for the ASRT Journal reflect her commitment to advancing scientific literature in the field. With a career that seamlessly blends clinical expertise, legislative leadership, academic excellence, and professional service, Allison Puente stands as a model for all radiologic technologists. Her passion and work ethic continue to inspire students, colleagues, and professionals across the nation.

For these reasons and many more, we wholeheartedly recognize Allison Puente as the **2025 LSRT Technologist of the Year** award.



Allison Puente, MSRS, R.T.(R)(CT)

STUDENT OF THE YEAR

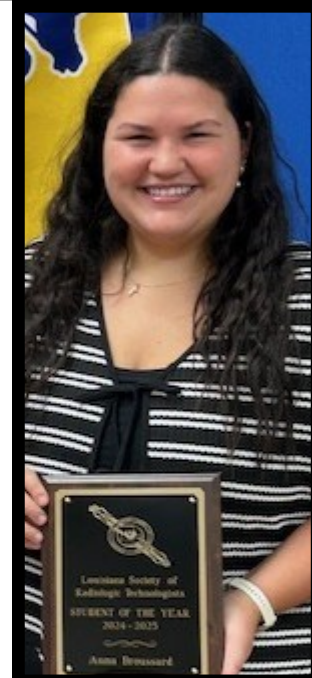
The 2025 LSRT Outstanding Student of the Year, is Anna Broussard, a senior student in the Radiologic Sciences program from McNeese State University. Anna is an exceptional individual whose academic record, clinical excellence, leadership, and dedication to service reflect the highest standards of our profession. With a **3.76 GPA**, Anna has not only consistently demonstrated academic excellence, earning numerous scholarships and recognition on both the President's Honor List and Honor Roll, but she has also gone above and beyond in her professional and personal development.

During her clinical rotations at Lake Charles Memorial Hospital, Christus Ochsner Lake Area, and West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital, Anna excelled in diverse clinical environments, including CT, fluoroscopy, pediatrics, NICU, and surgery. Her role as a **Radiology Extern** with Christus Ochsner has further refined her skills, deepened her understanding of radiologic science, and confirmed her commitment to patient care and interdisciplinary collaboration.

Anna's leadership is especially noteworthy. She currently serves as the **President of the McNeese Radiologic Technology Student Organization**, where she has successfully organized fundraisers, coordinated trips to LSRT meetings, and fostered community engagement among her peers. As a **Student Council Representative for LSRT**, she actively participates in statewide meetings and creates educational content to support fellow radiologic students.

Beyond academics and clinical work, Anna's involvement in campus life and community service is outstanding. She has been a Peer Leader, Alumni Ambassador, Panhellenic Executive Board member, and a three-time representative—and ultimately the **2023 McNeese Homecoming Queen**. Her extensive volunteer work with organizations such as Cowboy Catholics, Make-A-Wish, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and CCD instruction at her local parish further illustrates her commitment to giving back.

Anna is a compassionate, motivated, and service-driven individual who is destined to make a lasting impact on the field of radiologic sciences. She represents everything the LSRT Outstanding Student of the Year Award stands for: academic excellence, leadership, clinical competence, and heartfelt service to others. Anna is very deserving of this honor, she is an exemplary ambassador for our profession and a future leader in radiologic technology.



Congratulations to Anna Broussard

LIFE MEMBER

As was presented at the LSRT Awards Luncheon at the 67th LSRT Annual Meeting by Sarah Barnes

To be selected as a life member of the LSRT is the highest honor the organization can bestow upon any of its member. In the 68 year history of the LSRT, this honor has been awarded to 22 individuals.

This award recognizes a member who has demonstrated outstanding achievements, dedication, and capabilities in the Society and in the field of Radiologic Technology. Active, continuous membership in the LSRT for at least 20 years; Active participation in Society functions; Made numerous contributions to the LSRT; Recognized for promotion of and devotion to the LSRT; Recognized for promotion of and devotion to quality patient care; and be a professional of high ethics and integrity



Our honoree today has served selflessly—educating students, leading initiatives, and shaping the future of LSRT through decades of service. With sincere appreciation and admiration, we present Life Membership to Andy Allen.

Congratulations to Dr Andy Allen

Joe Schwartz Memorial Scholarship

As was presented at the LSRT Awards Luncheon at the 67th LSRT Annual Meeting by Jessica Despino

It's a privilege to stand before you at the LSRT luncheon to present the Joe Schwartz Memorial Scholarship to an outstanding student recipient. Joe Schwartz was one of the past presidents of LSRT. He was also a life member and a true professional in every aspect of the word. After careful consideration of multiple submissions, the committee decided to award the maximum amount of \$1000 to one deserving candidate.

Today, we honor a dedicated recipient who has shown remarkable commitment, embracing the challenges of their program and forming meaningful connections with peers. Their passion for radiology shines through their active involvement in the LSRT and the ASRT..

This student's dedication extends beyond the classroom. This recipient volunteers their time to promote our profession in the community.

The Joe Schwartz Memorial Scholarship recognizes hard work, resilience, and unwavering determination. It will support their first-year tuition, bringing them closer to achieving their dreams. On behalf of the LSRT, I'm thrilled to present this scholarship to a recipient who embodies excellence and promise in our field. This year's recipient for the LSRT Joe Schwartz Scholarship is **Marisa Buras** from North Oaks.



Congratulations to Marisa Buras

✿ Big News for Louisiana! ✿

The LSRTBE has just approved the **Limited X-Ray Machine Operator (LXMO)** permit coming January 2026!

LXMO allows trained operators to perform X-rays under the supervision of a **licensed radiologic technologist**, and is exclusively for urgent care centers, private physician offices, and private clinics.

The LXMO initiative helps address the current shortage of full technologists in smaller healthcare settings while emphasizing quality and safety.

Let's help urgent care centers and private practices deliver quick, safe, and high-quality care by welcoming LXMO permit holders into the team—under expert supervision. It's a great win for patient access and provider collaboration.

📄 Training programs: Want to offer LXMO education? Programs wanting to offer official LXMO training **can apply now to become LSRTBE-approved on our official website, www.lsrbe.org.** Submit your application by mail to: **LSRTBE, 3108 Cleary Ave, Suite 207, Metairie, LA 70001.**

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

For the 6th year in a row the LSRT has provided direct and exclusive leadership training for students within the state's Radiologic Science programs. Educators from each program have the opportunity to nominate 3 students they feel portray leadership qualities, to participate in this event.

Congratulations to all of you and the LSRT looks forward to seeing great things from all of you very soon!

LSRT STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Please join us in welcoming our 2025 SLDP Participants at LSRT's Annual Meeting!

These students were nominated by their program directors for showing excellent leadership qualities.

Participation is by invitation and selection only.



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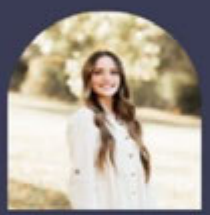
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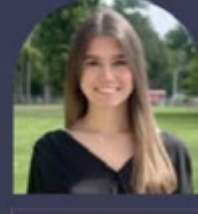
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LSRT OFFICERS INSTALLED

Brandon A. Smith, M.B.A., M.S.R.S., R.T. (R)(VI), CIIP the 2025-2026 President of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT), installed the newly elected officers for 2025-2026. *Pictured to the right Brandon Smith and Monica Weber.*

The installation took place at 67th Annual Meeting held in Lafayette. The newly installed officers *pictured from left to right are: Alisha Trisler, MSRS, R.T. (R) Recording Secretary, Caitlan Clark, MSRS, R.T. (R) CRA Vice President, Brittany Smith, MSRS, (R)(CT) President Elect, Monica Weber, MSRS, (R) (M).* Also pictured **Heather Koepp, MA, R.T. (R) Chair of the Board**



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AFFILIATE DELEGATE REPORT

The 2025 American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting was held in Reno, Nevada, from June 19–22, 2025. This event brought together medical imaging and therapy professionals from across the country to engage in governance, policy-making, and professional development. The meeting also included the ASRT Educational Symposium, offering a variety of continuing education opportunities.

Heather C. Koepp and Monica Weber proudly served as affiliate delegates, actively participating in governance discussions and voting on behalf of Louisiana.

Key governance activities included:

By Laws:

25.01 – Membership, Section 1. Policy and Procedure, A.

Revised to reinforce ASRT's commitment to equal opportunity and nondiscrimination.

Legal counsel addressed the HOD, emphasizing the importance of aligning with federal mandates.

25.03 – Membership, Section 3. Dues and Fees

Proposed allowing the ASRT Board to increase dues by up to 8% without HOD approval.

Justified by the fact that dues have remained unchanged since 2013, despite rising operational costs.

2024-2025 LSRT President, Heather C. Koepp nominated Carmen George for the position of Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates. Carmen has been a longtime LSRT member, served twice as the LSRT Chair of the Board of Directors, and held every LSRT officer position. Carmen was elected by acclamation, marking a proud moment for Louisiana representation at the national level.

Three outstanding students from Louisiana were selected to participate in the ASRT Student to Leadership Development Program (SLDP), Chris Brister (LSUA), Kam Michel (North Oaks), and Heaven Phillips (North Oaks). Their selection reflects the strength of Louisiana's programs and the commitment of its students to professional growth and leadership.

Allison Puente served as the SLDP mentor, guiding and supporting the student participants throughout the program.

Attending the 2025 ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting was an enriching experience. It reinforced the importance of advocacy, education, and unity within our profession. The event provided valuable opportunities to connect with peers, share best practices, and collaborate on initiatives that will shape the future of our profession. We are honored to have represented our affiliate and look forward to applying the insights gained to support our local initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather C. Koepp, MA, R.T.(R)(ARRT), CHES

Monica Weber, MSRS, R.T.(R)(M)(ARRT)



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