

# Focal Spot Monitor

## Presidential Message

In my acceptance speech, I highlighted three key priorities: advocacy, patient care, and involvement in our profession. Six months later, these priorities remain just as critical to the mission and future of LSRT.

Once again, advocacy matters. As technologists, we must be at the forefront of decisions that impact our profession. Our field continues to evolve, and it is essential that our voices are heard—not only in support of our work, but in advocating for patient safety and best practices. To support these efforts, LSRT has recently partnered with ARRT to monitor trends within our field and help guide advocacy for meaningful change.

I also encourage all of you to pay close attention to the 2026 Legislative Session, which will begin on March 9 and conclude no later than June 1. During this time, our Legislative Affairs Committee will be actively monitoring the Louisiana Register to stay informed and prepared.

Previously, I challenged you to get involved—and that invitation still stands. We have a Day at the Capitol scheduled for March 9. Planning is currently underway, so please remain on standby for additional details. Be sure to follow the LSRT page for updates. Remember, many voices together create a powerful impact.

In addition, our 2026 Midwinter Seminar will take place on Saturday, March 14, at LSUA in Alexandria. LSRT members may attend free of charge, and we truly hope you will join us. We would love to see you there.

Finally, please be on the lookout for information regarding our Annual Conference, which will be held July 9 through July 11 at the Holiday Inn Downtown Alexandria.

When we show up, speak up, and stand together, we don't just strengthen LSRT—we shape the future of our profession and the care we provide to every patient.



Monica Weber, MSRS (R)(M)  
LSRT President  
2025-2026



# LSRT Officer Nominations Being Accepted Now

The nominating and credentialing committee is now accepting nominees for LSRT officers for the 2026-2027 year. Nominations are needed for President-Elect, Vice President, and Recording Secretary.

Nominations and questions regarding the officer criteria are to be made to chair **Rebecca Hamm, Ed.D, R.T. (R)(CT)** e-mail [Rebecca at rgibson@ulm.edu](mailto:rgibson@ulm.edu)



## SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

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

The application and the rules for this scholarship can be found on the official web site of the Louisiana Society of Radiologic

Technologists (LSRT) at [www.lsrt.net](http://www.lsrt.net) or by contacting *Jessica Despino at Ashworthj@nsula.edu*

All completed scholarship applications and requested application items must be emailed no latter than **April 15, 2026**.

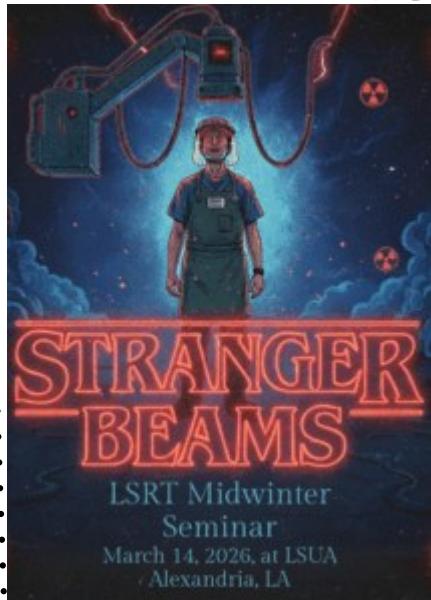
The LSRT is very pleased to offer this scholarship in the name of one of its past presidents, **Mr. Joe Schwartz**. Joe was a life member of the LSRT and was a true professional in every aspect of the word. The LSRT wishes to remember him by offering a scholarship in his name so that others may have the

opportunity to pursue the career that Joe so loved. The next Joe Schwartz Memorial Scholarship will be awarded during this year's Annual Meeting in Alexandria.



Scholarship

## Mid Winter Student Activities



attend the 1 day event, held on Saturday, March 14 on the LSUA campus. Registration is only \$30 for LSRT student members (if received before or on February first).

There will be 2 Separate Student Programs available:

- ◊ For Seniors (2nd Year- Certification test review and so that you can become a certified radiography an be included in the Registry of Radiologic Technologists by the ARRT.
- ◊ For Juniors (1 st Year- Professional Skills Development).

The Senior Program will consist of a Mock Certification exam and Certification Review Critical Areas. With lectures on all content areas of the ARRT certification examination. The Junior Program will consist of the traditional Student Bee in the morning with prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, as well as \$200 for the Radiologic Technology Program with the highest participation.

The Student Bee Competition will be held during the Mid-Winter Seminar on Saturday March 14, 2026 on the campus of LSU-A

For more information and registration forms go to [www.lsrt.net](http://www.lsrt.net) and click on the 2026 Mid-Winter Seminar. There is an online registration prior to February 1st and a mail in registration form. After February 1st no online registration or Mail in registration forms, After February 1st you can register on site the day of the event.

Any questions regarding the activities at the 2026 Mid Winter Seminar should be directed to: Sarah Barnes at [sbarnes@lsua.edu](mailto:sbarnes@lsua.edu), or Jessica Love at [lovej@nsula.edu](mailto:lovej@nsula.edu)

The LSRT would like to invite all Technologists to a FREE LSRT Mid-Winter Seminar. If you're a LSRT member you can attend the event free. Simply go to the LSRT website for more information and registration instruction at [www.lsrt.net](http://www.lsrt.net). Also, all students are invited to

## STUDENT AND TECHNOLOGIST OF THE YEAR

**I**t's that time of the year to recognize individuals who you feel are deserving of the LSRT Student of the Year, and LSRT Technologist of the Year. Nomination for both awards can be made by any LSRT member.



These prestigious honors recognize exceptional dedication, innovation, and contributions to the medical imaging profession. Do you know a student who excels academically or a technologist who is making significant strides in clinical practice, research, or advocacy? If so, we invite you to make a nomination and help us celebrate excellence within our community.

All nominees must be current LSRT members. All nominations will be reviewed and the LSRT BOARD OF DIRECTORS who will select the recipients. Any member wishing to make a nomination shall submit a nomination to the LSRT Chair of the Board:

***Heather C Koepp, MA, R.T. (R) (ARRT) CHES,  
at  
koepph@northoaks.org***

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026. For selection criteria please see the official LSRT website [www.lsrt.net](http://www.lsrt.net), in procedure and guidelines manual pages 106 and 107

## LSRT Life Member Nominations Are Open!

**L**ife member is the highest honor the LSRT can bestow on one of its members.

### Selective Criteria for Life Membership:

1. Active LSRT continuous membership for at least 20 years.
2. Active participation in society functions.
3. Made numerous contributions to the LSRT.
4. Recognized for promotion of and devotion to the LSRT.
5. Recognized for promotion and devotion to quality patient care.
6. Be a professional of high ethics and integrity.

The nominee should not be a current member of the Executive Board.

Any LSRT member wishing to make a nomination should email a statement outlining the nominee's qualifications to **Heather C. Koepp, Chair of the Board**,

at [koepph@northoaks.org](mailto:koepph@northoaks.org). Nominations must be received no later than **Wednesday, April 15, 2026**. All nominations shall be reviewed and a decision made by the LSRT Board of Directors.

A historical listing of LSRT Life Members can be found on [www.lsrt.net](http://www.lsrt.net)





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

## SAVE THE DATES

- **March 14, 2026**  
**LSRT Mid-Winter Seminar**  
Alexandria, Louisiana  
LSU-A Campus
- **June 25-268, 2026**  
**ASRT Educational Symposium and Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting** Albuquerque, NM
- **July 9-11, 2026**  
**LSRT Annual Meeting**  
Holiday Inn Downtown Alexandria  
Alexandria, LA



## Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists

### Registered Radiologist Assistant (R.R.A) licensure legislation in Louisiana

We're excited to share that work is underway to push Registered Radiologist Assistant (R.R.A) licensure legislation in Louisiana – an important step in advancing our profession and expanding opportunities for Radiologic Technologists across the state.

As we get this effort off the ground, we're collecting contact information from technologists who want to stay in the loop as things develop. Signing up simply allows us to share updates and opportunities to engage when they arise – joining the list does not commit you to anything, just a way to stay connected and ready when it matters.

Sign up here: <https://www.congressweb.com/ARRT/action/signup.go?id/6E13BD47-B608-824B-1CC1F943342B43C2>

Thank you for your continued support of our profession – we're excited about what's ahead.

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