

Focal Spot Monitor

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Presidential Message

Great news! HB 949 has passed both the House Health and Welfare Committee and the House floor vote. This marks a significant step forward for Louisiana technologists and the patients we serve. If enacted, this bill will establish RRA licensure in our state—creating opportunities for professional advancement, expanding access to high-level radiologic services in rural facilities, and strengthening the standard of care for our patients.

HB 949 now moves to the Senate, where your support will be critical. Senate passage brings us one step closer to achieving RRA licensure in Louisiana. In the coming weeks, you will receive information about our grassroots campaign. When that time comes, I encourage you to take action and make your voice heard. Our success depends on you.

With so much legislative activity underway, LSRT membership is more important than ever. As of March 2026, we have 839 members—far too few compared to the more than 7,500 licensed technologists in our state. Imagine the impact if we reached 2,000 members. A few voices can make noise, but many voices demand attention. If you know someone who is not yet a member, please encourage them to join. The LSRT is making meaningful progress for our profession—through advocacy, support, and leadership opportunities.

We are also seeking future leaders. Nominations are now open for secretary, vice president, and president-elect. Serving in these roles offers valuable leadership experience and a chance to help shape the future of our profession in Louisiana. I encourage you to consider running. For more information, please contact Rebecca Hamm, Chair of the Nominations and Credentialing Committee. If you're unsure, take the leap—our experienced leaders are ready to support and guide you every step of the way.

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The Legislative Affairs Committee has been hard at work on your behalf, and their efforts are being recognized. The LSRT will receive the 2026 ASRT Affiliate Award for Advocacy, to be presented during the Honors Evening at the ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This award honors outstanding legislative and regulatory advocacy, and our recent success with HB 949 is a testament to the strength of our team. Special thanks to Heather Koepp and Ally Puentes for nominating the LSRT for this prestigious recognition. Their dedication—and that of the entire committee—continues to move our profession forward.

As we head into summer, I invite you to join us in Alexandria for the 68th Annual Meeting, taking place July 9–11 at the Holiday Inn Downtown. Additional details are available on the LSRT website. Come be part of an event that educates, inspires, and connects technologists, students, and guests.

We're doing great things and would like to see you there.

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

LSRT- President
2025-2026

☀️ Step Into Leadership: LSRT Officer Nominations Now Open! ☀️

The Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists is excited to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the 2026–2027 LSRT Officer positions!

This is your opportunity to make a meaningful impact, grow as a leader, and help shape the future of our profession. We are currently seeking nominations for the following roles:

- **President-Elect**
- **Vice President**
- **Recording Secretary**

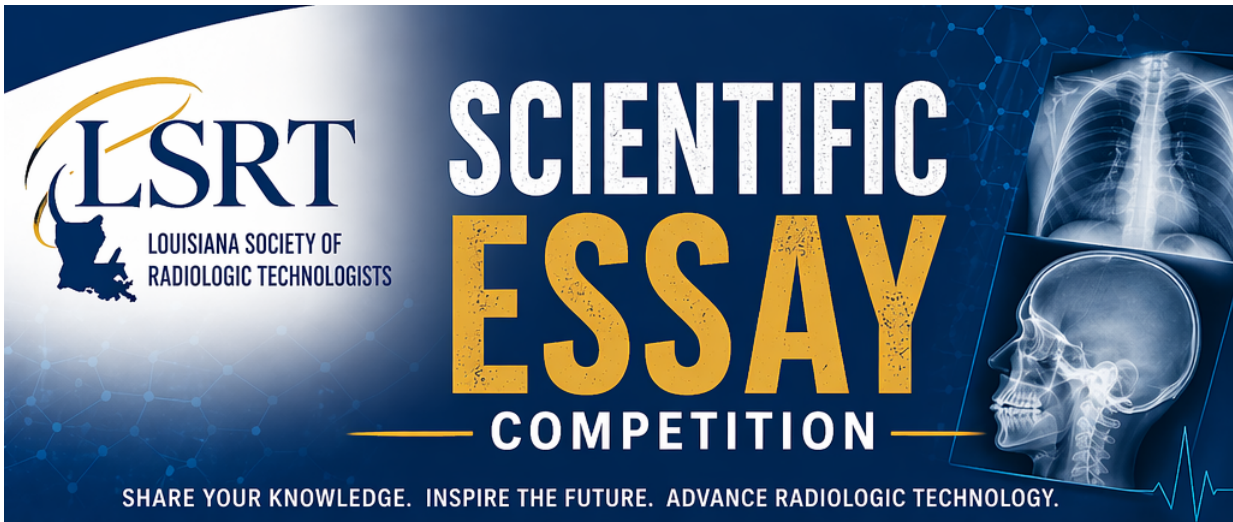
If you—or someone you know—are passionate about advancing the field of radiologic technology, we encourage you to get involved!

For nominations or questions regarding officer qualifications, please contact:

Rebecca Hamm, Ed.D, R.T. (R) (CT)

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Take the next step in your professional journey—lead, inspire, and make a difference with LSRT!



The Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists is thrilled to invite radiologic technologists and students across Louisiana to step into the spotlight and showcase their knowledge, research, and passion in our **Annual Essay Competition!**

This is your chance to explore the art and science of radiologic technology while sharpening your critical thinking, elevating your professional voice, and contributing to the future of medical imaging.



AWARDS

(Students & Technologists Judged Separately!)



• **First Place: \$200** + certificate



• **Second Place: \$100** + certificate



• **Third Place: \$50** + certificate



• All participants receive a certificate of participation



ELIGIBILITY

Participants must be active LSRT members in good standing by **May 1**.

Not eligible:

LSRT officers, Annual Meeting Chair/Co-Chair, essay judges, members of other state societies, or individuals employed by commercial imaging product companies.



ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

Submit one original essay related to radiologic technology.

- ✓ 3–5 pages (excluding title & references)
- ✓ Typed, double-spaced, 1-inch margins, paginated
- ✓ APA, MLA, or AMA format required
- ✓ Proper in-text citations + reference page



Submit: (1) original manuscript with author info AND (1) anonymous copy—no identifiers (names, facilities, letterheads, etc.) or disqualification will occur.



JUDGING CRITERIA

Evaluated by a panel selected by the LSRT Vice President.
Scored on: content, organization, grammar, references, and overall impact.

- ✓ Minimum 65 to qualify for awards
- ✓ Minimum 75 for First Place



IMPORTANT DEADLINES



May 1
Membership deadline



May 15
Essay submission deadline



For official LSRT rules and an application go to www.lsrt.net and select competitions.



Email your application and manuscripts as stated in the rules to
Caitlan Clark – LSRT Vice President
Cclark36@mcneese.edu



ADVANCING
EXCELLENCE IN
RADIOLOGIC
TECHNOLOGY
ACROSS LOUISIANA.

2026 Student Bee Winners

The LSRT Student Bee was a tremendous success, bringing together talented students from across Louisiana and dedicated technologists who generously volunteered their time to make the event possible. Your enthusiasm and support helped create an exciting and memorable competition experience for all involved!

The Junior Competition took place during the **2026 LSRT Midwinter Seminar** on **March 14, 2026**, in Alexandria, Louisiana, showcasing the knowledge, skill, and professionalism of our future radiologic technologists.

2026 Student Bee Winners:

- **1st Place:** Kaylie Dowdy –University of Louisiana at Monroe
- **2nd Place:** Amber Williams – North Oaks-Hammond
- **3rd Place:** Mekayla Johnson– Southern University-Shreveport

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all participating programs, students, and the dedicated individuals who worked behind the scenes to ensure the event's success. Your commitment continues to elevate the LSRT community and inspire excellence in radiologic science education.

We look forward to an even bigger and brighter Student Bee next year!





Showcase.
Inspire.
Advance.

LSRT ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC EXHIBIT COMPETITION!

SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE. SHAPE THE FUTURE.
A PLATFORM FOR INNOVATION. A STAGE FOR YOU.



WHO CAN ENTER?

Students and Technologists may enter **individually** or as a team!

TWO CATEGORIES:

- Student
- Technologist



AMAZING AWARDS!

Top three exhibits in each category will be recognized.

1ST PLACE: \$200 + Certificate

2ND PLACE: \$100 + Certificate

3RD PLACE: \$50 + Certificate

All participants receive a certificate of participation!



RULES & RESOURCES

Official rules, scoring rubrics, and application materials are available at www.lsrt.net

Click on **Competitions** → **Scientific Exhibit Contest**



IMPORTANT DEADLINE!

Completed applications must be submitted electronically by

JUNE 15, 2026

SUBMIT TO:

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LSRT President-Elect

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Late or incomplete submissions will not be eligible.



Your Ideas.
Our Profession.
Stronger Together.

LSRT encourages all members to share their expertise, contribute to professional education, and participate in this exciting opportunity to advance the radiologic technology profession.

**BE CREATIVE. BE BOLD. BE RECOGNIZED.
BE PART OF THE FUTURE!**

INNOVATE * EDUCATE * COLLABORATE * ELEVATE



Upcoming Electronic Voting for LSRT Officers!

Keep an eye out for an email detailing the voting procedures for your 2026-2027 LSRT Officers. Members will receive information about the candidates and instructions for voting electronically. Don't miss your chance to help shape the future of LSRT—your vote is important!

Legislative Affairs

Proud to share that House Bill 949 passed the Louisiana House unanimously (97-0)

This legislation is a major step forward for Louisiana — creating new jobs and establishing the role of the **Radiologist Assistant** to help strengthen our healthcare workforce.

By supporting highly trained radiologic professionals, we're improving patient access, increasing efficiency in care, and opening new career pathways right here in our state.

Thank you to the **Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists** and the **American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT)** for their partnership and hard work.

Now moving to the Senate!



LSRT 68TH ANNUAL MEETING

HOLIDAY INN DOWNTOWN

ALEXANDRIA, LA

JULY 9-11, 2026

\$122 Per Night

(breakfast included)

**Use the QR Code or call:
318-541-8333 and use the
Group Code "LRT"**



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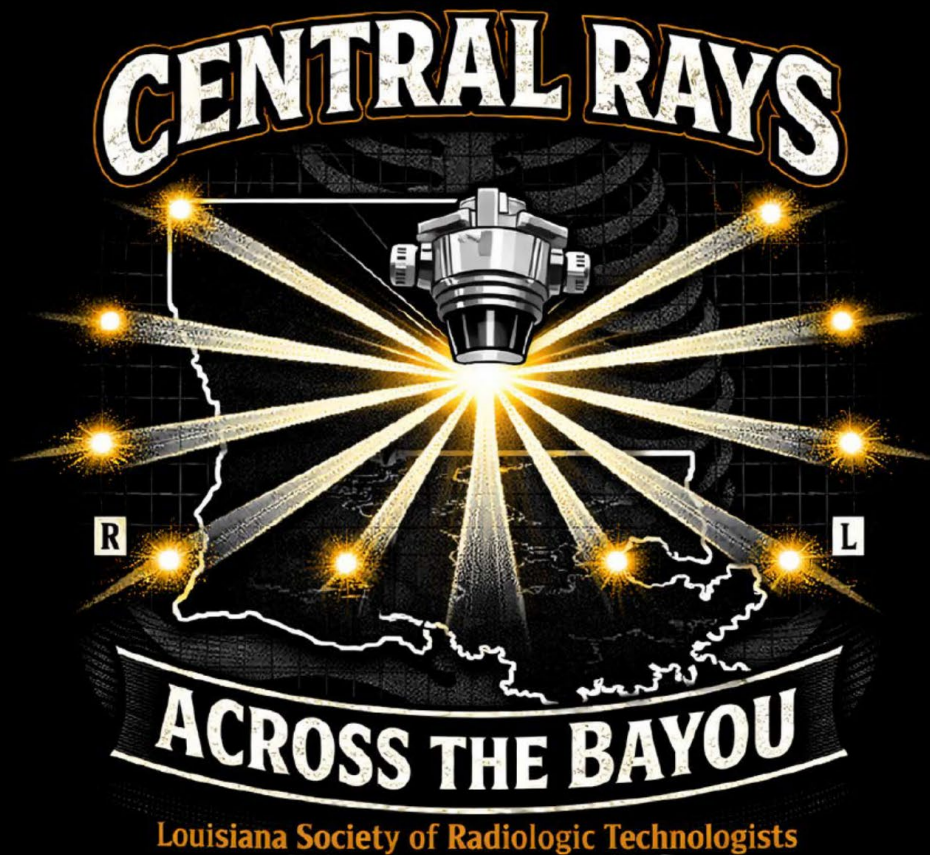
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JULY 9-11, 2026

Want to Sign Up
to Speak?

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PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS OF LSRT MIDWINTER







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We're on the web
at www.lsrtnet

SAVE THE DATES

June 25-26, 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**

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