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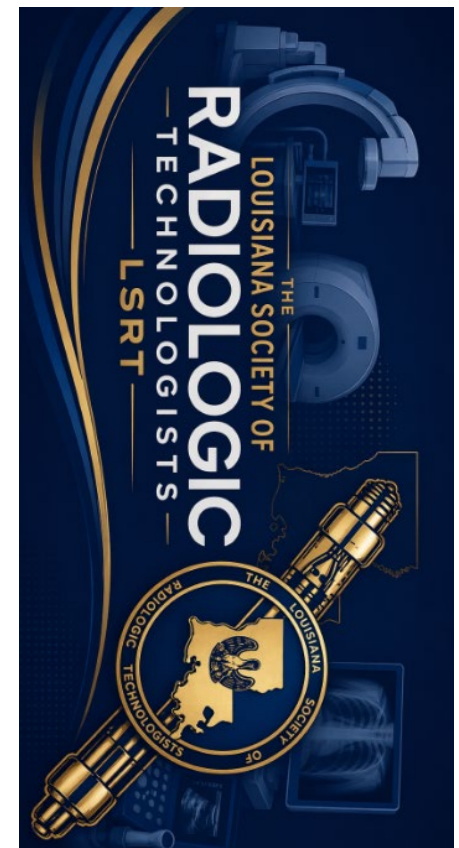
Jessica Ferguson

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Student Council

Chair

Vice Chair





President's Message

This time last year, I was on a high point in my life. I had been inducted as your president, attended my first board meeting, and was excited about helping grow our organization while learning the art of advocacy. Life was good. But as we all know, all things must come to an end. Within two weeks, I began having more health issues. Within three months, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. On December 5th, I underwent a left mastectomy with sentinel lymph node biopsy and tissue expander placement. Just one week later, I received news that one of my lymph nodes had tested positive for metastatic disease. Suddenly, I was faced with a difficult decision: do I continue serving as your president, or do I step away and focus on treatment? While reflecting on that decision, I remembered my father's words, "Always finish what you start." Those words stayed with me. The support, encouragement, and confidence shown by my coworkers, colleagues, and friends reinforced my decision to continue. It would have been easy to step aside and pass the responsibility to the vice president, but that was not a choice I could live with. I knew I had a commitment to fulfill.

As I conclude my term as LSRT President, I find myself reflecting not only on the vision I shared at the beginning of this journey, but also on the path it took to get here. I may not have been the best president, but I do not regret trying. Through every challenge, I focused on three priorities: advocacy, patient care, and involvement in our profession. Today, I am proud to say those priorities remain just as important, and I am grateful for the progress made.

Advocacy has always been at the heart of our mission. Over the past year, I have witnessed the passion and dedication of professionals who stepped forward, spoke up, and worked to advance our profession. The legislative efforts surrounding HB 949, which expanded licensure to include the Registered Radiologist Assistant, demonstrated what is possible when we work together. As the bill now awaits the governor's signature, I want to thank Heather, Ally, Jason, and everyone who contributed their time and effort. Your advocacy has made a lasting impact, and your voices continue to strengthen our profession.

Our commitment to patient care remains the foundation of everything we do. Every image we acquire represents a patient who has placed their trust in us. The compassion, professionalism, and excellence demonstrated by our members every day continue to elevate the standard of care throughout Louisiana. It has been an honor to serve alongside individuals who are so dedicated to their patients and communities.

I also challenged each of you to become more involved in LSRT and in our profession. We continue to need your help. Whether through committee service, mentoring students, attending meetings, or supporting advocacy efforts, your involvement strengthens our society. To our students and emerging professionals: your energy, ideas, and enthusiasm can shape the future of LSRT. Never underestimate the impact you can have. Take the opportunity to learn, grow, and connect with leaders in our profession. If we do not continue to invest in future generations and volunteer our time and talents, our organization cannot thrive. LSRT is more important now than ever, and I encourage each of you to seriously consider becoming involved.

At the beginning of my term, I shared a message inspired by Andrea's words: we are not "just" rad techs. We are professionals, educators, leaders, advocates, and caregivers.

As I leave this office, that message remains as important as ever. Each of us has the ability to make a difference—not only in our profession, but in the lives of the patients we serve and the colleagues we support.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your president. Thank you for your encouragement, your trust, and your friendship throughout this journey. The challenges of this year tested me in ways I never expected, but they also reminded me of the strength of this profession and the incredible people who make up the LSRT family.

It has been an honor to serve you. As I begin the reconstruction phase of my healing journey, I leave this role confident that the future of LSRT is bright because it is in the hands of dedicated professionals like you.

Together, we have moved our profession forward. Together, we will continue to make a difference. Thank you and may each of you be blessed.

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

LSRT President

LSRT 68TH ANNUAL MEETING

HOLIDAY INN DOWNTOWN

ALEXANDRIA, LA

JULY 9-11, 2026

CENTRAL RAYS



ACROSS THE BAYOU

Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists

Technologists and students alike are invited to attend an unforgettable experience featuring nationally renowned speakers and textbook authors. This year's meeting promises to inspire, educate, and engage every attendee!

Technologist Program: July 10–11, 2026

Student Program: July 9–11, 2026

Lowest prices for registration if you *preregister by June 15, 2026, Registration \$135 for the entire meeting for technologists and \$120 for students. Technologists – Saturday only \$40. (these are member prices)*, Nonmember prices are \$200 for technologist students \$170. You can join at the time of registration and received member prices.

After June 15, 2026, price go up to \$150 technologists, students \$135. (these are member prices), on member prices technologists \$225, Student \$195

Go to www.lsrt.net for registration information.

Lodging for the 68th LSRT Annual Meeting will be at the Holiday Inn Downtown Alexandria

To stay at the *Holiday Inn Downtown*, the cost is only *\$122 per night, and buffet-style breakfast is included!* To book a hotel room, you can:

- Call 318-541-8333 and use the Group Code “LRT” to book your room.

If the Holiday Inn has no rooms call the Hotel Bentley:

Your room block has been set for LSRT. The Rate will be at \$122 plus tax per night. Please use the following directions:

Booking by Phone: Call

1. Hotel Bentley Direct: [318-442-2226](tel:318-442-2226)
2. Speak with a Front Desk Agent
3. **Group Code: LSRT**
4. Give agent your booking dates

Booking Online:

1. Go to the Hotel Bentley website:
<http://www.visithotelbentley.com>
2. Click the Book Now Tab
3. Select Dates Needed
4. **Enter the Access Code:**
Access Code: LSRT

Breakfast at Holiday Inn is included even for those staying at the Hotel Bentley. Expires June 17th.

If you have any questions, contact Sarah Barnes at Sbarnes@lsua.edu

[2026 LSRT Annual Meeting Tentative Educational Program](#)

LSRT T-Shirt Contest

In an effort to streamline the first day of the Annual Meeting and enhance student activities, updates have been made to the LSRT Student T-Shirt Competition guidelines. Please review the attached guidelines and share them with your students.

Key Updates:

- Programs are now required to submit:
 - A video (maximum 2 minutes) showcasing the t-shirt design
 - High-quality photos of the front and back of the t-shirt
- A compilation of all videos will play at annual before quiz bowl (no live presentations)
- All submissions are due one week prior to the first day of the Annual Meeting (July 2, 2026)

These changes are intended to allow adequate time for review and to ensure a smooth and organized competition. We wanted to provide advance notice so programs can plan accordingly, particularly with t-shirt design and production timelines.

Submission Process:

Students should submit their entries using the following Google Form: <https://forms.gle/u1UKPQGEpn26xv0e8>

If students experience difficulty uploading videos or photos, please complete the form and email the files to bsmithradtech01@gmail.com. Additionally, if any issues arise with the submission process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support and for encouraging student engagement in LSRT activities. We look forward to seeing your programs' creativity and school pride on display!

For a complete listing of the rules go to www.lsrt.net, [competitions-T Shirt Contest](#)

LSRT Quiz Bowl

The 2026 LSRT Quiz Bowl will take place on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at the LSRT Annual Meeting. The meeting is being held at the Holiday Inn-Alexandria. For a complete listing of the rules go to www.lsrt.net, [competitions-Quiz Bowl. Quiz Bowl Rules and Quiz Bowl Application](#)

LSRT CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE



The Nominating and Credentialing committee chaired by Rebecca Hamm submits the following candidates for officers of LSRT 2026-2027. The candidates listed below have accepted the nomination and are eligible for the office in which they have been nominated, they are: **President-Elect—Sarah Barnes, Vice President Caitlan Clark, and Recording Secretary Jessica Ferguson.** In accordance with the current by-laws Online Voting for the 2026 LSRT Election of Officers will take place via ELECTION RUNNER. The election will open on July 1, 2026, at 8:00 am and close on July 9, 2026, at noon. A link to vote will be sent to your email address on July 2, 2025. You must be a member or renewal your membership by June 30, 2026, to vote. **Brittany Smith MSRS, R.T. (R)** will be installed as President during the 68th LSRT Annual Meeting.

President Elect

Sarah Barnes, MBA, R.T. (R) (CT)



Graduate-ASRT Educator’s Institute -2026, ASRT Virginia Milligan Memorial Scholarship -2024, Nominated for the Bolton Award for Teaching Excellence-2021, Graduate-ASRT Leadership Academy -2019, Recipient-Rapides Regional Medical Center Endowed Professorship in Radiologic Technology 2018-2020, Presenter at state and institutional professional conferences, Published contributor to ASRT Scanner professional publications.

ADDRESS: Alexandria, LA

PRESENT JOB TITLE: Associate Professor

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: Louisiana State University of Alexandria

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- LSRT
- ASRT
- ACERT
- AEIRS

OFFICES/COMMITTEES

LSRT

- Co-Meeting Planner
- Chair of the Board
- President
- President-Elect
- Vice President
- Recording Secretary
- Committee on Membership

ACHIEVEMENTS/AWARDS/HONORS

Personal Statement

I strive to “be the change” I wish to see in the world by leading with compassion, integrity, and purpose. I believe life should be lived fully by creating memories, pursuing meaningful goals, and building a “bucket list” while we are still able to enjoy the journey. Through every challenge and success, I value maintaining a positive spirit, smiling often, and encouraging others along the way. Guided by John 16:33, I approach both life and leadership with faith, resilience, and a commitment to making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.



Candidates for Office

Vice President

Caitlan Clark, MSRS, R.T. (R) CRA



ADDRESS: Lake Charles, LA

PRESENT JOB TITLE: Assistant Professor of Radiologic Sciences/Adjunct Faculty

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: McNeese State University/Northwestern State University

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- LSRT
- ASRT
- AHRA

OFFICES/COMMITTEES

LSRT

- Vice President 2025-2026
- Chair Nominations and Credentialing 2024-2025
- Social Medica Task Force (Chair 2025-2026)
- Nominations and Credentialing 2025-2026
- LSRT Meeting Planner 2022—2024

ACHIEVEMENTS/AWARDS/HONORS

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

Personal Statement

I have always believed that leadership is rooted in service and I am eager to continue to contribute to 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.

LSRT Candidates for Office



Recording Secretary

Jessica Ferguson, MSRS, R.T. (R)

ADDRESS: Anacoco, LA

PRESENT JOB TITLE: Assistant Professor of Radiologic Sciences

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: Northwestern State University



PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- LSRT
- LERS
- AEIRS
- ASRT
- ARRT

OFFICES/COMMITTEES

LSRT

- LERS Vice-Chair & LERS Chair

ACHIEVEMENTS/AWARDS/HONORS

- Elected to Vice Chair and Chair of LERS

Personal Statement

My name is Jessica Ferguson, and I have proudly served the radiology profession for the past seventeen years. This profession is deeply meaningful to me, which is why I chose to dedicate my career to educating future radiologic technologists and becoming actively involved with Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists.

I am passionate about contributing to the continued growth and advancement of our profession. Through my experience as both a radiologic technologist and an educator, I have recognized the importance of advocacy, visibility, and progressive change within our field. I believe that meaningful progress comes from committed individuals who are willing to serve, and I am eager to be part of that effort through Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists.

If elected as Recording Secretary, I will bring dedication, professionalism, and attention to detail to the role. My strong organizational abilities and effective time-management skills will allow me to serve efficiently while supporting the success of the officers and the mission of Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists. I am committed to contributing my time and talents to help strengthen the organization and support its ongoing success.

LSRT Membership Pins

Continuous membership pins will be distributed at the 68th annual meeting. The LSRT will award membership pins to technologists with 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 35, and 45 years of continuous participation. Below is a list of members who will receive pins at the 68th Annual Meeting in Alexandria. 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 lasocietyradtechs@gmail.com

35 Year Pins

Melanie Catoire

Mary Christine Cox

Kathy Self

Carolyn Taylor

30 Year Pins

Lianne White

Raquel Wunder

25 Year Pins

Misty Metz

Mary Burton

Cory Wells

Holly Davis

Sheila Baritt

20 Year Pins

Ty Delger

Jenny Friesner

Carmen George

15 Year Pins

Danna Davis

Robbie Lara

10 Year Pins

Tania Osorto

Scott Jeansonne

Allison Puente

Jessica Raiford

Kristen Wells

Ty Holdworth

Lakeidra

Taylor-Bell

5 Year Pins

Emily Hannah Jenna Douzart Jarron Johnson Raegan Peart Alexa Fountain Ginger Williams Breanna Newell
Shelby Bennett Monica Weber Alice Adams Amber DeFatta Sydney Rinehart Maegan Callais Hailee Skains Sharvette
Miles Rachel Smiley Caitlan Clark Jessica Lavignette Katie Steel Courtney Allison Marilee Lofton Barry Marble
Dawn Matte Jason Robert Jessica Breithaupt Allee Clark Manny Rodriguea Hagen Campbell Stephanie McKenzie



LSRT

67th Annual Meeting

Business Session Minutes

July 11, 2025

- Called to order at 9:20 am by President Heather Koepp
- Sergeant at Arms
 - Dr. Tammy Curtis
 - Ms. Rebecca Mercer
- Parliamentarian
 - Mr. Brett Bennett
- 67th Annual Meeting Committee
 - Angie Sonnier, Chair
 - Sarah Barnes
 - Jessica Despino
 - Jessica Love
 - Megan Wedgeworth

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The 2024 Annual Business meeting minutes were published in the Focal Spot Monitor.
 - **Motion** to approve 66th Annual Business Meeting Minutes as published in the Focal Spot Monitor.
 - Seconded and motion passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTIONS

Elected Officer

- Chair
 - Sarah Barnes
- President
 - Heather Koepp
- President Elect
 - Monica Weber
- Vice President
 - Allee Clark
- Recording Secretary
 - Brittany Smith

Executive Board Appointments

- Executive Secretary Membership
 - Jessica Despino
- Executive Secretary Finance
 - Megan Wedgeworth
- Meeting Planners
 - Manny Rodriguez
 - Sarah Barnes
 - Jessica Love
- Director of Publications
 - Greg Bradley

Presidential Appointments

- Historian
 - Susie Beasley
- Legislative Affairs Committee
 - Allison Puente, Chair
 - Harold Gaspard
 - Jason Smith
 - Sue Guarisco
- Nominating & Credentials Committee
 - Caitlan Clark
- Student Affairs Committee
 - Allee Clark

Councils/Task Forces

- LERS Council
 - Jessica Love, Chair
 - Jessica Ferguson, Vice Chair
 - Elizabeth Azua, Secretary
- Social Media Task Force
 - Jessica Despino, Chair
- Student Council
 - Alaina Parham, Chair
 - Tamia Williams, Vice Chair

REPORTS

- Executive Secretary of Membership (Jessica Despino)
 - 243 total 67th Annual Meeting attendees
 - 43 Technologist members
 - 200 Student Technologist members
 - 671 Total members
 - 14 Life members
 - 8 Emeritus members
 - 283 Technologists
 - 366 Student Technologist members

- See Table 1 in the appendix for the 5-year trend.
- Executive Secretary of Finance (Megan Wedgeworth)
 - \$160,553.68 in cash
 - ≈\$112,000 in mutual funds
 - See Table 2 in the appendix for the 5-year trend.
- ASRT Representative Report (Brandon Smith)
 - BeSEEN
 - Phase 1 is complete.
 - Commercial aired during the Olympics.
 - Phase 2 is coming – will include MRI, RT, and RA.
 - BeRAD Professionalism Award
 - Application deadline - September 30, 2025
 - 2026 ASRT Election Nominations Open
 - Nominations accepted until October 1, 2025
 - ASRT RAD Dash
 - Saturday, November 8, 2025
 - Carmen George elected to serve as the vice-speaker of the ASRT House of Delegates.
 - Allison Puente elected to serve as the ASRT CT Chapter Delegate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS

- No new business

2025-2026 LSRT OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS

- Online voting took place via Election Runner. Voting opened on July 2, 2025 at 8:00 am and closed on July 11, 2025, at noon.

President Elect

- Brittany Smith

Vice President

- Caitlin Clark

Recording Secretary

- Alisha Trisler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2025-2026 LSRT Committee and Task Force Assignments
 - If you are interested in serving, see Monica Weber to volunteer
- LSRT Social Media
 - Facebook
 - Facebook group page will close on July 31, 2025.

- All correspondence will migrate to the LSRT Facebook business page.
 - LinkedIn
 - Instagram
 - louisianasocietyradtechs
- ASRT RAD Dash
 - Saturday, November 8, 2025
 - Team: Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists
 - Password: LSRT

ADJOURNMENT

- **Motion** to adjourn at 9:36 am.
 - Seconded and motion passed unanimously

Appendix

Table 1

Five-year trend of total membership.

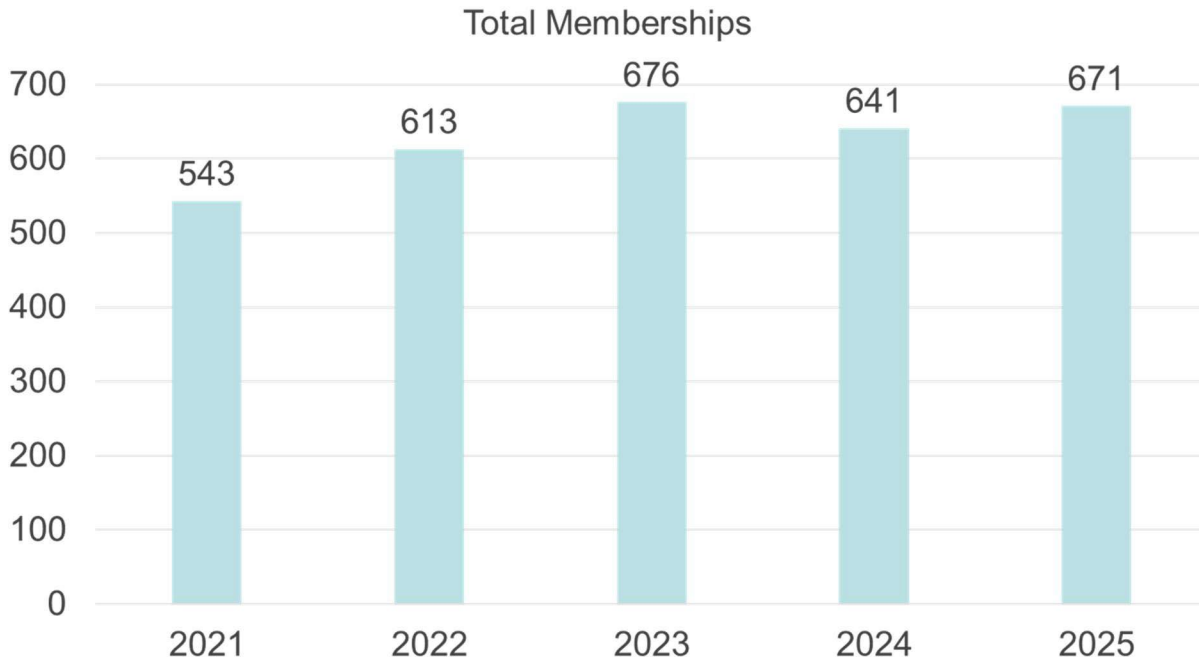


Table 2

Five-year trend of finance.



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Don't Forget to vote for your LSRT Officers

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