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Newsletter of the Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists

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Stuff with Stokes



As I sat down to write this article, I started to reflect on the past year and the amazing things the OSRT accomplished. That encouraged me to research some inspirational quotes (there are so many out there). I chose this one:

“Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.”
- Albert Einstein

I believe this is a fitting quote for the OSRT, as 2024 brought a lot of change to the organization, with our sights set on the future. We continued to implement our member-led strategic plan by hosting two large meetings: the Student and Educator Symposium and the Annual Meeting.

As you can imagine, it takes a lot of time and planning to host meetings. The amazing OSRT volunteers on these committees who dedicate their time, ideas, and support are the true life force behind the success of the meetings and the ability of the OSRT to continue providing great networking and continuing education opportunities to radiologic technologists and students within Ohio and its surrounding states! THANK YOU to everyone who volunteers within this organization! Without you, the OSRT would not be the strong affiliate it is today!

Stuff with Stokes

As the OSRT steps into 2025, the organization is filled with optimism and excitement for what lies ahead. The 2024-2025 OSRT committees have already switched into high gear and are meeting to fully accomplish their charges for the year. If you want to volunteer with the OSRT, please contact our Operations Manager - Lauren Huffman (osrt@osrt.org) for more information. She can connect you with committee chairs!

The OSRT is hosting its first VIRTUAL CE opportunity in the new year on Saturday, January 18, from 8:50 am to 12:00 pm. This event will provide 3 CE credits for only \$15 for active OSRT members - that's only \$5 per CE - WOW! You can also attend for \$30 for non-members (\$10 per CE) or \$10 for students (not for CE credit).

STUDENTS! Are you interested in learning more about the profession while enhancing your leadership skills? Do you want to become more involved in shaping the future of your profession? If so, consider applying for the OSRT Student Director position! Applications are open until January 31, 2025. Visit the [OSRT website](#) for additional information, qualifications, and application!

The OSRT is committed to building on the successes of 2024 while embracing new challenges and innovative approaches to 2025. We are focused on creating lasting, positive change. We're also excited to engage with our members, volunteers, and partners in even more meaningful ways. We want to hear from you! The OSRT would like your feedback on some potential new events we can host to foster networking opportunities while having fun. Please take this very short survey and provide your feedback! We hope to implement one or even two of these events in 2025!



OSRT's Totally Pawsome Pets

I asked OSRT's Social Media Chair, Kris Seitz, to post a message on our social media platforms asking for pictures of your fur babies to feature in each edition of Cardinal Rays. **Please continue to share your fantastic pet pictures (you can also email them to osrt@osrt.org)** - I know I felt joy and smiled at every picture posted so far.



Jack and Abby
(LeAnn Gaiser)



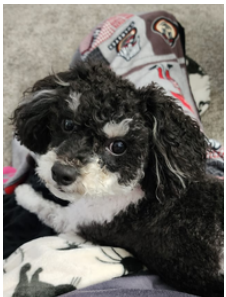
(Amanda Daulton
Graham)



(Amy Parry)



Mash and Porter.
Mascots of DankHouse
(Lin Hopewell)



(Jessica Rice)



Eva (Gary Greathouse)



(Shannessa Clippinger)



(Lori Rastatter)

Your continued dedication and passion for the OSRT and the medical imaging profession make our work possible, and together, we will accomplish great things in the year ahead. Here's to a year of growth, impact, and BEING SEEN –thank you for being a part of our journey. We are excited about what lies ahead!

This edition's AI-generated images! For these images, I put in the phrase "Image of a radiologic technologist at work". These are bonkers! What do you think?

I wish you all a safe and Happy New Year!

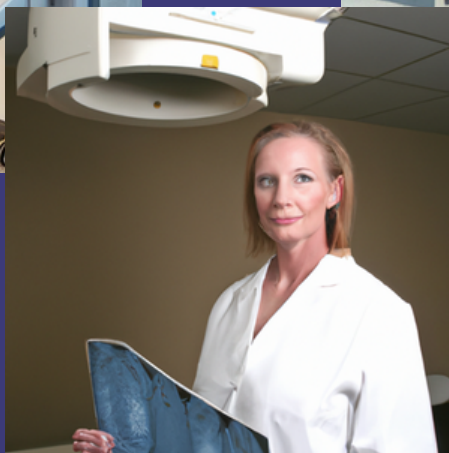
Allison

Click on the Quick Survey icon or scan the QR code to take the short networking survey.



Allison Stokes
OSRT PRESIDENT

"The OSRT would like your feedback on some potential new events we can host to foster networking opportunities while having fun. Please take this very short survey and provide your feedback!"



WEBINAR

VIRTUAL CE SESSION JANUARY 18, 2025

The session is through Zoom so you can attend from anywhere.
The 3-hour CE session begins at 8:50 AM Eastern Time.

CONTROLLING AUTOMATIC EXPOSURE CONTROL



Kyle Mitchell, R.T.(R)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN RADIOLOGY



**Jenny Evans, Ed.D.,
MSHI, RHIA, CCS**

THE VALUE OF INCLUSIVE CARE



**Tyler Stimpert, BSBA,
MPH**

OSRT Member rate - \$ 15.00**

Non-member rate - \$ 30.00

Student rate - \$ 10.00

The registration and payment deadline is January 15, 2025.

*3.0 Category A CE credits pending approval by the ASRT.

**If you are a member of an ASRT affiliate, you qualify for the OSRT member rate!



[Click here](#) or scan the
QR code to register!



WHAT A GREAT NRTW!

Check out this very special proclamation from Governor DeWine's office!

Whereas, always on the frontline of healthcare, medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals save lives; and

Whereas, the primary responsibility of many technologists is to create patient images using medical equipment; and

Whereas, medical image staff work in hospitals, imaging centers, physician's offices, large and small clinics, in education, and in corporations; and

Whereas, the Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists was founded in 1938 and represents radiologic technologists throughout Ohio; and

Whereas, there are nearly 15,000 credentialed medical imaging professionals and radiation therapists within Ohio; and

Whereas, Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen's discovery of the x-ray is commemorated each year on the anniversary of November 8, 1895; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize November 3-9, 2024 as NATIONAL RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY WEEK on this 3rd day of November 2024.

A special THANK YOU to President Allison Stokes, who submitted the request for the proclamation!



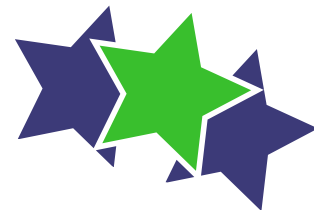
NRTW Social Media Winners!

Thank you to all who participated in the social media contests during NRTW!
Congratulations to our winners!

Megan Martin
Olivia Enriquez
Dr. Stephanie Stauver
Tom Folck
Melissa Machingo-Slanina



2025 ASRT Election



The ASRT Election will be open on February 11 and close on March 4. If you are an ASRT member (both active and student), please check out the OSRT members in the election below and consider giving them your vote. We want to ensure we are well-represented and have a solid national voice!

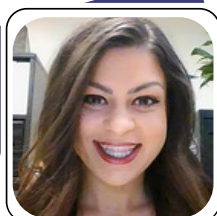


Julie Gill, Ph.D., R.T.(R)(QM), FASRT

ASRT Special President-Elect
Candidate

**Alisha Guerrero, M.B.A.,
R.T.(R)(CI)**

Cardiac/Vascular Interventional
Chapter Candidate



**Melissa Machingo, M.B.A.,
R.T.(R)(CT)**

Computed Tomography
Chapter Candidate



**Quest Folck, M.S.R.S.,
R.T.(R)(CT)**

Education
Chapter Candidate



**Gary Greathouse, M.S.,
R.T.(R)**

Management
Chapter Candidate



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R.T.(N), CNMT**

Nuclear Medicine
Chapter Candidate



**Lucas Gross, M.S., R.T.(N),
NMTCB(CT), CMNT, RSO**

Nuclear Medicine
Chapter Candidate



**Eric Hertenstein, M.B.A.,
R.T.(CT), CNMT, PET**

Nuclear Medicine
Chapter Candidate



**Andrea Tschirner, R.T.(R)
(CT)(BD)**

Radiography
Chapter Candidate

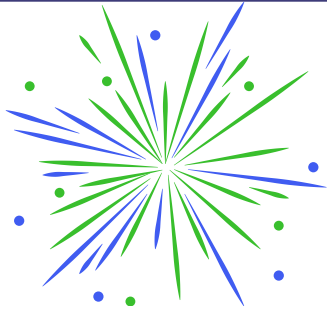




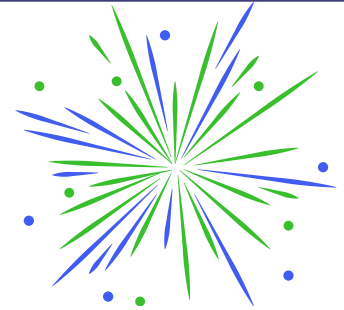
STUDENT SPOT!



Student Cardinal Rays



HAPPY
New Year



Joining as a student member offers a multitude of benefits that can significantly enhance your academic and personal development. As a member, you gain access to discounted meeting registration fees, making it more affordable to attend valuable conferences and workshops where you can network with professionals and peers in your field. Membership also opens the door to grant eligibility, providing financial support for your research projects or academic pursuits. Additionally, by participating in quiz bowl competitions, you can challenge yourself and showcase your knowledge on a wider platform.

Furthermore, the leadership programs available to student members are designed to cultivate essential skills, such as teamwork, communication, and strategic thinking, equipping you for future career success. Overall, becoming a student member is an investment in your future, offering opportunities for growth, recognition, and connection within your academic community.

Some upcoming events to check out as a student member:

- Virtual education sessions
- Student and Educator Symposium
- OSRT Student Director Program
- OSRT Education and Research Foundation Student Trustee Program
- Leadership Academy

If you are a newly certified technologist, remember to renew your OSRT membership! You will now be an active member, which allows you to vote, serve on a committee, and run for the Board of Directors! Renewing is easy, and there are multiple options. [Click here](#) or scan the QR code for more information, member benefits, and to renew!



OSRT STUDENT DIRECTOR *Program*

The OSRT demonstrates its commitment to student professional growth and development through the OSRT Student Director Program. The selected Student Director serves as an official voting member of the Board of Directors. The Board strongly believes that students are future leaders, and the OSRT has a responsibility to help cultivate them.

This program is open to OSRT student members in their first year of a primary imaging or therapy program. One student will be selected as a Board member from April 2025 to April 2026. This period of service helps to facilitate strong relationships, a fundamental understanding of organizational operations, enhanced leadership skills, and a commitment to continued service to the profession. The selected student must also attend the OSRT Leadership Academy in June 2025.

Applications will be accepted until January 31, 2025. For more details, visit the [OSRT website](#) or social media or scan the QR code below.



Serving as Student Director with the OSRT added so much to my experience as a student. As cliché as it may sound, it made me feel like I was a part of something bigger than just being in my program's bubble and going through the motions until I reached graduation. It allowed me so many additional positive experiences – opportunities that my classmates did not have. I would highly encourage any imaging student who is even slightly considering applying for the Student Leader position to do so. I also encourage the students who may not want to serve in the leadership role to get involved with the OSRT in some form or fashion. There are many different committees that would welcome the contributions and ideas from current imaging students.

If any students are interested but might have other questions, please feel free to contact me directly. I'd be happy to chat!

jessbates1206@gmail.com



Jessica Bates, R.T.(R)(CT)

2018 Student Director

Full-time Faculty

Sinclair Community College



STUDENT & EDUCATOR SYMPOSIUM

APRIL 10-11, 2025

Hilton Columbus/Polaris



OSRT Student and Educator Symposium (SES) will be here before you know it, and we would love to see you there! The Symposium is focused on information related to educators and students. However, all are welcome.

The student track will provide a review presentations (1 1/2- 2 hours) specifically designed to cover the four-content specification areas of the ARRT Radiography certification exam, a clinical case study presentation competition, an online mock certification exam, a team Quiz Bowl competition, a "Backyard Games" themed party, and early morning yoga! Those who score in the top three clinical case study presentation submissions will be invited to deliver their presentation face-to-face at the Symposium. Please note that the Quiz Bowl competition is limited to 20 teams for this all-day, double-elimination tournament!

The educator track will have Leslie Winter and our good friends from the JRCERT provide two 50-minute sessions on the accreditation standards, bridging the gap with Muslim students, operating room simulation, and more.

Meet new colleagues, learn new things, and have a great time! We look forward to seeing you in Columbus in April! Registration is now open, and space is limited for some events, so please don't wait to register. The registration and payment deadline is March 24.

The Hilton Columbus/Polaris is offering a discounted room rate to our group of \$174.00/night plus tax. You must reserve your room by March 19, using this link to receive the discount: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/cmhpohf-90j-f4d72706-4405-4979-bc56-923b074891fb/>

EVENTS

CERTIFICATION
EXAM REVIEW



CLINICAL CASE
STUDY
PRESENTATION
COMPETITION



QUIZ BOWL
COMPETITION



EDUCATOR OPEN
FORUM



ONLINE MOCK
CERTIFICATION
EXAM





Foundation Corner

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday season and that 2025 will be a wonderful year. Did you make resolutions for the New Year? Perhaps one of your resolutions was to become more involved and active in your profession. There are many ways to do this. Your active involvement can benefit not only you but many imaging and therapy professionals and radiologic sciences students.

Serving as a Trustee of the OSRT Education and Research Foundation is a fulfilling experience and a great way to meet new people and serve the profession. Trustees raise funds so technologists, therapists, and students in Ohio can receive grants to support their educational endeavors. Trustees also coordinate and award prizes to participants in the Case Study Presentation Competitions held at the Student and Educator Symposium and the Annual Meeting.

Are you not sure serving on the Board is for you? Donations to the grant and scholarship funds are always needed and used to help those in our profession. It's easy: just use this link, <https://www.osrt.org/foundation#about-the-osrt-education-and-research-foundation>, or click the donate button to the right to make your donation. Donations to the OSRTERF are tax-deductible.



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Thank you



Foundation Corner

ATTENTION STUDENTS

Calling all radiography and therapy students. Do you want to get even more out of your educational experience? Could you use a little extra money for school? Do you want to get involved in the profession? The OSRTERF has many opportunities for you.

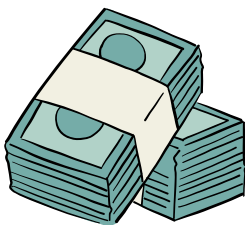
DEADLINE

March 1

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Many of you are already working on case study projects in your educational programs. You can share your knowledge from these projects with other students and technologists by applying for the OSRTERF Case Study Presentation Competition. The initial application submission for students is due by March 1, and the top 3 applicants will be invited to present their case studies at the 2025 Student and Educator Symposium. Winners receive a cash prize! [Check here](#) for rules and submission guidelines.



Each year, the OSRTERF offers at least five grants to OSRT Student members. The application process is easy and only takes a few minutes. Grants will be awarded at the 2025 Student and Educator Symposium. The application deadline for students is March 1. [Click here](#) for more information and to apply. Please make sure that you are using the link that says "Student Technologist Grant".



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Foundation Corner

**Calling all first-year Radiologic Sciences/
Therapy students**



OSRTERF Student Trustee Program

First-year radiologic science and therapy students—Get involved in your profession by becoming a Student Trustee on the OSRTERF Board of Trustees.

The Student Trustee will serve on the OSRTERF Board from June 1, 2025, until May 31, 2026 (or graduation if that is earlier than May 31, 2026). The selected student will be able to develop leadership skills, expand professional relationships, and serve the profession. The selected student will also receive the \$500.00 OSRTERF Student Trustee Leadership Grant.

Applications are due by May 1, 2025. [Click here](#) or scan the QR code for more information

If you have questions, contact the OSRTERF Chair, Terri Bruckner, at Bruckner.terri@gmail.com.



OSRT FELLOWS



Fellows is an honorary designation representing a significant breadth and depth of contribution to the OSRT and the medical imaging and radiation therapy profession. A Fellows is an exemplary leader who has consistently served, advocated for, and supported the advancement of the profession.

Applicants must:

1. Be a current OSRT member in good standing.
2. **Submit the online application by January 31**
 - Attach a professional CV or Resume to the online application.
 - Verify degree and/or certification status by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (or equivalent medical imaging certification) by either diploma or certification.
 - Submit a non-refundable application fee of \$50.00 at the time of application for Fellows.
 - Verify past or present professional organization membership(s).
3. Achieve a score of 75 or more during the Fellows committee's evaluation using the Fellows Status Point Scale Rubric.

Selected candidates will be elevated to Fellows status at the Fellows Ceremony during the Francine Todd Memorial Honors Reception at the Annual Meeting of each year (September). Elevated Fellows will be presented with an award at the ceremony.

[Click here](#) or scan the QR code for more information or to apply.



DEADLINE

January 31



MEET THE BOARD

FT. BECKY EVERETTS



My name is Becky Everetts and I am currently a registered X-Ray Technologist and Computed Tomography Technologist, working in both modalities as a PRN for Cleveland Clinic.



I joined the OSRT as a student in 2022 and was selected as the Student Director. I have been a member of the Nominating Committee since 2022 and am now vice chair. I am also now a Director at Large and I am very excited to be involved in this great organization.

I am very new to the imaging world and being a member of the OSRT is a great way to network. I hope to eventually serve on each committee (over time of course) and look forward to cultivating new relationships and learning as much as I can.

When I'm not working my husband and I enjoy golfing and traveling. We live in Medina Ohio and when we're not busy golfing or traveling we spend our summers floating in our pool and snowy winter days snuggling our two kitties, Hazel & Nash.



-BECKY



You're invited to attend the 2025

OSRT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

- Learn the ins and outs of volunteering and leadership
- Enhance your skills as a professional in a non-profit organization
- Gain valuable insights on SWOT creation/analysis
- Collaborate with colleagues

Friday, June 27th, 2025: Virtual (via Zoom)

**Saturday, June 28th, 2025: In-person central around
Columbus @ TBD**



SNEAK PEAK

Cardinal Rays will have a new section in future issues where we'll take a look back at snippets of history of the OSRT. Here's a sneak peak from Buckeye Rays, February 1981!

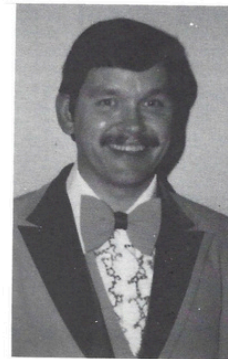


1980-1981 OSRT OFFICERS



Front Row-William Finney, R.T., Treasurer, Shirlee Bell, R.T., Second Vice-President. Back Row-Trudi Parks, R.T., First Vice-President, Peggy Burrows, R.T., Secretary, Nancy Dome, R.T., President Elect, and Philip Ballinger, R.T., President.

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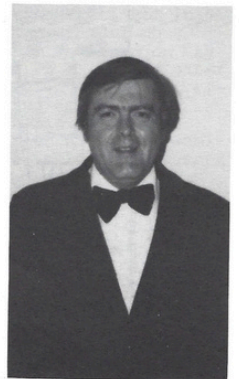
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SNEAK PEAK

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(Full addresses of those listed above may be obtained by writing to the editor.)

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The President's Corner



Fellow Technologists,

A major objective of the Bureau of Radiological Health is the reduction of radiation exposure to the general population. Federal regulations exist regarding the manufacturing of radiographic equipment but what about the operator of the equipment?

We as technologists must be constantly aware of the technological advancements. Are you using rare earth screens? Carbon fiber material products? Are you ready for digital radiography?

How can we keep up with these advancements? Continuing education is the best solution and the OSRT is constantly working to sponsor continuing professional education for technologists. Come to a meeting and learn, then take your new found knowledge back to work and share it--and don't forget to tell everyone where you got it. During 1981, plan to attend some of the following: 1) the OSRT Educational Meeting on May 1 & 2 in Cleveland; 2) the Ohio Hospital Association Annual Meeting in Columbus during April 6-8; 3) the OSRT Radiation Reduction Seminar in Akron on May 17; 4) The OSRT Annual Meeting in Columbus on September 25 & 26, and other meetings yet to be confirmed. Taking advantage of selected continuing education programs will expand your professional understanding which can lead to providing more competent patient care while minimizing patient exposure. As an OSRT member, you will receive information about all seminars and Evidence of Continuing Education points will be able to be earned at all meetings.

Please accept this invitation as a challenge and I hope 1981 is a year of growth for us as professionals and a profession.

Philip W. Ballinger, R.T.
President-OSRT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE

All are welcome to attend the Board of Directors meetings. **They are free to attend, but pre-registration is required.** Please contact the OSRT Operations Manager for more information or to register.

- **Saturday, February 22, 2025**
Virtual via Zoom
- **Wednesday, April 9, 2025**
In-person at Hilton Columbus Polaris
- **Saturday, July 19, 2025**
Virtual via Zoom
- **Thursday, September 25, 2025**
In-person / Location TBD

REMEMBER TO RENEW!

Don't forget to renew your OSRT membership! Look on your membership e-card or contact the Operations Manager to see when it is your time to renew.



Renewal notifications will be sent via email before your membership expires. To avoid missing these emails, set the OSRT email as a trusted sender so our emails don't end up in your junk folder. Also, be sure that the email you are using is the email in your member profile.

Why renew? Well, why not? OSRT membership has many benefits, including professional advocacy, discounted rates for CE opportunities, networking, scholarships, and volunteer opportunities. For more information, check out our [membership benefits](#).

SAVE THE DATE

2025

Annual Meeting

September 26 & 27

@

**University of Cincinnati
Blue Ash College**

CHECK YOUR SPAM!



Sometimes, the OSRT email is flagged by your email server as **SPAM**. Make sure you have **osrt@osrt.org** as a trusted email to stay up-to-date with OSRT information in your inbox!

GET SOCIAL!

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To promote clinical excellence
in radiologic technology

OSRT MISSION

We advocate for radiologic
technologists by advancing
professional practice to
enhance patient care.

From the Editor

Thank you for taking the time to read this issue of Cardinal Rays! I appreciate any feedback that you have about Cardinal Rays. What information would you like to read about? Let me know!

Lauren Huffman

Cardinal Rays Editor



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