



Cardinal Rays

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Save the Date

Join us for the
2020 Annual Meeting
 April 9-11, 2020 in **Columbus**
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Julie's Jingles



WHEW! Were your holidays a bit chaotic and now you're back into the swing of your normal schedule? There were a few days that I wasn't sure what day or date it was but I just kept moving with family and friend activities! Now that I'm back to my normalcy I would like to **give kudos** to some OSRT members whose hard work and leadership have resulted in "wins" for us and our members. First, a giant KUDOS goes to Andrea Tschirner, Chair of the Membership Committee. She and her committee members have implemented several initiatives that have resulted in increased member numbers. This means that more technologists are finding out about the OSRT and are supporting our initiatives as we continue to support technologists and improve the quality of patient care. You may have received a mailer or a phone call from a member of the Membership Committee as they communicate with new and non-returning members to chat. Please take a minute to thank them for all of their efforts. Other members of the Membership Committee are Melissa Adkins, Gloria Albrecht, Auston Davis, Nicole Douglas, Donna Endicott, Jen Fox, Christine Gialousis, Gary Greathouse, Judy Miller, Abby Murphy, Emma Palmer, Tiffany Roman, Kristin Seitz, and Tricia Upton. Kudos to all of you for your hard work! A second giant KUDOS goes to the Advocacy Committee as they wrote and created the first of our *Advocacy Update* newsletters! The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you updated on advocacy and health policy issues that are happening at the state and national levels. Many technologists aren't aware of or don't understand the OSRT's advocacy efforts, so this is our way of letting everyone know how the OSRT Board of Directors and committee members are active and visible in this environment. Thanks to the members of the Advocacy Committee and Lauren Huffman, the OSRT Executive Secretary, for making this happen and for keeping all of us informed: Eric Charlton, Haley Griffin, Lucas Gross, Allison Hermance-Moore, Linnea Hopewell, Deb O'Mellan, Tiffany Roman (Chair), and Andrea Tschirner.

All of the OSRT Committees have been very busy since they received their charges in May and they continue to represent our profession and organization well. If you would like information about the OSRT Committees and to learn how you can volunteer for a specific committee, please visit <https://www.osrt.org/connex/rt-connex/284-osrtseeksvolunteers>. President-elect Judy Miller is working on committee assignment for next year and she'd love to add you to her list!

Also, mark your calendar for the 2020 O.S.R.T. Annual Meeting on April 8-11th in Columbus. Information and registration will be available on the O.S.R.T. website at <https://www.osrt.org/annual-meeting/2020-annual-meeting>. I hope to see you there!

OSRT President



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

University of Cincinnati Blue Ash

The University of Cincinnati Blue Ash Radiologic Technology students took a research-based trip to Chicago for the 105th Scientific Assembly and Annual Meeting of the Radiologic Society of North America (RSNA). The project involved meeting with vendors to discuss the use of the Deviation Index (DI) on their general radiography DR equipment. Both first and second year students participated in this project with the second year students and the program faculty serving as mentors. The students will analyze the results and share them with the entire program as part of their program courses. All who attended this event participated by interviewing vendors to collect data, visiting booths to view new technology, and attending the Student Radiographer Theater, which included presentations by key American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) employees and the ASRT Board President, Stephanie Johnston. This event was very enriching to the students and everyone enjoyed their time. We look forward to going again in the future!



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Hi Everyone! I hope everyone had a great end to 2019 and is excited about what is to come in 2020. I know for many like me, this is the year we have been waiting for and will be graduating onto bigger and better things. I am excited to see what amazing opportunities 2020 brings.

The new year means that the 2020 Annual Meeting is quickly approaching, and I hope everyone is just as excited as I am! OSRT members have been working hard to organize and put together this event. As I have mentioned before, there are many sessions and competitions that take place for students at the Annual Meeting. Now is the time for us to start thinking about how we will achieve those resolutions and advance our school and professional careers. Below are some events that you should consider attending and entering!

The **Philip W. Ballinger Student Self- Assessment Exam** will be held on Thursday, April 9th. This exam is available for all second- year radiology students. I highly suggest taking this assessment exam to allow you to gauge what material you need to focus more on when you take your boards. There is a \$15 pre-registration fee for the exam. Also, be sure to bring a non-programmable calculator and a few pencils.

Be sure to attend the **Student Open Forum** on Thursday! We have some great things planned to help you network with fellow students from schools all over! And of course, there will be opportunities to win door prizes! Be sure to create and account on LinkedIn beforehand.

The **Student Quiz Bowl Competition** is always a huge hit! I know a few schools really take quiz bowl seriously! We all love a little friendly competition. Gather some of your peers and form a team! Be sure to complete the application on the OSRT website by March 1st. There is a \$20 participation fee. There is allowed one team per institution and only eight members per team. Team members must all hold an OSRT membership and be registered for the Annual Meeting. I love to watch the quiz bowl and quiz my own knowledge while doing so!

The OSRT Education and Research Foundation hold a **Case Study Poster Competition** and a **Professional Poster Competition** each year at the Annual Meeting. This is open to both student and registered technologists. Be sure to read the guidelines and rules on the OSRT website on the "Competitions" link under the "Annual Meeting" tab. I look forward to seeing the research presented this year!

Another great educational opportunity put on by the OSRT Education and Research Foundation is the **Essay Competition**. This competition is also open to both students and registered technologists. Put those writing skills to use and apply on the OSRT website. For more information be sure to check out the "Competitions" link under the "Annual Meeting" tab.

Finally, apply for **Education and Research Grants!** Applicants may be registered or student technologists but must be members of the OSRT at time of applying. The deadline is March 1st. There are several different grants available, so be sure to check out the OSRT website for more information and requirements.

As always, if you have any questions about how to get involved or about any of these student opportunities at the Annual Meeting, please reach out to me! I would love to share my experience as a student member.

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Student Director

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Opportunities to become more INVOLVED in the OSRT

Leadership Academy

The OSRT is pleased to offer the 2020 OSRT Leadership Academy that will take place at Zane State College on Saturday, March 14 and Sunday, March 15, 2020. The Leadership Academy is a two-day session (**12.75 Category A continuing education credits approved by ASRT**) that will acclimate participants to the ins and outs of volunteering and leadership in a professional nonprofit organization. If you have been thinking about volunteering and becoming involved, but maybe were overwhelmed with where to start, this is your perfect opportunity. Participants will receive some preparatory materials in March, prior to the session, to help them get ready for some great activities and discussion during the Academy. You will gain a better understanding of volunteer board organizations with specific emphasis on OSRT functions and operations. You will collaborate with colleagues and board members (past and present) to gain insight into professional volunteerism. Check out the [Leadership Academy](#) page on the OSRT website for more information! The **deadline to apply is February 15.**

Join Us at 2020 Annual Meeting of OSRT!

The 80th Annual Meeting of the OSRT will be held April 9-11, 2020 at the **Columbus DoubleTree** hotel in Worthington, Ohio. Plan now to join your friends and colleagues for this exciting and educational meeting. Scheduled presentations include 1st class CE topics suitable for a variety of imaging practice disciplines. You can earn the majority of your required CE credits in one weekend! For those of you in the process of ARRT recertification, Saturday (4/11/2020) will include topics for everyone and specifically related to CQR (Continuing Qualifications Requirements). Come and join us, expand your learning and socialize with fellow technologists! Competitions will include the Student Quiz Bowl, essays, and professional posters. For more information about the meeting please contact the OSRT at OSRT@osrt.org.

Your Co-chairs,
Terri Bruckner
Christine Gialousis
Tricia Upton

CELEBRATING
82 years of
Radiologic
Science in
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Don't forget to vote for our incoming board of directors, president elect and technologist of the year. Be sure to review the candidate biographies on the [OSRT Election Page](#). Voting ends on February 1 at 11:59 pm



BE THE CHANGE
VOLUNTEER &
MAKE THE DIFFERENCE



The OSRT is looking for volunteers for the upcoming year. Please consider the opportunities available to become a significant member, supporting our profession. For more information about volunteer opportunities, visit the volunteer page of our website at [OSRT Volunteers](#)

The Foundation Corner

Hello everyone and Happy New Year! The beginning of a new year is a time for reflection and anticipation. It is a time for us to acknowledge our past year accomplishments and evaluate the areas of our life that we would like to improve upon. Likewise, a new year is an opportunity for new beginnings! As unique individuals, we all set goals that are meaningful to us.

The OSRTERF has also set goals for the new year. The Mission of the OSRTERF is to fund students and professionals engaged in education and research to promote the highest quality patient care. Our Vision is to promote professional excellence through scholarly pursuits across the Radiologic Science practice arena in Ohio. To meet our goals, the OSRTERF funds educational grants and competitions each year, with judging and awards at the OSRT Annual Meeting. The most productive and entertaining Fundraiser for the Foundation is the Silent Auction that is held at the Annual Meeting. What began as a basic auction has since evolved over the years to include baskets of food, wine, jewelry, lottery tickets and objects d'art. Please consider donating to the Silent Auction this year. Set your goal this year to donating to the Silent Auction! All proceeds of the silent auction go to funding the educational grants and competitions. Please help the Foundation meet their New Year goal. If you would like to donate but cannot attend this year's meeting, please call Gail Schroeder to arrange for pick up.

If you are interested in funding an educational grant or supporting an existing grant, please contact Gail Schroeder. Your contribution will greatly be appreciated.

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OSRTERF Chairperson



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Thank YOU!

Letter from the Editors

Hopefully by the time you receive this issue of the Cardinal Rays you have cast your votes for new members of the OSRT Board of Directors, the President-Elect and Technologist of the Year. How exciting to see seven fellow technologists seeking election to the Board! It's too bad only two may be elected at this time. And to the candidates, THANK YOU FOR RUNNING! If you were not elected this year please don't give up! You have so much to gain by running again! One of my new life mantas is "It is always too soon to quit"!

Serving the OSRT has been a part of my entire professional life – starting when I was a student and it's not over yet! I have benefitted professionally and personally by this experience - so many good friends, fun, laughter and precious memories.

Think ahead to next year and make the decision to get involved. Nominate YOURSELF to run for the Board! Why is serving on a professional board so great personally and professionally? Let me list the ways:

- You strengthen your professional credibility by being in a position that is vital and visible.
- You raise your professional profile among your peers, in the organization and in the industry.
- You increase your value in your workplace because you have public endorsement of your value and expertise. This strengthens your candidacy for a promotion or new role in your institution.
- You sharpen your professional skills, including collaboration, negotiation, strategic planning, policy creation, financial accountability, marketing, leadership skills, mentoring.
- You enhance your professional reputation.
- You take charge of your career and personal growth by being a leader and decision maker in your profession.
- You develop Invaluable professional associations and networking.
- It looks great on your resume!

Be an advocate for our profession – remember one small piece of legislation can profoundly impact a profession. Stay inspired and become motivated!!

Sheryl & Whitney

Cardinal Rays Co-Editors



OSRT VISION: The OSRT will be the voice of Ohio medical imaging and radiologic science professionals.

OSRT MISSION: The OSRT advocates for medical imaging and radiologic science professionals by advancing professional practice to enhance the quality of patient care.

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