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Newsletter of the Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists

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Greetings Everyone!

The crisp autumn air, the vibrant colors of the leaves, cozy gatherings, the smell of pumpkin spice lattes - these are just a few of the things that make fall so special. As the holiday season swiftly approaches, set some time aside for yourself and make the most of fall.



Outdoor
Adventures



Indoor
Activities

- **Leaf Peeping:** Take a scenic drive or hike to admire the breathtaking foliage.
- **Apple Picking:** Visit a local orchard and pick your own juicy apples.
- **Pumpkin Patch:** Find the perfect pumpkin for carving or decorating.
- **Corn Maze:** Get lost in a labyrinth of cornstalks and solve puzzles.
- **Hayrides:** Enjoy a leisurely ride through the countryside.



- **Cozy Nights In:** Curl up with a good book or watch a fall-themed movie.
- **Baking:** Whip up your favorite autumn treats, like pumpkin pie or apple cider donuts.
- **Crafting:** Create festive decorations for your home.
- **Farmers' Markets:** Explore local produce and artisanal goods.
- **Festivals and Events:** Attend community gatherings and celebrations.

Stuff with Stokes

November is also the time to celebrate the vital work of medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals during National Radiologic Technology Week (NRTW)[®] on November 3-9, 2024. The theme this year is ALWAYS ON THE FRONT LINE OF HEALTH CARE. IT'S TIME FOR US TO BE SEEN. It truly is time for us to be seen. Radiologic technologists comprise the third-largest group of healthcare professionals – surpassed in number only by physicians and nurses. There are roughly 15,000 credentialed medical imaging professionals within the great state of Ohio. These individuals are silent heroes within the healthcare environment who rarely get recognized for the very impactful work that they do every day.

That is why, as President of the OSRT, I wrote to Ohio's Governor to request an official public proclamation helping us celebrate NRTW and educate the public about our vital role in modern medicine and patient care. I am passionate about the profession and will work diligently to ensure we are SEEN in the state of Ohio.

Celebrate with the OSRT by following our social media accounts and participating in daily contests during NRTW[®]. You could be one of our daily prize winners!

The OSRT had a successful 83rd Annual Meeting at Zane State College in Zanesville on September 20 and 21. Members had the opportunity to obtain 14 CE credits during the two-day meeting while also networking and having great discussions among the attendees and presenters. Plan to join us on September 26 and 27 at the University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College in Blue Ash, Ohio!

As we look ahead to the new year, take a moment to consider if you can give back and volunteer with the OSRT. We welcome new members and the amazing input and ideas they bring with them! We have many committees to choose from – so pick something that works for you! If you have any questions or would like additional information about our committees, please feel free to contact me, any other OSRT Director, or our amazing Operations Manager – Lauren Huffman.

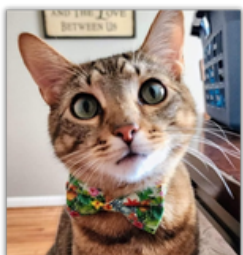


OSRT's Totally Pawsome Pets

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.



Murray in his OSRT gear
(Allison Stokes)



Phil looking dapper in his bowtie
(Amanda Daulton Graham)



Gretzky and Crosby dressed up in their Halloween costumes
(Meg McCreight)



Charlie loves the fall leaves
(Megan Martin)

One last thing...I have been playing around with some AI image generators to see what they can produce related to medical imaging. Why don't you all be the judge. I input the phrase "Image of a patient getting an x-ray." These are some of the images that were created with the AI generator. I made an assignment like this for my first-year students and had them look at the images created by AI and note what was incorrect and what was correct about them. Seeing that even AI has a limited idea of how medical images are created and performed was eye-opening.

I wish you all a safe and healthy holiday season!

Allison



Allison Stokes

OSRT PRESIDENT



Allison's Presidential Address

It is my great honor to stand before you today as the President of the Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists. As I reflect on the tremendous legacy of this organization (86 years, to be exact), I am filled with gratitude for the dedication, passion, and tireless efforts of this society and its members, the driving force behind its success. I am also absolutely astonished to be standing up here making a presidential address. As a student attendee at the 66th OSRT Annual Meeting way back in 2007, there was no way on Earth I could envision myself standing up in front of a large room full of people to talk OUT LOUD? I could barely hit my buzzer during Quiz Bowl because then I would have to speak into the microphone! ...and yet here I am today. It proves that you never know where you will end up in life; all you can do is be grateful for the experiences, opportunities, and wonderful people who help guide you along the way. In my journey, that would be Dr. Terri Bruckner, my amazing instructor and mentor while I was in the OSU radiography program. She encouraged me to join the Quiz Bowl team and supported me throughout my education. You are who I emulate as an educator. I would also like to thank Dr. Julie Gill, who gave me the confidence (and the not-so-gentle push) I needed to apply for the OSRT Board of Directors and has continued to support and educate me along the way.

And where would I be without my amazing husband, Geoff, and daughter, Nora. Geoff – you have been a positive force for the past 18 years of my life and have supported every move throughout my career, especially the tough ones. Listening to countless stories of long days in the windowless fluoroscopy department of Children's Hospital, you learned about the patients I cared for and why I love my job. You reassured me that making the switch from clinical practice to education would be a great opportunity, and you were my far-too-enthusiastic audience when I practiced for my very first lecture as a brand-new educator, picking up a tenuous grasp of radiography vocabulary along the way. You are my hype-man, and I appreciate having you in my corner. Nora – you bring so much joy and happiness to my life. I love listening to you read, sing songs, and dance around the house. I love that you know what your lateral malleolus is and are starting to understand what your mama does every day when she goes to work. I love your advice – especially when you say, “Don't stay up too late working mama...you deserve to rest”. I will have to start listening to that one. I want you to know that you can have a fulfilling, successful career AND be a mama at the same time. Find your passion and follow it – Papa and I will be there with you along the way.



Allison's Presidential Address

At the heart of the OSRT's mission is advocacy. We exist to represent the interests of our members and the communities we serve. In a rapidly changing world, we must remain committed to ensuring that our profession is heard, respected, and valued.

Advocacy cannot succeed without involvement. Each of you is an advocate, whether you realize it or not. When you speak up for your profession, when you educate patients, and when you engage with your local communities, you are strengthening the voice of the profession. Let's raise our voices as one, create meaningful change, and BE SEEN.

At the heart of it, you—our members—are the foundation of everything we do. The strength of our society lies in the diversity of our members, the unique talents you bring, and the invaluable contributions you make. Every one of you plays an essential role in shaping the future of this organization. Over the past years, we've made great strides in fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment. But we must continue to ask ourselves: how can we better serve our members? How can we engage, support, and inspire each other in new ways? Share your ideas! Get involved in our committees and programs! Your presence and engagement are what will make us stronger.

Finally, I must talk about growth. Growth isn't just about increasing numbers—it's about evolving in ways that make us more efficient, more impactful, and more sustainable. We must be intentional in how we grow, ensuring that we remain true to our core values while embracing the future. It is on our doorstep.

However, I am confident that, together, we can grow this organization in ways that will leave a lasting legacy. Growth means adapting to the needs of an ever-changing world. As we navigate new challenges, we will remain agile, proactive, and forward-thinking.

I want to express my deepest appreciation to all of you for your continued dedication to the OSRT. The road ahead is filled with opportunities, and I am excited to see what we will accomplish together. Let's remain committed to our mission, energized by our shared purpose, and united in our efforts to make a lasting impact. Thanks to each of you and our combined efforts, the future of the OSRT is bright. Together, we will BE SEEN!



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT



Hi everyone! I want to inform you of a significant change in contracted staff. At the Board of Directors meeting on September 19th, the Board accepted the resignation of Steven Faulkner as Financial Manager.

The Financial Manager's responsibilities and roles were offered to Executive Secretary Lauren Huffman, with an increase in salary and a **title change to Operations Manager**. Lauren accepted these terms, and the Board unanimously approved the change.

Lauren's attention to detail, reliability, and trustworthiness are key traits that she brings to this expanded capacity. Hats off to Lauren for accepting this new position and serving OSRT members in multiple ways!

**-Julie Gill, OSRT Senior Chairperson of
the Board of Directors**



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NATIONAL RAD TECH WEEK!

It's almost time for National Radiologic Technology Week! Celebrate with OSRT social media November 3-9, 2024. We will have daily contests, opportunities to network with other technologists, AND **PRIZES!** Anyone can comment, like, and share, but to be eligible to win, you must be a member of the OSRT. Not a member yet or need to renew? Check out the [membership webpage](#).

So that you can prepare, here's some info on our daily NRTW contests:

Memory Monday – tell us about your favorite or most embarrassing memory from school or your early career.

Thoughtful Tuesday - post a thoughtful tip for students and new techs.

Wacky Wednesday - post something that you can't live without on the job/at clinical that your coworkers/classmates think is just weird.

Selfie Thursday - let's see those smiling faces! Post a selfie of you with your classmates or work crew.

Fun Fact Friday - drop some knowledge on us and share a fun fact about your (or your future) modality – the weirder the better.

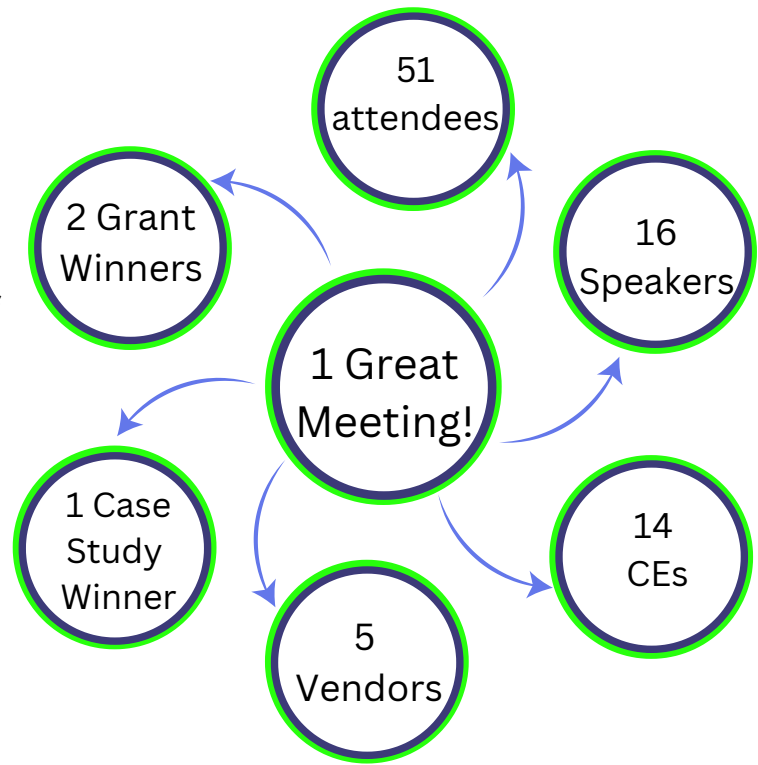


2024 ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The recent Annual Meeting held at Zane State College was a productive gathering featuring diverse activities and topics. Attendees had the opportunity to participate in 14 continuing education sessions, which provided valuable insight and skill enhancement across various topics. The business session included the Board of Directors Report, greetings from Dr. Heather Moore, ASRT President, and approval of the 2024-2025 Budget.

The Francine Todd Memorial reception was well attended. Dr. Terri Bruckner and Leisa Arnold were honored with Life Memberships. Jan Gibson was awarded Technologist of the Year. Lauren Huffman was the Past Presidents Lecturer and led the attendees in a guided meditation in "Finding Stillness".

Teresa Taggart and Becky Everetts were installed as new Directors and Tiffany Roman was installed as President-elect.



Life members
Leisa Arnold and Terri Bruckner



Technologist of the Year
Jan Gibson



Past Presidents Lecturer
Lauren Huffman



President-elect: Tiffany Roman
Directors: Teresa Taggart and
Becky Everetts
Senior Chairperson: Gary Greathouse



BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

GARY GREATHOUSE, OUTGOING SENIOR BOARD CHAIRPERSON

I was installed as OSRT Senior Chair in April 2023 and for the past 17 months have guided the organization through periods of great change. We have seen the split of the Annual meeting into the Student and Educator Symposium in April and as of today, the Annual Meeting in September. I personally wish to thank every member of the Student and Educator Symposium Committee and the Annual Meeting Committee for their hard work in making these changes a reality. It's through the dedication of these persons that great things can be accomplished.

We have seen the inception of the Fellows honor come into being during my term. We have had to battle issues in the statehouse in Columbus, on many fronts to prevent encroachment of our practice and changes in the state licensure law.

With the help of the advocacy committee and Mr. Paul Kudlak, who is our lobbyist in the statehouse, our voice is strong for the membership and the profession. The state licensure law could have been weakened to allow Advanced Nurse Practitioners to oversee General X-ray Machine Operators. Thankfully, this effort was thwarted and the law was not weakened.

We had another successful State Day in Columbus and because of our activism and lobbying efforts, Members in the statehouse know and respect our opinion regarding the imaging sciences as expert and valid.

As I step down this evening, I am proud of the work that each and every committee member has performed to get to this point. It has been an honor to serve and leave this position with these new and exciting changes. I'm sure there has been many more changes over the period I have served, but its not possible to give justice to them in this short amount of time.

Please remember that as a member of the OSRT, we are actively seeking ways to preserve the profession and promote quality patient care.

Thank you,
Gary





STUDENT SPOT!



Student Cardinal Rays



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 consider:

- Virtual education sessions
- Student and Educator Symposium
- ASRT Student to Leadership Program
- 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!



**Applications
due: Nov. 15**



Applications for the 2025 ASRT Student to Leadership Development Program (SLDP) will be accepted from August 1 - November 15, 2024. Selected students will participate in the 3-year program and learn valuable leadership skills with the ASRT and OSRT, attend the ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting (June 2025), and have excellent networking opportunities.

Students can apply directly on the [ASRT SLDP page](#)

Application requirements include:

- Currently enrolled in an accredited medical imaging or radiation therapy program.
- Current ASRT student member.
- Proof of current ASRT affiliate membership, excluding Military applicants.
- Completed application and essay.
- Signed letter of recommendation from your program director.

Selected participants receive:

- Airfare, housing, and a stipend for meals and other travel expenses.
- An educational program designed just for students.
- An insider's look into the world's largest association for medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals.
- Expanded opportunities for professional growth.
- Three years of continuing SLDP opportunities.

Contact the OSRT Executive Office at osrt@osrt.org with questions.

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

Foundation Corner

As 2024 winds down, the Foundation Trustees want to thank the Annual Meeting chairs and committee for their work in planning and implementing a fantastic meeting in Zanesville. The OSRTERF Board of Trustees would also like to congratulate our technologist and therapist grant and competition winners.

The following awards were given at the 2024 Annual Meeting in Zanesville:

- ★ Tammy McClish was awarded the \$1,000.00 Philip W. Ballinger grant. Tammy is completing a PhD in Education through Capella University.
- ★ Rebecca Everetts was awarded the \$600.00 Ohio Radiological Society (ORS) Grant. Rebecca is completing the Computed Tomography Program at the Cleveland Clinic School of Diagnostic Imaging.
- ★ Amber Nguyen was awarded 1st place in the Case Study Presentation Competition. Amber presented a case entitled “Radiation-Induced Angiosarcoma of the Breast.”

Congratulations to all of our winners. Again, we would also like to thank Dr. Philip Ballinger and the ORS for their generous donations, which made these grants possible!

STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS

It's time to start thinking about the 2025 grants and competitions. The OSRT website has updated rules and guidelines for the 2025 Student Case Study Presentation Competition.



Please review the documents and checklist carefully. The application deadline for student grants (be sure to use the student grant application) and the case study presentation competition is March 1, 2025.



Foundation Corner

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



OSRTERF Student Trustee Program

Apply to become a Student Trustee on the OSRT Education and Research Foundation. Benefits for the Student Trustee include:

- Enhanced leadership skills
- Active involvement in shaping the future of your profession
- Professional networking
- Complimentary registration for the OSRT Student and Educator Symposium
- Financial support through the Student Trustee Leadership Grant.

Information is posted on the [OSRT website](#), or the QR code can be scanned.



Applications are being accepted until May 1.

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



Foundation Corner

Pay It Forward

Would you like the opportunity to help others in your profession? If so, please consider donating to the OSRT Education and Research Foundation. Donating to the OSRTERF will allow medical imaging professionals to excel in clinical, administrative, and educational settings.

Donations also allow individuals to apply for the opportunity to conduct research vital to improving patient care and advancing imaging professionals. You can make an online donation, or if you have questions, feel free to contact a representative on the Foundation Board. Donations may be small or large; we are happy you are willing to help!



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MEET THE BOARD

ft. **Teresa Taggart**



I am Teresa Taggart, Program Director for the Nuclear Medicine program at Cuyahoga Community College in Parma, OH. I have been a CNMT for almost 4 decades, the last 13 years as a program director (7 in Ohio, 6 in Michigan). My career has varied from scanning in OP clinical settings, large institutions, and smaller institutions to teaching while scanning at the Mayo Clinic, which then carried over into Michigan when I moved back. I also was part of the research team (including published journal articles), the radiotherapy team, local/state/national presentations with the SNMMI Tech section, and once even in Toronto, CA.

Upon moving back to Michigan, I taught and scanned at a small community hospital, and upon the advent of a mobile PET/CT program, I was one of 2 technologists to start this in the Detroit area. I was then placed as the Program Director of a hospital-based program, which ultimately ended up being sunset, and I was not added to the local technologist pool at the same hospital. Hence, I packed up my car and dog, stored my household belongings in a storage unit, and moved to Ohio. Best decision I ever made!

**Cuyahoga
Community
College**



MEET THE BOARD Cont...

So, now that you know a little about me, I am one of the two newest Directors recently installed on the OSRT board. I also served on the Education Committee before becoming a Director, so it was just timely to assume the chair position when volunteers were asked to fill the vacancy. And here we are...

While my goal is to work with the Education Committee members to make a superior virtual meeting format, my overarching aim is to contribute to the OSRT board to help increase their goals and initiatives. I believe that I have a contribution as a transplanted “newbie” of eight years with a perspective of an underrepresented modality, and with that, I can lend a variety of different ideas and contacts to diversify the OSRT in a more comprehensive radiology style.

I believe in strength with numbers, collaboration with like minds, and educating the less familiar with factual information and alternative perceptions. I look forward to working with all of the members of the OSRT, especially the Directors, in our advocacy efforts for the medical imaging technologists and radiation therapy professionals all over Ohio, as well as lending a voice to the national collective professionals working to advocate for the industry as a whole.



Teresa





2025 Student & Educator Symposium

April 10-11

Hilton Columbus/Polaris

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15

We are accepting presentation proposals, so please consider sharing your expertise with OSRT members and beyond. To submit a proposal, please email the following information to osrt@osrt.org.

- Name,
 - academic credentials,
 - the title of the presentation,
 - presentation description, and
 - 3-5 learning outcomes.
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- Topics to include student reviews for Image Production, Safety, Patient Care, and Procedures; educator topics like writing exam questions, advising for student success, or new technologies to assist learning; and general topics such as pathology, effective communication, and advocacy.



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.

At the 2025 SES, the student track will provide presentations 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, and a party! 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.

The educator track will provide presentations on various topics chosen to enhance the classroom, lab, and learning environment.

Meet new colleagues, learn new things, and have a great time! We look forward to seeing you in Columbus in April!

Watch for registration information in December!

EVENTS

CERTIFICATION EXAM REVIEW



CLINICAL CASE STUDY

PRESENTATION COMPETITION



QUIZ BOWL COMPETITION



EDUCATOR OPEN FORUM



ONLINE MOCK CERTIFICATION EXAM



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**

Membership Drive Winners

Congratulations to the winners of our membership drive contest!

New Members

Julia Warren	Kristen Wilkinson
Thanna Price	Sarah Bennington
Peter Okyere	Brooke Klausing

Referral Members

Christine Smith	Tiffany Roman
Angie Arnold	Andrea Tschirner
Gloria Albrecht	

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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.

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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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