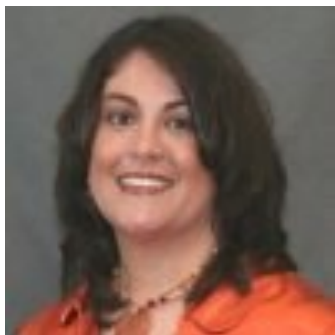




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## Lauren's Letters

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As the hot summer days turn into cool fall evenings, we all know that it's the time of the year for school to be back in session. For many technologists and therapists this means getting to know new students. Whether in diagnostic radiology, CT, MRI, or any of the other modalities the start of fall semester can be exciting, and frustrating, for both technologists and students. For many employed by a teaching facility, supervising and evaluating students are part of the job description. However, working with students should be more than just an item from a job description. It should be a new challenge of teaching future technologists and co-workers. Here are some reflections I've had from a staff technologist to an educator:

- Be a role model and teacher. Students look up to technologists,. We might not realize it when we are working with students, but students learn from us more than we will ever know. It is important to display our professionalism and be that good role model. Some ways to be a great role model is to have good ethical values, offer honest (but tactful) feedback, communicate well, and be respectful toward everyone.
- Objective and timely feedback is essential. We all play a role in shaping the patient care, technical skills, and affective behavior of our students. It is important that we provide fair, honest, and unbiased feedback as quickly as we can to the students. I encourage all of you to provide positive feedback, but don't be afraid to give constructive feedback when appropriate.
- Practice patience. Remember, we were all students at one point. For some it might be recently that you were a student and for others, well let's just say we're seasoned. It took us fifteen minutes to triple check that first chest competency to make sure it was perfect, so be patient when the student you are with does the same thing. Instead of expressing frustration, focus on positive encouragement and confidence building. For many of our students, confidence is a struggle and all they might need are some words of encouragement.
- Reflect back to the time that you were a student. I'm sure that we all remember those technologists that were so helpful and we absolutely loved. We probably also remember those technologists that were just the opposite of that and we dreaded being assigned to them for the day. So ask yourself, "which technologist do I want to be remembered as, the one the students love or the one they dread?"

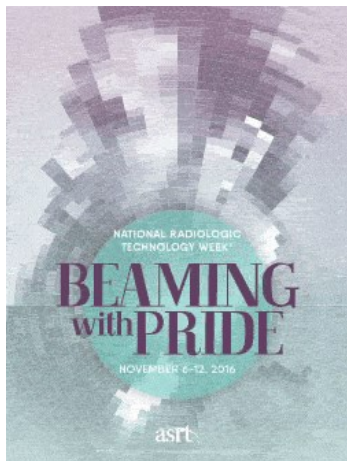
All of us play a role in educating our students and we owe it to our patients and profession to be great teachers!

Happy Fall Semester!

Sincerely,

## UPCOMING CE OPPORTUNITIES

What?	When?	Where?	How do I get more info?
OSRT Annual Meeting	April 6-8, 2017	Columbus, OH	<a href="http://www.osrt.org/annual-meeting">http://www.osrt.org/annual-meeting</a>
ASRT Annual Meeting	June 22-25	Orlando, FL	<a href="https://asrt.org/events-and-conferences/student-leadership-development-">https://asrt.org/events-and-conferences/student-leadership-development-</a>
AEIRS Annual Meeting	July 13-14, 2017	St. Louis, MO	<a href="http://www.aeirs.org/hp_2017_info.html">http://www.aeirs.org/hp_2017_info.html</a>
RSNA Annual Meeting	November 27– December 2, 2016	Chicago, IL	<a href="http://www.rsna.org/Register.aspx">http://www.rsna.org/Register.aspx</a>
ASTRO Annual Meeting	September 25-28, 2016	Boston, MA	<a href="https://www.astro.org/2016-Annual-Meeting.aspx">https://www.astro.org/2016-Annual-Meeting.aspx</a>
OMUS Annual Meeting	March 21, 2017	Columbus, OH	<a href="http://www.ohioultrasound.org">www.ohioultrasound.org</a>
ASRT Radiation Therapy Conference	September 25-27, 2016	Boston, MA	<a href="https://www.asrt.org/events-and-conferences/asrt-radiation-therapy-conference">https://www.asrt.org/events-and-conferences/asrt-radiation-therapy-conference</a>



## NATIONAL RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY WEEK

National Radiologic Technology Week is celebrated annually to recognize the vital work of R.T.s across the nation. The celebration takes place each year during the week that includes Nov. 8 to commemorate the discovery of the x-ray by Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen on Nov. 8, 1895.

The week-long celebration calls attention to the important role medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals play in patient care and health care safety.

**Save the Date! NRTW 2016 will be celebrated Nov. 6-12.**

## TECH TALK WITH LIZZY HEMME

- **What is your name, educational background, credentials (including degree and certifications), and job title?** My name is Kevin Rush and I serve as the Senior Director of Credentialing Operations for the ARRT. I have an associate's degree from Zane State College (Zanesville, OH), a BS in Health Services Administration from Franklin University (Columbus) and a Masters in Healthcare Administration from the University of Memphis (Memphis, TN). I am certified and registered in radiology (1992) and radiation therapy (1993).
- **Where do you work and how would you describe it to someone who is visiting for the first time?** I work for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, the ARRT, located in St. Paul, MN! I would state simply that my work is to further the ARRT's mission to promote high standards of patient care by recognizing qualified individuals in medical imaging, interventional procedures, and radiation therapy.
- **What does your job entail?** I would describe my role as being responsible for oversight of the organization's education, ethics and examination programs, which add up to the ARRT Equation for Excellence. My position also serves as the chief operating officer for the ARRT. The CFO and I work to ensure process within the building work in a fashion similar to any workplace.
- **Why did this type of work interest you?** I had had the opportunity to serve on the ARRT Board of Trustees for eight years and became fascinated with all the components of the certification process and all that ARRT does to assure that those who hold its credential have met the criteria of what is expected of someone doing the job.
- **How did you get your present job and what kind of experience and preparation helped you the most?** I worked in radiation therapy and cancer services for 20 years in direct patient care and management and more recently, two years overseeing the imaging services for Trihealth, Inc. in Cincinnati. Those roles combined with my time on the ARRT Board of Trustees has provided me with a well-rounded perspective of what is expected of someone holding an ARRT credential as well as what the ARRT should expect from those it certifies and registers.
- **Could you describe one of your typical workdays for me?** A typical day involves resolving questions that may have come in by phone, web or email that can range from the very specific to the person or something more general where a person may be putting a program together. I try to take care of that first thing in the morning. I then begin visualizing how we, the ARRT staff, can accomplish the initiatives developed by the Board of Trustees. I am also responsible for many of the day-to-day operations so will spend time focused on employee discussions, initiatives or needs. I also do that regular things that many do – approve payroll, days off and other such things.
- **What do you think the most important skills and abilities are for this position?** Teambuilding is the most important. The way the ARRT functions, there are many here working on intricate pieces of policy or the functional outcomes of a particular policy. Being able to have those pieces coalesce across the organization and then within in the community as a whole requires the team be moving in the right direction at the same speed.
- **What parts of your job do you find most challenging?** At this point, it is learning all the policies, procedures, and processes that make up the ARRT. The various disciplines and people/positions within the profession can be overwhelming. Thankfully, I am working with a great group of people who are helping me be a little better every day.
- **How did your experience with the OSRT lead to the growth of your career?** It was because I volunteered with the OSRT that I was able to become part of a network of R.T.s who were supportive. The understanding of the profession, its needs and its people, lead me to become more involved which lead me to where I am today. Without hesitation, I can say that I wouldn't be where I am today but for joining the OSRT and serving as a volunteer.
- **Describe a satisfying or meaningful experience that you have had during your career.** The most meaningful experience from personal perspective goes back to my time as chief radiation therapist at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. We had a kid who refused to show up at his scheduled time. He would eventually show up but we never knew when it would be. So, one day I told him we were going to play a game – whatever game he wanted – but if I won he had to come at his scheduled time every day. If he won, he could come whenever he wanted. He picked Connect Four and beat me so he said he'd be there daily when he felt like it. The next day, he showed up at his scheduled time...and every day afterwards. He had been told when to eat, where to eat, where to be, when to be there and really had no freedoms of his own. By giving him control of the schedule, he opted to take responsibility for it. That lesson continues to stick with me to this day.





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Greetings, fellow students! I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. Many of us are back to fall semester classes and are one step closer to that degree we've all been working so hard for! So congratulations to all of you! With late fall comes National Radiologic Technology Week that takes place November 6-12, 2016. This is the time to celebrate our great profession and reflect on its past while we're contributing to its present, and paving the way for its future!

National Radiologic Technology Week (NRTW) began in 1979 and takes place every November during the week that includes November 8, which is the day in 1895 that Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen discovered the x-ray. The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) website explains, "The week-long celebration calls attention to the important role medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals play in patient care and health care safety." Every medical imaging professional and student should be "Beaming With Pride" as the 2016 NRTW slogan expresses.

There are many ways to get involved and have fun celebrating NRTW! You can sponsor a competition among fellow students or technologists with 2016 NRTW products as prizes. The ASRT suggests having a "Where's Roentgen?" hunt by hiding pictures of Roentgen around the classroom or workplace with facts about the history of the x-ray on each. The person who finds the most wins! A second fun way to celebrate is to enjoy refreshments while having a sort of film festival of bizarre, funny, or beautiful x-ray films. Another idea is to have a vote to nominate a technologist in your workplace for their hard work and dedication to the profession. Award the winner with a gift card or NRTW product. Wondering how to pay for prizes, refreshments, or game materials? Take the initiative to ask the students in your class or technologists in your place of work to contribute \$5 to the festivities!

Visit the ASRT website to buy National Radiologic Technology Week products for prizes or just for personal use. You can find everything from t-shirts and key chains to coffee mugs and tote bags! Don't be afraid to celebrate yourselves and honor the history of radiologic technology and radiation therapy. Your hard work is worth celebrating! Spread the word to fellow students and coworkers!

I wish you all a fantastic fall semester and an awesome National Radiologic Technology Week!

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## CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS

The experienced and dedicated men and women that lead our organization work very hard to make sure that our jobs and our field remain untouched by government policy. This is not possible without a supportive membership, so please spread the word to your student, technologist, professional, and education colleagues. In addition, the OSRT provides you with some of the greatest networking resources, health policy information updates, opportunities to meet other professionals, continuing education and so much more!

## The Foundation Corner

The OSRTERF encourages your participation in the Essay and the Poster competitions at the 2017 Annual Meeting in Columbus. The Foundation Directors met in July and clarified poster rules and expectations. The revisions are posted on the OSRT website under the Annual Meeting tab, Competitions. The rules are bulleted and the rubrics for judging are explicitly defined. We look forward to many excellent submissions and a great spirit of competition. Because the OSRTERF believes strongly in the importance of academic competition, the monetary awards for 1st and 2nd place in all categories have been increased.

Don't forget - your generous donations directly fund the competition awards and the grants given to qualifying students and technologists. We couldn't do it without your support. Donating is easy - just go to [osrt.org](http://osrt.org) and open the Foundation tab, Donate Now!

If you have questions or concerns, contact the OSRT Executive Office.

Sheryl Bacon

Chairperson, OSRTERF



## OSRT VISION

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



## OSRT MISSION

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

## *A Note from the Editor*

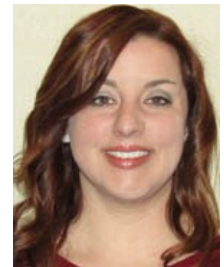
*Hello readers!*

*I hope the summer was filled with laughter and love. I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to a break from the heat as well as the beautiful change in foliage that comes with fall!*

*With fall comes NRTW, a week our profession looks forward to all year. How are you celebrating? Please send in your story or pictures of your festivities so they may be shared on our website!*

*Thanks for reading! I welcome feedback or suggestions for improvement, so please feel free to contact me:*

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*Thanks!*

*Lizzy Hemme*

*Cardinal Rays Editor*

Thanks to you, our dedicated members, for your continued support!

Do you have a topic you would like to see included in the next edition? Send it in so others can hear your voice!