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# Focal Spot Monitor

Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists



## President's Message

The phrase "baptism by fire" is derived from the words of John the Baptist in Matthew 3:11 and is frequently used to describe a difficult ordeal or challenge. The past 18 months have been nothing short of a "baptism by fire" for the LSRT Board.

Last July, the LSRT was made aware the Louisiana Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME) was allowing medical assistants to be trained in a manner which is discrepant to specifications of regulatory statutes. Additionally, the LSRT was advised there would be a Rules change to Title 46 which would allow virtual supervision to satisfy the requirement of direct supervision currently required under Chapter 29.

The phrase "hold the line" usually refers to maintaining a position or staying strong in a challenging situation. Holding the line is about keeping your ground and not changing the course. The course in this situation is about quality, safe patient care.

At the LSBME December meeting, the draft proposed Rule changes were presented which would have allowed for supervision by a physician remotely by video. The LSRTBE, Allison Puente (LSRT Legislative Affairs Committee Chair), and I testified. Also, present at the meeting were several LSRT members and representatives from the ARRT and ASRT. Additionally, a letter of support was read from the Radiological Society of Louisiana obtained by the LSRT. The vote failed (5-4) as two thirds were needed. This was a win for the safety of every patient in Louisiana!

The LSRT will continue to "hold the line" knowing that if a radiologic technologist (or other healthcare professionals) obtain certification they are more likely to be proficient and knowledgeable. Thus, they are more likely to provide quality patient care and ensure patient safety as the certified healthcare professional has the knowledge and skills to do so. When patients are treated with safe and compassionate care, they are more likely to trust and have confidence in their healthcare provider which leads to better patient outcomes.

This is a crucial time in Louisiana for radiologic technologists. Consider the saying, "just because something is not happening to you right now, does not mean it is not happening." The LSRT needs the voice of every licensed radiologic technologist in this state to help carry us through this fire. If you are not a member, please consider joining and becoming an **active** voice and advocate for your profession.

Respectfully,

**Heather C Koepp, MA., R.T. (R), (ARRT), CHES**



Heather Koepp, MA., R.T. (R) (ARRT)  
CHES  
LSRT President  
2024-2025

- For information on the Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists and becoming a member go to web site for the LSRT. A complete directory of the elected officers, and board appointments is also located on the web along with other useful information.

[www.lsrt.net](http://www.lsrt.net)



# Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists



## **i** Mission Statement

The purpose of the LSRT shall be to advance the professions of radiation and imaging specialties, to maintain high standards of education, to enhance the quality of patient care, and to further the welfare and socioeconomics of Radiologic Technologists.

Serving LA Technologists for **68** Years

LSRT is the **ONLY** advocate in the state for the protection of the professional minimums and standards.

## LSRT vs. LSRTBE

The LSRT is a state society. Membership for LSRT is optional and not required for maintenance of license and ARRT certification.

The LSRTBE is the Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners. This is a governing body through which you renew and maintain your Louisiana R.T. license.

✉ **Email:**  
lasocietyradtechs@gmail.com

🌐 **Website**  
www.lsrtnet

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## Why Join the LSRT?

### Have a Voice

The LSRT is the only state organization which can speak for Louisiana Radiologic Technologists. By joining you are increasing the power of technologists across the state and giving an avenue through which to voice our opinions on important matters to our profession.

### Networking

The LSRT provides spaces in-person and online for you to network with other professionals across the state and even nationally. This can be at our one of our conferences or social media.

### Scholarship and Awards

In recognition of our members' accomplishments, several awards and scholarships are given each year to deserving technologists and students.

### Continuing Education

The LSRT holds conferences throughout the year in-person and virtual to provide opportunities for members to receive their continuing education. Opportunities are low cost for members!



## Current News – January 2025

### Private Radiologic Technologists (PRTs)

On December 16, 2024, the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME) proposed a Rules change for their PRTs that would have allowed for supervision by a physician remotely via video. The LSRTBE and the LSRT President and Legislative Affairs Committee Chair submitted public comments. Representatives from the ASRT and ARRT, along with several LSRT members, were present and a letter of support from the RSL was read. The vote did not pass. This was a win for the safety of patients in Louisiana and **ONE** of many ways LSRT volunteers are advancing the society's mission.

## Upcoming Events

Midwinter Seminar – March 8<sup>th</sup>  
Alexandria, LA - 6 CEs for Technologists

2025 LSRT Annual Meeting – July 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
Lafayette, LA - 15 CEs for Technologists



## Membership COSTS

Paid Annually

\$40 - Technologists  
\$20 - Students

# Student Bee 2025

The LSRT is very excited to host the Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists annual **Student Bee Competition**. We are inviting all Louisiana Radiography programs to participate and encourage each Junior student to be a part of this fun learning event. This competition will be held during the Mid Winter Seminar on **Saturday March 8, 2025 at the LSUA Campus**. Please check the Seminar Program for room location and to verify time. In order for this event to run smoothly, please **review the rules** listed on [www.lsrt.net](http://www.lsrt.net).

The LSRT will award 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners, and will be awarded prizes. Also, the school with the



highest percentage of their students (total enrollment) participating will win a cash award of \$200. You must be registered for the seminar and be a member of LSRT to participate. Registration student badges are required at sign-in. The rules for the Student Bee can be found on the official web site of the Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists (LSRT) at [www.lsrt.net](http://www.lsrt.net)

or by contacting:  
Allee Clark, MSRS, RT, (R) (CT)  
Chair LSRT Student Affairs,  
[alleecrews@msn.com](mailto:alleecrews@msn.com)



## Tech of the Year and Student of the Year nominations now being accepted

The LSRT is excited to announce that nominations are now open for *Student of the Year* and *Technologist of the Year*! These honors celebrate exceptional dedication, innovation, and contributions within the medical imaging field. If you know a student excelling in their studies or a technologist making significant strides in practice, research, or advocacy, we encourage you to submit a nomination. Any LSRT member is eligible to submit a nomination for the awards. All nominees must be LSRT members. The LSRT Board of Directors will carefully consider all nominations and select the recipients based on their qualifications and contributions to the field. We look

forward to receiving your nominations and celebrating the outstanding individuals in our community. Any members wishing to make a nomination should submit a CV for each nominee and a brief statement of their qualifications. More



information can be found [here](#). All nominations must be emailed to Sarah Barnes, Chair of the Board, at [sbarnes@lsua.edu](mailto:sbarnes@lsua.edu), no later than April 15, 2025.

**All nominations must be emailed no later than 4/15/25.**

For selection criteria please

see the official LSRT

Website

[www.lsrt.net](http://www.lsrt.net)





LOUISIANA SOCIETY OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS

MIDWINTER SEMINAR

MARCH 8, 2025



# Mid-Winter Seminar 2025

**T**echnologists and Students please join us in Alexandria, LA on March 8, 2025, for the LSRT MidWinter Seminar! We look forward to seeing each of you there. The LSRT MidWinter Seminar will include both a specialized Student Program (one for Juniors and one for Seniors) and a Technologist CE program for a possibility of 5 CE credits for the technologists. *This will be an in-person meeting only.*

The Senior Student Program will include a Mock certification exam, 4 Critical Area Reviews by Rad Sci Faculty, a Resume review, Mock Interviewing opportunities, and Professional Career Tips for those entering the profession within the year.

The Junior Student Program has made some exciting changes as well for 2025! We will hold

the Student Bee Competition for all Sophomore and Junior level students in attendance to participate if they choose - participation award for the winners as an incentive! The remaining portion of the program will be interactive, hands-on activities working on communication, critical thinking, adaptive imaging scenarios, and professional development with networking among all participating programs. This program is a favorite by our students and it's just getting better!

Finally, the Technologist CE Program will have multiple CE lectures that will be presented in an *in-person format only* and technologists attending will have the possibility of obtaining 5 CE credits. Presenters will have a variety of topics for those in attendance.

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TURES ARE SUBMITTED TO ARRT FOR CQR CREDIT. Those credits will be available upon request for any registered participants to submit for CQR as needed.

*Please be certain you are registering for the appropriate program, Senior Program or Junior Program. We cannot guarantee we will be able to change your program if you registered for the wrong one. All handouts will be organized prior to the Seminar based on your registration.*

Technologists, you will only be able to receive CE credits if you registered for the Technologist Program.

If you have any questions or need to change your registration, please contact the Executive Secretary of Membership at lasocietyradtechs@gmail.com.

*More information on page 6*

# LSRT Life Member Nominations

**L**ife member is the highest honor the LSRT can bestow on one of its members. Nominations for this honor can be made in writing by any LSRT member. All nominations shall be reviewed and a decision made by the LSRT Board of Directors. Selective Criteria for Life member:

1. *Active Continuous membership in LSRT for at least 20 years,*
2. *Active participation in Society functions.*
3. *Made numerous contributions to LSRT,*
4. *Recognized for promotion of and*

5. *devotion to the LSRT,*
6. *Recognized for promotion and devotion to Quality Patient Care,*
7. *Be a professional of High Ethics and Integrity.*

The nominee should **not** be a current member of the Board of Directors (Current President, or most recent past President). Any member wishing to make a nomination should submit a vitae of the member nominated to: **Sarah Barnes, Chair - LSRT Board of Directors, to sbarnes@lsua.edu**

*All nominations must be emailed no later than 4/15/25.*



**A historical listing of LSRT Life Members can be found on the LSRT web page at [www.lsrt.net](http://www.lsrt.net)**



# LSRT Officer Nominations being accepted now

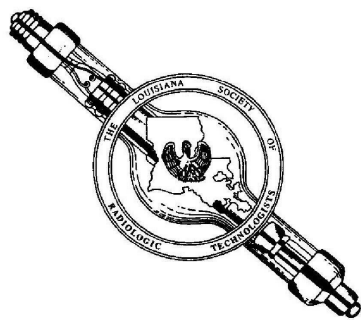
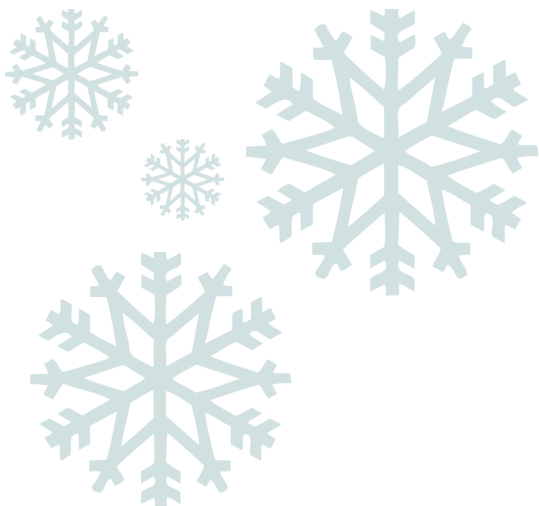
**T**he nominating and credentialing committee is now accepting nominees for LSRT officers for the 2025-2026 year. Nominations are needed for President-Elect, Vice President, and Recording Secretary.

Nominations and questions regarding the officer criteria are to be made to chair **Caitlan Clark, MSRS, R.T. (R) CRA** at [cclark36@mcneese.edu](mailto:cclark36@mcneese.edu)



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We are on the Web!  
At  
Www.lsrtnet



## Mid-Winter Seminar 2025, continued

### Online Registration:

Please be certain that you log into your account **FIRST**, before selecting your registration. If you do NOT log in, you will pay the HIGHER non-member price. Non-members of the LSRT may first pay for their membership, then go to their Events on their member page and register for the discounted membership price.

### Mail-in Registration Form:

Please visit [www.LSRT.net](http://www.LSRT.net) and go under MidWinter Meeting for a copy of the registration form

Non-members of the LSRT may write one check and pay for their membership and the discounted membership price of registration all at once. Please be certain to mail in the membership form with the registration form

LOGIN for MEMBER prices, prices listed below are non-member prices

If you have more questions about registering for Midwinter 2025, please contact the Executive Secretary of Membership at [lasocietyradtechs@gmail.com](mailto:lasocietyradtechs@gmail.com).



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## Scholarship Available

**A**ttention, all students and technologists who are members of the LSRT in good standing if you have a GPA of 3.0 or above and have a need for financial assistance in pursuing your educational objective in Radiologic Sciences. It's time to apply for the **Joe Schwartz Memorial Scholarship**.

The application and the rules for this scholarship can be found on the official web site of the Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists (LSRT) at [www.lsrtnet](http://www.lsrtnet) or by contacting **Jessica Despino** at [ashworth@nsula.edu](mailto:ashworth@nsula.edu). All completed scholarship applications and requested application items must be emailed no later than **April 15, 2025**. The LSRT is very pleased to offer this scholarship in the name of one of its past presidents, **Mr. Joe Schwartz**. Joe was a life member of the LSRT and was a true professional in every aspect of the word. The LSRT wishes to remember him by offering a scholarship in his name so that others may have the opportunity to pursue the career that Joe so loved. The next Joe Schwartz Memorial will be awarded during this year's Annual Meeting in Lafayette.