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**Allison Puente
installed as
LSRT President**

ASRT President-Elect Brandon Smith installs Allison Puente as LSRT President

Brandon Smith ASRT President-Elect installs the **LSRT Officers for 2022-2023**. The installation took place at the banquet during the 64th Annual Meeting of the LSRT held in Baton Rouge. *Pictured above are **Brandon Smith** presenting the gavel to LSRT President **Allison Puente**.* The newly installed officers *pictured to the right from Left to Right* are **President: Chairman of the Board *Rebecca Hamm*, President *Allison Puente*, President-Elect *Sarah Barnes*, Vice President *Heather Koepf*, and Recording Secretary:**



Monica Weber.

Presidential Message



How a girl from Texas becomes President of the LSRT really is a funny story... marked mostly by opportune decision making. When I moved to Lake Charles to attend McNeese, I really had no familiarity with the Cajun culture: I don't eat seafood, I had never celebrated Mardi Gras, I cannot tolerate spicy foods, and I had never heard Jolie Blanc. I was immediately in love, and my professional career has been devoted to the state of Louisiana ever since.

In 2013, my husband and I went on a getaway to College Station, Texas. One of the things we were able to do while there was visit the George H.W. Bush presidential library and museum. The museum is filled with exhibits that promote civic literacy and public service through the life of President Bush. President Bush had a heart for serving and believed that success in life is only defined by how you give back. There was one exhibit at the museum that really resonated with me. It included a photograph of a plaque that President Bush hung on the wall of his home. It only included one funny word: CAVU, an acronym familiar to pilots that stands for "ceiling and visibility unlimited". It was the kind of weather he hoped for as a Navy pilot flying off of carriers in the Pacific.

According to the exhibit, he always felt like that phrase represented his life. The sky was the limit. When we returned home from that trip, I had my own CAVU plaque made. It's displayed in a cabinet at my home. I see it every morning. When preparing to write this speech, I could not think of any better way to describe the future of this society. It is a simple combination of opportune decisions made by people who value success through giving back.

Jordan Peterson is quoted as saying that "Knowledge is NOT power. Applicable AND actionable knowledge **IF** applied and acted upon becomes power." This is

especially relevant to the LSRT. This society survives not from the academic service of scholars, but from the efforts of individuals who simply apply their knowledge into action. Actions to meet, to discuss, to plan, to present, to collaborate, to advocate, to educate. The list goes on and on.

What individuals then should be able to consider themselves powerful according to this definition? If we identify that, the strength we share is undeniable.

- If you have served on a radiography or therapy workgroup or committee at any level (local, state, national) please know that you are powerful.
- If you have ever published an article in a professional journal, you are powerful.
- If you have ever presented to an audience of technologists or therapists, you are powerful.
- If you have ever had a simple conversation with a colleague or classmate that discussed a patient care concern (shielding, radiation safety, Covid protocols), you are powerful.
- If you perform medical imaging on patients in a clinical setting, you are definitely powerful.

Regardless of how you serve this profession, if you answered yes to any of the previous statements means that you have the power this society needs to flourish. You have already demonstrated applied knowledge that meets the mission of the society to enhance patient care and advance the profession. There is no other extraordinary skillset needed. Our collective power is tremendous.

My goal for the society this year is to facilitate communication between the board and our communities of interest. 43% of ASRT members in the state who were surveyed stated that they did not join or renew their membership with LSRT because they feel that the society provides no benefit to them. Yet, 85% of the same surveyed population reported that the number one benefit they want from the LSRT is CE credits. Lastly, 48% of the same surveyed population cannot identify differences between the LSRT and the LSRTBE. These are not irreparable. When I applied for the ASRT Advocacy award on behalf of the LSRT and the work that the board accomplished last year, I discussed the board's priority to reintroduce ourselves to technologists and therapists in the state. While social media and online CEs have been productive for so many reasons, certain conveniences have made it difficult for societies to justify their relevance to technologists. The truth is that state societies are now more important than ever because it is so much easier to collectively gather and share information.

Together, we can do so much more. The future is bright. We are all clear for take-off. Ceiling and visibility unlimited.



LSRT Annual Meeting – New Orleans in 2023

Baton Rouge General wins 2022 Quiz Bowl



Pictured above is the students and faculty from Baton Rouge General

The championship team from Baton Rouge General Team, consisted of team members: Callie Martello, Ashley Patin, and John Henry. The team was coached by Zephaneth (Zephanie) Munson, and the program director is Jaclyn Peters.



There was 100% participation from the Radiography programs across Louisiana competing in the 2022 LSRT quiz Bowl. The quiz bowl was held on Thursday, July 14, 2022 as the part of the 64th Annual Meeting of the LSRT.

Baton Rouge General would come from behind to be victorious of the undefeated University of Louisiana at Monroe team in the final match of the double elimination quiz bowl event.

The University of Louisiana at Monroe comes in second place in the 2022 LSRT Quiz Bowl

The University of Louisiana at Monroe team consisted of team Members Londyn Bice, Andrew Frazier, Anh Nguyen, Kaitlin Phillips, Jesse Thomas and Hailey Whittington. The team was coached by: Brittany Smith and the program director is Brett Bennett.



A huge thank you to Majestic Medical Solutions for sponsoring the 2022 LSRT Quiz Bowl.

The quiz bowl would not be possible without the work of the Student Affairs Committee and the others who

volunteer to make this event the super event it is and one of the highlights of the annual meeting.

The student affairs committee is chaired by Mary Guo. The other volunteers working this event were: Judges Heather Koepp, Tammy Kliebert, Monica Weber, Angie Sonnier, Brandon Smith, Greg Bradley Caitlan Clark,

Susie Beasley, Brittney Smith, Allison Puente, Manny Rodriguez, and Zephaneth Munson. Timekeeper: Stephanie McKenzie, Scorekeeper: Brett Bennett, and Backup scorekeeper: Allison Puente.



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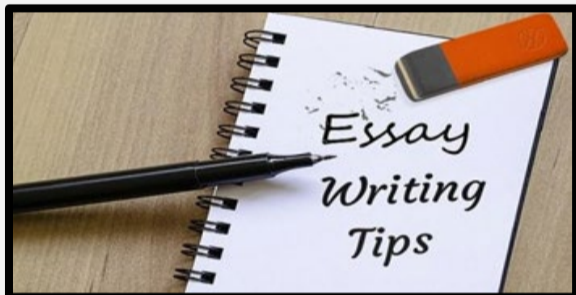
Scientific Essay Awards



Sarah Barnes presented the Scientific Essay Awards. Ms. Barnes thanked all those who submitted essays. She stated the judges had a hard time in choosing a winner with so many wonderful essays. Ms.

Barnes also thanked Majestic Medical Solutions for Sponsoring the Competition for 2022.

Sarah Barnes



Second Place Student Essay

Hailey Whittington

University of Louisiana at Monroe

“MRI Guided Focused Ultrasound used for Noninvasive Brain Therapy”



First Place Student Essay

Shikha Sharma

McNeese State University

“Artificial Intelligence in Diagnostic Imaging”



Third Place Student Essay

Peter Sheppard Jr.

McNeese State University

“Mass Casualty Events in Radiography”





LSRT SCIENTIFIC EXHIBIT COMPETITION

Allison Puente presented the awards for the LSRT Scientific Exhibit competition. Ms. Puente stated there were many deserving entries in the scientific essay competition this year. She further stated that the exhibits were creative and informative. Ms. Puente thank all the students who created exhibits for the competition. She thanked Majestic Medical Solutions for sponsoring the competition.

First Place Scientific Exhibit

“Contrast Shortage is Not So Rad”

Katy Nauta, Nancy Barlow and Edward Van Dunzee

Baton Rouge General School of Radiologic Technology (pictured above)

Second Place Scientific Exhibit “Alternative Uses of Ionizing Radiation” *John Henry, Clyde Chisholm, and Alex Humphries*, Baton Rouge General School of Radiologic Technology (pictured below on the left)



Third Place Scientific Exhibit “Palliative Radiotherapy in Metastatic Breast Cancer” *Takaria Jackson, and Kaitlin Phillips*, University of Louisiana at Monroe (pictured above on the Right)

LSRT SOCIAL MEDIAL TAKEOVER COMPETITION

This was an exciting event and the students did an amazing job representing their schools. The competition was fierce and so very close. There were 8 schools that competed, and they were each given 1 week to “take over” the LSRT’s Facebook page. If you were able to tune in to our Facebook page over those 8 weeks, I hope you were as entertained with their creativity and humor. *Third place* with a score of 5678 was the **University of Louisiana at Monroe**. *Second Place* with a score of 5878 was **Delgado Community College**. *First Place* with a score of 6057 is **NORTH OAKS SCHOOL OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY!!!!!!**

JOE SCHWARTZ SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Presented by LSRT President – Rebecca Hamm

As presented during the Awards Luncheon during the 64th Annual Meeting of the LSRT. I am going to now present the Joe Schwartz Scholarship Award. Joe Schwartz was one of the past presidents of LSRT. He was also a life member and a true professional in every aspect of the word. After careful consideration of multiple submission, the committee decided to award the maximum amount of \$ 1,000 to a deserving candidate. **Breanna Newell**, from **McNeese State University**, please come forward to receive your Scholarship.



LSRT Student of the Year

This year's LSRT Student of the Year award was presented by the Chairman of the Board Alyssa Bell.

This year's Student technologist of the year recipient has been in the Radiologic Science program for 2 years. This student is funny, insightful, and highly intelligent. They have served as their class vice president for the 2022 graduating class and have held many honors, which include, Order of Omega Honor Society, Psi Chi Honor Society, ASRT Student Leadership Development representative, 2021 LSRT Most Outstanding Student Leader Scholarship recipient, Lambda Nu Honor Society, and Alpha Lambda Delta Honor society. This student has also been on the President's list for 4.0 GPA from 2018-2022. This student currently works as a technologist's assistant and plans to pursue a career in Computed Tomography after graduation while also completing a master's degree.

Congratulations to the 2022 LSRT Student Technologist of the Year,

Malak Abdelhadi from *Northwestern State University*.



Lakeidra Bell, LERS Chair presented Students who participated in the LSRT Student Leadership and Development Program with certificates during the Awards Luncheon at the 64th Annual meeting of the LSRT.



Lakeidra stated that for the 3rd year in a row the LSRT has provided directed and exclusive leadership training for students with the state's Radiologic Sciences programs.

Ms. Bell invited Anthony Francios and Dr. Kevin Clark from MD Anderson Cancer Center School of Health Professions to come forward to present the graduates from the LSRT Student Leadership and Development program with certificates.

The 2022 LSRT Student Leadership Development Graduates are:

Ashley Patin and Jessica Gautreau from Baton Rouge General School of Radiologic Technology,

Erin Bollmeir, Kristoffer Castillo, and Zoe Martin-Morales from Delgado Community College,

Shatara Fernandez from Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University,

Ellyse Henry from Louisiana State University-Eunice,

Caitlin Belgard, Zoe McRobert, and Kallie Zerangue from Louisiana State University Alexandria

Amy Goudeau, Karlee Thomas, Paige McNeely from McNeese State University,

Jonathan Penton and Macie Wascom from North Oaks School of Radiologic Technology,

Courtney Gernon from Southern University Shreveport,

Student Leadership and Development



Ethan Dufrene, Kim Billiot, and Terry Nguyen from University of Holy Cross,

and *Andrew Frazier, Anh Nguyen, and Hailey Whittington* from University of Louisiana Monroe.



The ASRT also sponsors a Student Leadership and Development Program for students. The deadline to apply for that from is November 11, 2022. For more information go to www.asrt.org.

2022 SLDP Student Leadership Scholarship

This year MD Anderson Cancer Center School of Health Professions sponsored the LSRT Student Leadership and Development program. The following student was selected by their peers and facilitators as the most outstanding

Student for the 2022 LSRT SLDP event. MD Anderson would like to award the 2022 Student Leadership scholarship of \$500 and a special plaque of recognition to **Caitlin Belgard** from *Louisiana State University Alexandria*.



Pictured left to right Dr. Kevin Clark from MD Anderson, Caitlin Belgard from LSUA, and Anthony Francios from MD Anderson

Thank you to MD Anderson for their sponsorship of the LSRT Student Leadership and Development program for 2022, and for their support of our future leaders. Congratulations to all of the participants in the 2022 LSRT SDLP. The LSRT looks forward to seeing great things from all the participants in the future.

More coverage of the 2022 Quiz Bowl

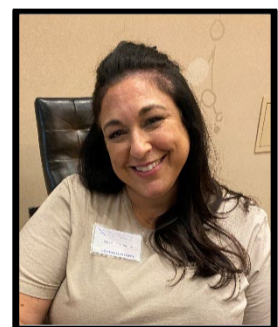
The Teams:



The Moderator Dr. Kevin Clark:



The time Keeper Stephanie McKenzie



Some of the Judges:



T-SHIRT COMPETITION

Mary Guo presented the awards for the winner of the T-shirt competition. First place went to Southern University Shreveport.



LSRT quiz bowl winners



1st place Baton Rouge General School of Radiologic Technology



2nd place University of Louisiana at Monroe

PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION

Sponsored by Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health Systems



This Year's Technologist of the Year recipient has been dedicated to the profession of radiologic technology for many (20) years. This individual has held several different roles throughout their career including Staff Radiographer, Educator, Clinical Coordinator and Regulatory Coordinator. They have been recognized by their employers with multiple awards such as "Top Talent Performer" and "Faculty Member of the Quarter". This nominee has served the profession well through their dedication and service not only to our state, but also on a national level. Locally, this individual has served the LSRT board in every office including, Secretary, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice president, President Elect, President, and Chairman of the Board. Nationally, this nominee has been involved in several state societies, including Mississippi and Arkansas and most recently represented the great State of Louisiana as Chairman of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists Bylaws committee. There is no doubt that this year's recipient is very passionate about the profession of radiologic sciences and is a definite asset to our society.

Congratulations to the 2022 LSRT Technologist of the Year!

2022 LSRT Technologist of the year



Carmen George





Calling all students and technologists!

2023 Meeting Theme and Art Contest

Calling all students Technologists!, the 2023 Meeting Theme and Art Contest is officially open. Submit themes for the following by the requirements given below. If ours is chosen, you get your registration for the 2023 event Free! (must agree to use of art release upon selection)

For Midwinter 2023:

- Deadline November 15th at 5pm
- Submit your name, program attending, theme wording or name, art, and description of the chosen/created by email to LASocietyMeetingPlanner@gmail.com
- must send Art in jpeg or png or pdf file
- must be original work by the student submitting it
- must be a current student at a LA Rad Sci program in good standing, or if a technologist you must be licensed by the LSRTBE
- if selected, you must sign a release for the LSRT to use the art in print and online
- Once signed, you will be given free registration to the 2023 Midwinter Seminar at LSUA on March 11, 2023, as a student for either the Junior or Senior Program OR as a Technologist for CEs.

For 2023 Annual Meeting:

- Deadline December 1st at 5pm
- Submit your name, program attending, theme wording or name, art, and description of the chosen/created by email to LASocietyMeetingPlanner@gmail.com
- must send Art in jpeg or png or pdf file
- must be original work by the student submitting it
- must be a current student at a LA Rad Sci program in good standing, or if a technologist you must be licensed by the LSRTBE
- if selected, you must sign a release for us to us the art in print and online
- Once signed, you will be given free registration to the 2023 Annual Meeting at Astor Crowne Plaza on July 13-15, 2023, as a student for the Student Program OR as a Technologist for CEs

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