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KRIS' K-SPACE

It's almost Spring! According to Buckeye Chuck and Punxsutawney Phil, an early Spring is on its way. The change of season brings anticipation for the OSRT Student and Educator Symposium.

Registration is open now, so plan to join us April 11-12, 2024, at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris. Activities include ARRT exam review sessions, educator topics, the Student Open Forum, the Roy Bell Memorial Educator's Luncheon, educator CE sessions, the Philip W. Ballinger Student Self-Assessment Exam, Clinical Case Study Competition, and Quiz Bowl. The JRCERT will also be offering an accreditation seminar for educators on Saturday, April 13. Registration and information are available on the OSRT website.

Spring also means that our students are in their last semester of school and prepping for their registry exams. I've told my students not to think of this time as an ending but as the beginning of their careers. Their degree is the foundation for a long career that can take them in any direction. Our next generation of technologists, administrators, educators, and more are preparing for their graduation!

By the time you're reading this the 2024 ASRT Election will be wrapping up. We're hopeful that Ohio continues to represent at the national level. I've attended several ASRT Governance and House of Delegates Meetings and Ohio is known for our advocacy and passion for our profession. It's exciting to be part of that passion.

If you would like to be part of that passion also, consider volunteering for the OSRT. We need YOU to keep our committees active and engaged. If you've already been active with the OSRT, we'd like to see you as part of our board of directors. Check out the Membership page on our website for information on how to get involved.

Thank you for your membership in the OSRT. Our membership is vital in keeping our affiliate strong and active. We appreciate you!

Kris



Kristin Seitz
OSRT PRESIDENT

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committees active
and engaged.

OSRT Seeking Financial Manager

The OSRT Executive Committee is currently seeking applicants from Ohio for the position of Financial Manager. It is the intent of the Executive Committee to conduct interviews by the end of March 2024 so the incoming Financial Manager can attend the Pre-Annual Board Meeting and a portion of the Student and Educator Symposium in April and officially begin as an apprentice on April 1, 2024, and assume full responsibility as Financial Manager November 1, 2024.

The Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists' (OSRT) Financial Manager is responsible for fiduciary oversight and transacting the business necessary to achieve the OSRT's goals and to fulfill its mission. The Financial Manager also performs the same basic duties for the OSRTERF (OSRT Education Research Foundation). The Financial Manager works closely with the OSRT Board of Directors, Executive Secretary, Webmaster, the OSRTERF Board of Trustees, and the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT).

The OSRT Executive Committee will be accepting applications for the position until March 15, 2024. If you are interested in applying for this position, please email a cover letter detailing your experience with fiduciary oversight and financial business transactions, resume and two references to osrt@osrt.org.

OSRT NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN!

Are you or someone you know passionate about the medical imaging and therapy profession? Please consider submitting a nomination for the Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists Board of Directors. **Nominations for Director-at-Large (October 2024- October 2027 term), President-Elect, and Technologist of the Year are now open through May 15!**

Qualification requirements, expectations, and more information can be found on the following pages: [OSRT Election](#) and the [Technologist of the Year](#).

Candidates are expected to:

- Attend the entire Leadership Academy, if not previously attended, on June 21 and 22
- Attend the Annual Meeting, September 19-21
- Attend all Board meetings during the term of office.
- Chair, vice-chair, or be an apprentice on a committee during the term of office
- Participate in additional committee work
- Committee meetings are held at the discretion of the chairperson and are generally conducted face-to-face or virtually
- Term commitment is three years.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

January 10 to March 25, 2024

New Members

Become a member of the OSRT to be entered for a chance to win one of three \$125 Visa Gift Cards!

Referral Drawing for Current Members

Refer a New Member for a chance to win one of three \$100 Visa Gift Cards!

MEET THE BOARD

Melissa Machingo MBA R.T. (R) (CT)



Hello everyone! My name is Melissa Machingo, and I have been a Radiologic Technologist for over 16 years and a CT Technologist for seven years. I also have worked as a Forensic Investigator for approximately ten years alongside the Trumbull County Coroner's Office and Franklin County Medical Examiner's Office, taking courses in Medicolegal Death Investigation from St. Louis University School of Medicine in 2010. I recently graduated in 2021 with my MBA from Youngstown State University, and I am super interested in obtaining a Doctorate Degree in the future and possibly teaching or moving up into management.

I first got involved in the OSRT in 2009 as a Student Intern and was immediately elected to the BoD following graduation from Radiology. I stayed involved by being on a few committees in between, but I took a 10-year break due to family commitments and finishing my education. In 2023 I applied for the BoD, and here I am! I served on the nominating committee and membership committee in 2022. I am the apprentice for the Student Education Symposium Committee (SES Committee) and a member of the sales and marketing committee. I am also an ASRT CT Chapter Delegate Nominee for 2024.

In Ohio, we need more people willing to be leaders and move the OSRT forward into the future. One of the things I love about the OSRT is the mentorship I receive and the knowledge from SO many amazing educators and leaders! The networking is also helpful; I have made some amazing lifelong friendships that I would have never had the opportunity to have without serving the OSRT. While serving on the board, I hope to help make decisions and serve as a liaison to other technologists in the state that help the organization and our profession advance. I am a little nervous serving as the apprentice of the SES, but I am surrounded by amazing men and women who will guide me through it and this leadership role.

-Melissa



Student Spot!

Student Cardinal Rays



"Hello everyone, I hope all is going great! We are almost halfway through this semester, and I'd be lying if I said I wasn't counting down the days to graduation at this point! I cannot wait to start working full-time as a technologist.

With that being said, the OSRT has the Student Educator Symposium coming up in April, and registration is still open. I highly encourage registering for it as they have many great activities, including the Quiz Bowl competition, the Ballinger certification exam (which is online this year), CE credits, and many more! This is a great opportunity to network with future and present technologists and enjoy the many great activities being held.

I will be helping run the Student Open Forum at the OSRT Student Educator Symposium! I am excited to help make the Student Open Forum a fun event for everyone! For the Open Forum, we plan on having some activities to get to know the other students at the SES, and then Becky Everetts, R.T., and I will be hosting a Q&A to answer any questions! I hope to see you all there!

I hope you all have an amazing rest of your semester, and I look forward to seeing all of you at the Student and Educator Symposium. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me or any of our board members.

Respectively,

PARKER

Parker Bishop
Student Director
student@osrt.org



Lucas Gross, M.S., R.T.(N),
NMTCB(CT), CNMT, RSO
ASRT Board of Directors Secretary Candidate



Feb. 13-March 5



Cindy Kramer, M.A.Ed.,
R.T.(R)(QM)
ASRT Board of Directors Secretary Candidate

OSRT MEMBERS IN THE ASRT ELECTION



**Active and Student ASRT
members can vote!**



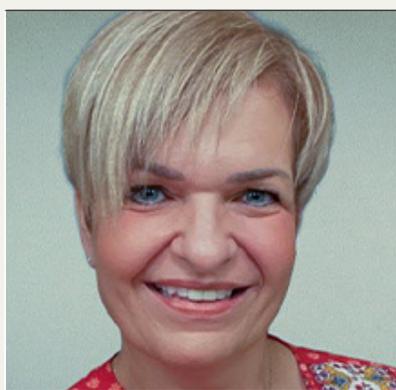
Melissa Machingo, MBA,
R.T.(R)(CT)
CT Chapter Delegate Candidate



Emilee Palmer, B.S.,
R.T.(R)(CT)
CT Chapter Delegate Candidate



Julie Gill, Ph.D.,
R.T.(R)(QM), FASRT
Education Chapter Delegate Candidate



Kris Seitz, BSMT,
R.T.(R)(MR)(CT), MRSO
MR Chapter Delegate Candidate



Teresa Taggart, M.S.,
CNMT
NM Chapter Delegate Candidate

VISIT THE ASRT ELECTION PAGE

[ASRT Campaign Guidelines](#)

THE OSRT PRESENTS

2024 LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Get a Better Understanding of the Following:

- History of OSRT & OSRTERF
- Leadership Styles
- Development and use of SWOT
- & MORE!

The Leadership Academy is a two-day session for OSRT members that will acclimate participants to the ins and outs of volunteering and leadership in a professional non-profit organization.

2-Day Seminar!

Friday, June 21st: Online (Via Zoom)

Saturday, June 22nd: In-person at OhioHealth Westerville Medical Campus



Join Us!

For criteria, application and other information, please visit

www.osrt.org



STUDENT & EDUCATOR SYMPOSIUM

APRIL 10-12, 2024

Hilton Columbus/Polaris

The 2024 OSRT Student and Educator Symposium 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. The Annual Meeting in September will provide technologist-focused continuing education.

The student track will provide presentations specifically designed to cover the four content specification areas of the ARRT Radiography certification exam, a Student Open Forum, a clinical case study presentation competition, an online mock certification exam, a team Quiz Bowl competition, and a black & white party! Those who score in the top three clinical case study presentation submission scores will be invited to deliver their presentation face-to-face at the Symposium so that first, second, and third place can be determined. Please also note that the Quiz Bowl competition is limited to 20 teams for this all-day, double-elimination tournament!

The educator track will provide presentations on AI tools to support teaching and learning, the JRCERT accreditation process, inclusivity, and being a new Program Director. The JRCERT will also offer a half-day accreditation seminar (register on the JRCERT website at www.jrcert.org/events/list).

Register by March 25!



EVENTS

CERTIFICATION
EXAM REVIEW



CLINICAL CASE
STUDY

PRESENTATION
COMPETITION



QUIZ BOWL
COMPETITION



STUDENT OPEN
FORUM



ONLINE MOCK
CERTIFICATION
EXAM



EDUCATOR
OPEN FORUM



Foundation Corner

It is a wonderful new year! The OSRT is hosting its first Student & Educator Symposium. I have had an opportunity to check out the program, and it looks wonderful.

Besides the Symposium, I am happy to announce a new student grant. Starting in 2024, RadTech Resource Group, owners of the iRadTech App, will fund a student grant for the OSRTERF. The \$500.00 grant will be awarded to a qualifying OSRT student member from Ohio. A big Thank You to iRadTech for funding this grant.

The mission of the OSRTERF is to financially support students and radiologic technologists engaged in education and research to promote the highest quality professional practice. The Foundation's Vision is to promote professional excellence through scholarly pursuits across the medical imaging and radiologic science professions in Ohio.

To fulfill this mission, we encourage people to donate to the Foundation. Any donation is appreciated. You can give a scholarship to honor a friend, relative, or technologist.

The OSRTERF also has fundraising activities to help fund grants, scholarships, and research. This year, we are having a Penny Social Auction at the symposium. Your participation in the Auction could add another grant for next year. Please take the time to check out the Penny Social Auction.

Debbie

Debbie O'Mellan
OSRTERF Chairperson



Please consider donating to the OSRT Education and Research Foundation. The benefit of contributing to the OSRTERF is to allow medical imaging professionals to excel in clinical, administrative, and educational settings. You can [donate online](#) or send a check to the OSRT Executive Secretary. Gifts may be small or large; we are happy you are willing to help!

VIRTUAL CE SESSION

This virtual session will be submitted to the ASRT
for 3.0 CE credits.

If you would like to present at this
session, please get in touch with the
Executive Secretary at osrt@osrt.org

Registration will open soon

OSRT Member rate - \$ 15.00

Non-member rate - \$ 30.00

Student rate - \$ 10.00



**Saturday,
June 15
9:00 AM**

Save **THE** Date

OSRT Annual Meeting

**September 20-21
at Zane State College
Zanesville**

- Technologist-focused continuing education
- Annual business session
- Installation of Officers and Directors

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 Executive Secretary for more information or to register.

- Wednesday, April 10, 2024
In-person at Hilton Columbus-Polaris
- Saturday, July 27, 2024, via Zoom
- Thursday, September 19, 2024
In-person at Zane State College

IS IT YOUR TIME TO RENEW?

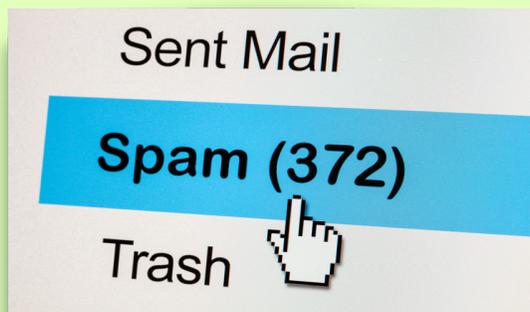
Don't forget to renew your OSRT membership! Look on your membership e-card or contact the Executive Secretary to see when it is your time to renew.



Renewal notifications will be sent via email before your membership expiration. Make sure to not miss these emails by setting 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](#).

Check your SPAM!



Sometimes, the OSRT email is flagged by your email server as SPAM. Make sure you have osrt@osrt.org as a trusted email to stay up-to-date with OSRT information in your inbox!

JOB CONNEX

Are you interested in seeing other job opportunities? Then check out our job ConneX page on the OSRT website.

Are you an Ohio employer? Do you have job openings? OSRT.org posts jobs for free for Ohio employers.

Check us out. We sometimes have many job posts depending on the job market. Visit us at:

CHECK IT OUT



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Click on the icons for the OSRT social media pages



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OSRT VISION

To promote clinical excellence
in radiologic technology

OSRT MISSION

We advocate for radiologic
technologists by advancing
professional practice to
enhance patient care.

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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