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Andrea's Antics

I am truly honored and humbled to accept the position of President of the Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists. I want to begin by thanking OSRT members for your trust and confidence. It is a privilege to serve an organization that has such a rich history of advancing our profession, supporting education, and advocating for the patients and communities we serve every day.

I also want to thank the amazing leaders who have come before me. Their dedication, vision, and countless volunteer hours have truly strengthened the OSRT. I am beyond grateful for their example, guidance, and the foundation they have built. I know I can rely on them when the need arises, and it inevitably will.

I also want to recognize every member in this room. Whether you are attending your first annual meeting, a technologist early in your career, an educator shaping the next generation, or a seasoned professional with decades of experience, you are the reason this organization exists. Your passion for excellence in patient care fuels OSRT's mission.

As healthcare continues to evolve, medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals remain at the forefront of innovation. New technologies, artificial intelligence, advanced imaging systems, and changing healthcare models continue to transform how we practice. While these advances bring exciting opportunities, they also challenge us to remain adaptable, informed, and committed to lifelong learning.

In this rapidly changing environment, professional organizations like OSRT become more important than ever.

- OSRT is more than an annual meeting.

- It is more than continuing education.

- It is more than membership dues.

- ✔ **OSRT is a community.**

It is a place where professionals connect, share knowledge, advocate for our profession, and support one another through challenges and successes. It is where students discover possibilities, where leaders are developed, and where relationships are formed that can last an entire career.

This year, I'd like to center on three key priorities:

Strengthening Membership and Engagement

Our organization is strongest when members feel connected and valued. I want to help members to participate, share ideas, volunteer, and contribute their unique perspectives.

Whether you work in radiography, CT, MRI, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy, mammography, sonography, education, management, or another specialty, your voice matters. The future of our profession is shaped not by a few leaders, but by all of us working together.

Investing in the Next Generation

Students and emerging professionals represent the future of medical imaging in Ohio. Throughout my presidency, I hope to strengthen mentorship opportunities and provide greater engagement for students and early-career technologists. We must continue to support their growth, encourage their curiosity, and help them see the incredible possibilities within our profession.

A strong profession requires strong leaders, and leadership development begins long before someone serves on a committee or board. It begins when we encourage a student, mentor a colleague, or share our knowledge with someone who is eager to learn.

Advancing Advocacy and Professional Excellence

Advocacy is not limited to legislation or policy discussions. Advocacy happens every day.

- We advocate when we provide exceptional patient care.
- We advocate when we uphold safety standards.
- We advocate when we educate our patients and colleagues.
- We advocate when we support one another and elevate the profession.

As healthcare continues to change, OSRT must remain a strong voice for radiologic professionals throughout Ohio. Together, we can ensure that our profession remains respected, visible, and positioned for future success.

My promise to you is simple: I will listen. I will serve. I will try my best. I will work alongside you to ensure that OSRT continues to grow and provide value to every member. Thank you for your dedication to our patients, your commitment to our profession, and your support of the Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists. I am honored to serve as your President, and I am excited for what we will accomplish together this year.

-Andrea

2026-2027
BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Front row (L to R): Tiffany Roman, Allison Stokes, Andrea Tschirner, Olivia Enriquez, Teresa Taggart
Missing: Devin Johnson



Andrea Tschirner,
MS, R.T.(R)(BD)(CT)
OSRT PRESIDENT

NATIONAL RAD TECH WEEK!

National Radiologic Technology Week is the perfect opportunity to recognize the dedicated professionals who make our field so meaningful. This year, we're excited to celebrate our members through a special series of OSRT Member Spotlights!

Throughout the week, we'll be highlighting individuals from across our professional community, sharing their career journeys, experiences, accomplishments, and the reasons they are passionate about medical imaging. From those just beginning their careers to seasoned professionals who have dedicated decades to the field, each member has a unique story and an important role in advancing our profession.

Our members are the heart of the OSRT, and we look forward to celebrating the people behind the profession. Be sure to follow along, get to know your fellow members, and join us in recognizing the incredible contributions of radiologic technologists everywhere!

2026 ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The recent Annual Meeting held at Cleveland Clinic Mercy Hospital was a productive gathering featuring diverse activities and topics. Attendees participated in continuing education sessions that offered valuable insights and skill-building across a range of topics. The business session included the Board of Directors Report, Installation of Directors, and approval of the 2026-2027 Budget.

Dr. Heather Moore and Dr. Terri Bruckner were elevated to the honor of Fellow. Linnea Hopewell was honored with Technologist of the Year.

The Past President's Lecturer was Gary Greathouse, with his presentation titled "Servant Leadership: Leading by Example."

Tom Folck was installed as a new director, and Devin Johnson was installed as President-elect.

Congratulations to Devin Johnson, meeting Chair and Dr. Tammy McClish, Vice-chair, for a successful meeting!

**Check out the Annual
Meeting pictures**





Student Spot!

Student Cardinal Rays



Serving as the Student Director for the OSRT has been such an amazing opportunity so far. One of the most meaningful aspects of the position has been contributing the student perspective to important conversations within the profession. Having a voice as a student has given me a greater appreciation for how professional organizations operate and their responsibility to support the next generation of radiologic technologists. I have also had the opportunity to network with technologists and leaders across Ohio, and I am looking forward to continuing that experience at the upcoming OSRT Annual Meeting. For students interested in the OSRT Student Director Program, more information about the upcoming application process will be shared in the next issue as details become available.

I also want to re-highlight the ASRT Student Leadership Development Program (SLDP). Through SLDP, I traveled to Albuquerque as one of three Ohio student representatives, where I represented the OSRT and The Ohio State University, attended the House of Delegates and educational sessions, including the MRI Chapter meeting, toured the ASRT Museum, and connected with students and professionals from across the country. The three-year program has given me valuable opportunities for leadership development, professional networking, mentorship, and a deeper understanding of advocacy and professional organizations. Applications for the 2027 class open September 1st and close October 31, 2026, so I encourage anyone interested in developing their leadership skills and becoming more involved in the profession to explore the program and consider applying.

Finally, I strongly encourage all of my fellow students to take advantage of OSRT's student membership. Membership gives us a chance to connect with the profession beyond the classroom while accessing resources, networking opportunities, advocacy, and professional development. My experiences through OSRT have shown me that getting involved as a student is more than adding an organization to your résumé; it is an opportunity to build future relationships, develop professionally, and begin contributing to the future of our profession while still a student. For more information about OSRT's student membership and its benefits, visit the [membership webpage](#).

Best,

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Applications for the 2027 ASRT Student to Leadership Development Program (SLDP) will be accepted until October 31. 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 2027), 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.



OSRT STUDENT DIRECTOR PROGRAM: CULTIVATING FUTURE LEADERS

The Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists (OSRT) proudly supports student professional growth through its Student Director Program. Each year, OSRT selects one outstanding student to serve as an official voting member of the OSRT Board of Directors, reinforcing the organization's belief that students are the future of the profession—and that OSRT has a responsibility to cultivate their leadership.

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 2027 to April 2028. This service period helps build strong relationships, develop a fundamental understanding of organizational operations, strengthen leadership skills, and support a commitment to continued service to the profession. The selected student will also attend the OSRT Leadership Academy in June 2027.

The application period will soon open.



Foundation Corner

The 2026 OSRT Annual Meeting was a great success. On behalf of the OSRT Education and Research Foundation (OSRTERF), we thank everyone for their help.

If you are a student member, please watch the OSRT website for Foundation grant applications. We will be awarding grants to student members at the 2027 Student and Educator Symposium (SES) in April. Also, please consider presenting a case study for the competition at the 2027 SES. There will be some changes to the rules and guidelines posted on the website as soon as possible, so please check back for revised competition rules and guidelines.

Case Study Presentation Winner

Denise Moore, MS, RT(R), won first place in the technologist division of the case study competition with her presentation, "Osteoarthritis: Hands and Wrists: A Patient Case Study Using Low-Dose Radiation Therapy." Congratulations to Denise on her hard work and an extremely interesting, well-researched presentation.

Lottery Ticket Raffle

The OSRTERF held an Ohio Lottery ticket raffle this year at the 2026 Annual Meeting to raise money for future student and registered technologist and therapist grants. Due to the generosity of the OSRTERF Trustees, OSRT Board of Directors, and other attendees who donated lottery tickets, we were able to give away three lottery ticket prizes! Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets; your support made this a very successful fundraiser. Thanks to your support, we raised \$471.83 for future grants!

-Gloria Albrecht, OSRTERF Board of Trustees Chair

Pay It Forward

DONATE

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 helps medical imaging professionals excel in clinical, administrative, and educational settings.

This also allows individuals to apply for opportunities to conduct research vital to improving patient care and advancing the profession. You can donate online, or if you have questions, feel free to contact a Foundation Board representative. Donations can be small or large; we're grateful for any support!

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STUDENT & EDUCATOR SYMPOSIUM

APRIL 8-9, 2026

The Ohioan

Lewis Center, Ohio

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.

Student Track Highlights

- Presentations covering the four content specification areas of the ARRT Radiography certification exam
- Clinical Case Study Presentation Competition
- Online Mock Certification Exam on Thursday
- Team Quiz Bowl Competition on Friday
- And yes—a party! Be a “Party Animal” and come dressed as your favorite animal.

Students who score in the top three in their clinical case study submissions will be invited to present live at the Symposium, where the final first-, second-, and third-place placements will be determined.

Educator Track Highlights

- A variety of presentations designed to enhance the classroom, lab, and learning environment
- Topics selected to support teaching excellence, innovation, and collaboration.
- Join us for an Educator Gathering on Wednesday evening and the Roy Bell Memorial Luncheon on Thursday.

Meet new colleagues, learn new things, and have a great time! Registration information and hotel reservation link will be available in December 2026.

EVENTS

CERTIFICATION
EXAM REVIEW



CLINICAL CASE
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PRESENTATION
COMPETITION



QUIZ BOWL
COMPETITION



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TOPICS



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE

Everyone is welcome to attend Board of Directors meetings. **Attendance is free, but pre-registration is required.** Please contact the OSRT Operations Manager for more information or to register.

- Friday, October 24 via Zoom
- Wednesday, April 7 at The Ohioan
- Friday, July 10 via Zoom



2027 Virtual Annual Meeting

September 2027

More details to come...

Congratulations to our Newest Fellows



**Terri Bruckner,
PhD, R.T.(R)(CV)**



**Heather Moore,
PhD, R.T.(R)**

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To promote clinical excellence
in radiologic technology

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technologists by advancing
professional practice to
enhance patient care.

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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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