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KRIS' K-SPACE

Hi friends! I'm Kris. Some of you don't know me, so I'd like to introduce myself. I'm an MRI technologist and MR safety officer at Grant Medical Center in Columbus. I'm credentialed in radiography, CT, and MRI by the ARRT and as an MR safety officer by the American Board of Magnetic Resonance Safety.

I am also a board member and exam-specific content creator for the ABMRS. My education began at Central Ohio Technical College in 1980-something. I earned my bachelor's degree in medical imaging from Mercy College of Ohio in 2017 and will (fingers crossed) complete my Master's of Radiologic Science this December from Southern Illinois University. I am a lifelong learner with a little bit of a glutton for punishment.

I am honored and humbled to accept the position of President of the OSRT. I am grateful for the trust and confidence you have placed in me, and I will do everything I can to serve with dedication, integrity, and compassion.

I am looking forward to the upcoming year. Our new strategic plan was designed around feedback from you, our members. As you've seen in your meeting program and heard discussed in the business session, we will have two opportunities to meet next year - the Student and Educator Symposium in the spring and the Annual Meeting in the fall. We also have some exciting initiatives to foster collaboration with each other and with other professional organizations.

As we move forward, I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. Together, we can build on the OSRT's strong foundation and continue to positively impact the lives of our patients. I believe that by working together, listening to one another's perspectives, and staying focused on our mission, vision, and goals, we can achieve great things.

Three years ago, I was fortunate enough to be selected to attend the ASRT Online Leadership Academy. If you ever have the chance to go, take it. The guidance you receive and the relationships you build with your classmates are invaluable.

One of my classmates, Kyle Kearsley, wrote this. Are you hesitant to try something new because you fear looking foolish? Don't be. Consider the following:

- Embarrassment is the cost of entry. If you aren't willing to look like a foolish beginner, you'll never become a graceful master.
- By embracing the possibility of looking as you perceive foolish, you pave the way for progress. Allow yourself to be a beginner, stumble along the way, and learn from your mistakes. Trust that with practice, you'll one day become a master.
- Don't let fear hold you back from your potential. Start that new project, try that new hobby, take that risk, and remember that mistakes and embarrassment are just stepping stones toward greatness. Remember, growth occurs outside your comfort zone.

I am grateful to the entire board and membership for believing in me and pushing me out of my comfort zone.

Kris



Kristin Seitz

OSRT PRESIDENT

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Board of Directors Report

Judy Miller, Senior Chairperson



Greetings. During the past year, the Directors have been actively conducting the business of the Society, and Committee Chairs, Vice Chairs, and their members have been working hard to complete the charges assigned to them by President Warino.

New relationships will be developed, and previous ones renewed when representatives of the OSRT once again visit the State House in May. The Advocacy Committee, chaired by Tiffany Roman, and its members continue to be involved in providing testimony when our Legislative Consultant, Paul Kudlak, brings potential issues to their knowledge. The Advocacy Committee was involved in writing letters in favor of House Bill 371, which was passed by the Ohio General Assembly and signed into law by Gov. Mike DeWine in September 2022. HB 371 requires insurance companies to cover additional screenings for individuals at high risk for breast cancer or having dense breast tissue. Paul continues to monitor the “chatter” concerning Ohio Revised Code Section 4773.06: Supervising Radiologic Procedures. This section deals with those who are permitted to provide direct supervision of GXMO. Currently, that is limited to a physician, podiatrist, mechanotherapist, or chiropractor providing direct supervision. APRN legislative consultants have been trying to introduce statute changes allowing APRNs to supervise a GXMO, particularly in the Urgent Care setting. The Advocacy Committee continues to be a strong voice for Ohio imaging professionals.

A task force comprised of Gary Greathouse, Deb O’Mellan, and Shellie Warino created the guidelines, criteria, and point system necessary to elevate a qualified OSRT member to “Fellow” status. It will be exciting to see who the first recipients will be.

The Annual Meeting Chairs, Allison, Allison and Dana, and committee members have once again planned an exciting conference where technologists, educators, and students could network, socialize, and earn continuing education credits. The attendance at this year’s meeting has exceeded everyone’s expectations.

The Education Committee delivered two three-credit-hour virtual CE events. Both were well-received and had out-of-state attendees. I want to thank Chair Jan Gibson and her committee for their time commitment and for finding high-caliber speakers that presented exciting topics.

The Leadership Academy was held as a “hybrid” event this year. The Academy met virtually on Friday and in person on Saturday. This new format was well-received. It will be exciting to see where the attendees will begin their professional service in the OSRT.

Board of Directors Report

Judy Miller, Senior Chairperson



After two years of planning, the Strategic Plan for 2023-2028 was approved at the May 2022 BoD meeting and unveiled to the membership in October. Based on a survey completed by members of the Society, Tri-chairs Julie Gill, Tiffany Roman, and Tricia Leggett and their task force created a plan that addresses the membership's needs. The main desire of the members was to have a face-to-face CE meeting that focused on the technologists, providing topics that would allow them to meet regular CE and CQR requirements. Starting in 2024, the OSRT will hold two meetings. The April meeting will be named the “Student and Educator Symposium” (SES), and the Annual Meeting (AM) will now take place in the fall. Stay tuned as further details are being worked out throughout this year.

In August 2022, the redesigned website was launched. Denise Moore and her task force worked diligently over the past year to develop a more modern website, which looks great! A shout-out to Alisha Guerrero for reformatting the OSRT logo to appear “crisper” on the website. There will be adjustments needed and more information to update, so I ask that when Denise requests corrections or content information, please respond to her promptly. We want anyone who visits the website to have the most up-to-date information, especially with the new meeting format on the horizon.

The social media committee chairs, Kris Seitz and Quest Folk continue to make us chuckle every week with their comical and whimsical posting on Friday. Your “likes” and “shares” are so vital to increasing the awareness of the OSRT page. Followers have increased to a little over 1,800. In the upcoming year, social media will play an integral part in getting the word out to technologists across Ohio about the new meeting format in 2024.

I would like to welcome Alisha Guerrero as Financial Manager. Jay Ball, Financial Manager for the past 12-plus years, announced his retirement earlier last year.

It has been an honor to serve the Society in this capacity. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation, guidance, and support.

Judy



Student Spot!

Student Cardinal Rays



It's almost
summer!



Hi everyone! My name is Parker Bishop, and I am the new student director for the 2023-2024 year. I am currently a student at the University of Cincinnati Blue Ash and live in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, right outside Cincinnati. I have just finished my second semester and will enter my second year of the program. I really enjoy fishing, kayaking, and spending time outdoors. I currently work as a student CT Tech at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati and plan on working in CT after graduation. Additionally, after I graduate, I will pursue my bachelor's degree in Radiology, focusing on administration/leadership. I am very excited to be the new student director and glad to answer any questions you may have!

I am very excited to get started as the student director and to learn the ins and outs of the OSRT. Additionally, I am very excited to start preparing for the new student-educator symposium next year, as the annual meeting is being split up into two separate meetings next year. I would like to congratulate everyone who participated in the Quiz Bowl this year, Columbus State Community College, who took first place, and the University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College, who came in second! I would also like to congratulate all of the graduating students this year who are heading into the field of radiography!

With your graduation, one thing to consider is the continuation of your membership with the OSRT. There are many benefits to being a member of the OSRT, including 15-20 CE credits at the Annual Meeting, access to the Bimonthly OSRT Cardinal Rays newsletters, the chance to receive an OSRT grant, the opportunity to be involved as a director or be on a committee, and many more! Please consider renewing your membership as a practicing technologist. If you have any questions regarding your membership heading into this new chapter in your life, please feel free to contact me or one of the other OSRT directors.

I would like to congratulate everyone in this upcoming graduating class, and I am very excited to start this new journey with the graduating class of 2024. In this next year, we will all learn so much and continue to grow as future technologists! I hope you all have a great summer!

Respectively,

PARKER

Parker Bishop
Student Director
student@osrt.org



Student Spot!

Student Cardinal Rays



QUIZ BOWL



Columbus State

Community College

Bottom Row R to L: Said Chaouki (advisor), Mariana Rodríguez, Claire Heister, Erin Haught, Amy Parry (advisor)

Middle Row R to L: Mathew Alderson, Christine Rivera, Ashlee Peak, Rachel Barbour, Rachel Miller

Upper Row R to L: Atticus Fouts, Diana Shubaily, Natasha Bouse



University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College

Front Row L to R: Brooke Betleyoun, Breanna Diefenbacher, Darby Moloney

Back Row L to R: Julie Gill (advisor), Steven Faulkner (advisor), Natasha Whitehill, Taylor Kincaid, Rebecca Naber, Natalie Eccles, Grace Severt

Philip W. Ballinger Exam Winners

Claire Heister, GXMO, S.T.
Columbus State
Community College



Emma Phares, S.T.
University of
Charleston

ANNUAL MEETING



HIGHLIGHTS

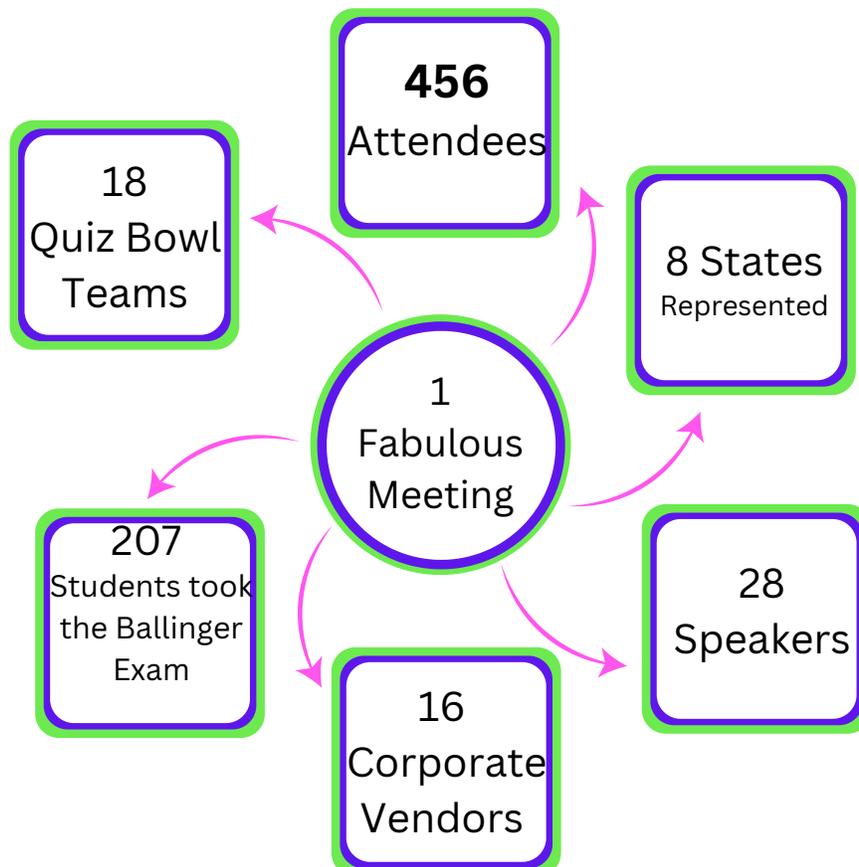


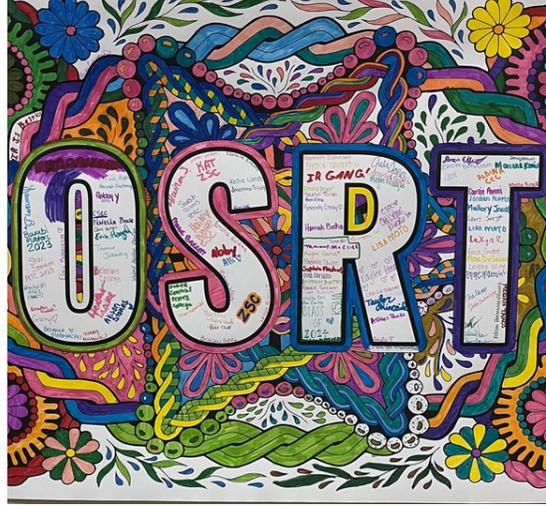
What a RAO turnout!

The 82nd Annual Meeting was a success! Chair Allison Stokes and her committee worked hard to bring together this meeting. Many excellent presentations, connections, conversations, and lots of learning took place. There were 115 technologists and 341 students in attendance.

Travis Prowant, President of the ARRT Board of Directors; Dr. Tricia Leggett, representing the JRCERT; Dr. Julie Gill, President of the AEIRS Board of Directors, provided greetings from their respective organizations at the business session.

During the Francine Todd Memorial Honors Reception, Dr. Tricia Leggett was bestowed with OSRT Life Membership, and Jackie Turk was the Past President's Lecturer. She delivered a wonderful presentation entitled "What's Your Brand?"





CHANGES AHEAD

NEW

Meeting Formats!

▶ **Virtual CE Sessions**

Stay at home for your continuing education! Virtual sessions will be offered in January and June!

▶ **2024 Student and Educator Symposium**

**April 11 & 12, 2024 -
Hilton Columbus/Polaris**

Registry review sessions, educator topics, student open forum, educator open forum, Philip W. Ballinger student self-assessment exam, and Quiz Bowl!

▶ **2024 Annual Meeting**

**September 20 & 21, 2024 -
Zane State College**

Educational CE sessions for imaging and therapy professionals, annual Business Session, installation of Officers, and the Francine Todd Memorial Honors Reception.

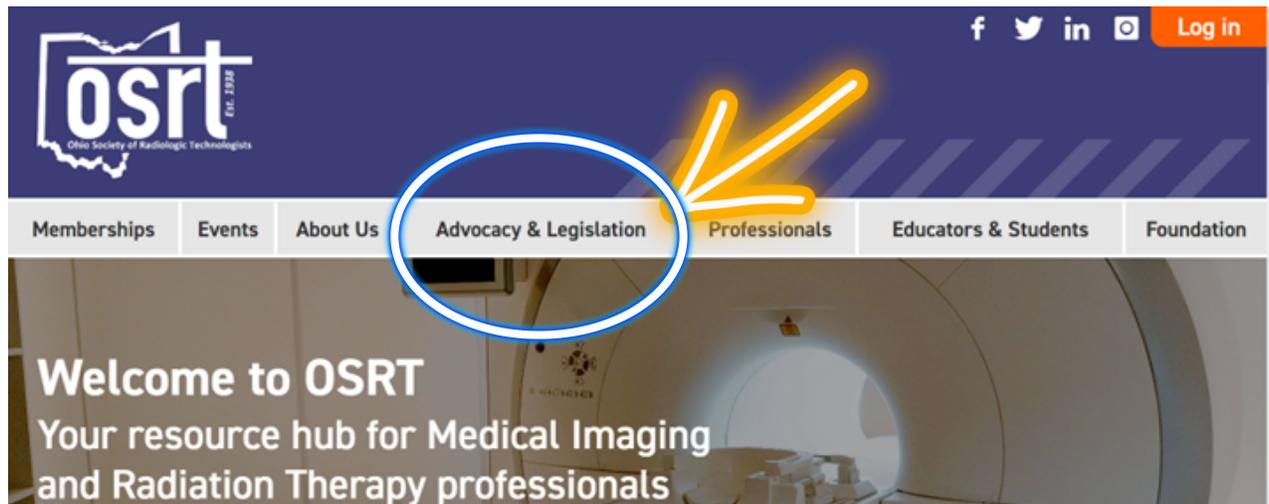




Thank you, Jay!

Jay Ball has recently retired as the OSRT Financial Manager. Jay's service to the OSRT has been invaluable! He has served in numerous capacities in the organization, including President, Board of Directors, and is a Life Member. We wish you well!

What's Where on the New Website?



Under the Advocacy & Legislation Tab, you can find information on the following:

- Ohio Advocacy and Legislation
- National Advocacy and Legislation
- OSRT Position Statements



Foundation Corner



2023 Grant Recipients

OSR Grant

Paige Kay, S.T.

Cleveland Clinic School of Diagnostic Imaging

W. Lee Shadle Grant

Amber Adams, S.T.

Cleveland Clinic School of Diagnostic Imaging

OSRT Education and Research Foundation Honors Grant

Alyssa Hutchins, S.T.

Owens Community College

OSRT Education and Research Foundation Honors Grant

Leigha Wine, S.T.

Kent State University Salem Campus

OSRT Education and Research Foundation Honors Grant

Laikyn Roberts, S.T.

Shawnee State University

OSRT Education and Research Foundation Honors Grant

Hannah Johnson, S.T.

Central Ohio Technical College

Audrey Horton Memorial Grant

Abby K. Bauserman, S.T.

Zane State College

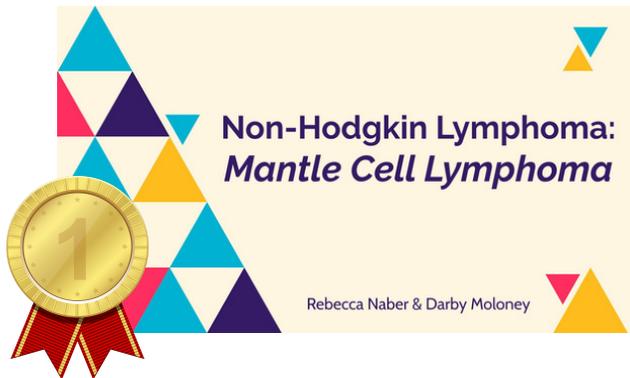
Philip W. Ballinger Grant

Tammy McClish, M.Ed., R.T.(R)(M)(QM)(BD)

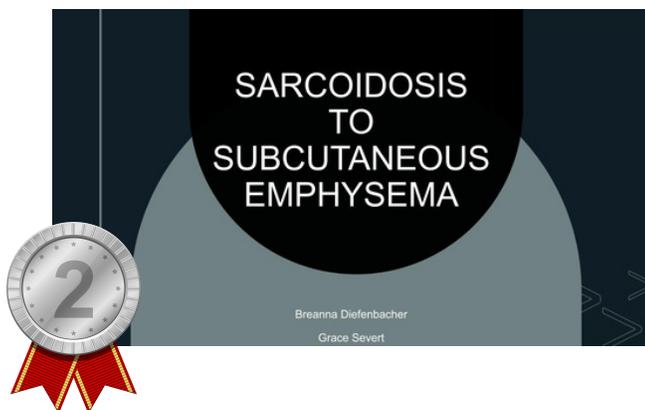


Foundation Corner

Case Study Presentation Winners



Rebecca Naber, S.T.
Darby Moloney, S.T.
University of Cincinnati
Blue Ash College



Grace Severt, S.T.
Breanna Diefenbacher, S.T.
University of Cincinnati
Blue Ash College

Foundation Donation Nation Winners!
Denise Moore and Dr. Philip Ballinger

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 register.

- **Saturday, May 20, 2023, via Zoom**
- **Saturday, September 23, 2023**
In-person / Location TBD
- **Saturday, January 20, 2024, via Zoom**
- **Wednesday, April 10, 2024**
In-person / Hilton Columbus-Polaris
- **Saturday, July 27, 2024, via Zoom**

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](#).

HELP THE OSRT WIN!



Be sure to select "State Affiliate" - "Ohio" when purchasing tickets for the OSRT to get credit.

Ticket Sales: Feb. 20 - May 31, 2023

Webpage: [Click here!](#)

Eligibility: Only ASRT members are eligible to purchase tickets and win prizes.

ASRT Offers New Advocacy Series

ASRT's Government Relations Department is offering this four-part series that will give technologists, who are new to the profession and new to advocacy, the fundamental knowledge and skills to confidently advocate for the profession.

[Click here to find out more!](#)



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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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