



# Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists

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During this time of the year it always feels like it's "go, go, go". This is probably the busiest season for most of us personally. It's the same at the OSRT and we are busy with many different activities and opportunities.

**National Radiologic Technology Week:** I hope that you all enjoyed the week of celebrating our profession and all of your hard work! However, we should be celebrating and taking pride in our profession all the time. Congrats to our winners of the social media contests. Look for big things next year during NRTW!

**OSRT Student Leadership Program:** The OSRT's commitment to student professional growth and development is demonstrated through our Student Leadership Program. The Officers and Board of Directors strongly believe that students are the leaders of the future and the OSRT has a responsibility to help cultivate them. This mentorship program allows students to become oriented with the OSRT and professional service. The deadline for application is **February 1**. More information can be found on the OSRT website or questions can be directed to Emma Palmer at [osuemma@hotmail.com](mailto:osuemma@hotmail.com).

**ASRT Student Leadership Development Program:** The ASRT Student Leadership Development Program offers students a chance to get to know the ASRT, attend educational sessions, and network with medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals. Applicants will need to apply through the OSRT website by December 19. Selected participants will attend the 2017 ASRT Educational Symposium and Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting, June 22-25 in Orlando, Florida and be mentored by the Ohio Affiliate delegates. More information can be found on the OSRT website or questions can be directed to Emma Palmer at [osuemma@hotmail.com](mailto:osuemma@hotmail.com).

**Nominations Open!** Nominations are now open for Director positions for the 2017-2020 term, President-Elect, and Technologist of the Year. Nominations are due by January 15. More information can be found on the OSRT website or by contacting Angie Arnold at [angie.arnold@sinclair.edu](mailto:angie.arnold@sinclair.edu).

**Competition and Grant Opportunities:** The OSRT sponsors a student quiz bowl competition. The OSRT Education and Research Foundation sponsors essay and poster competitions and grant opportunities. Information can be found on the OSRT website. Essay and poster competitions and grants are open to both student and technologist members! We would love to have you participate in these great opportunities!

As we go through the hustle and bustle of this busy time of the year, I would ask that you also reflect on the many blessings in your lives and remember to help those less fortunate. Take the time to make wonderful memories with family and friends.

## Don't Forget to Save the Date!

What is it?	When is the deadline?	Where to go for more information?
ASRT Student Leadership	December 19, 2016	www.osrt.org Questions to: Emma Palmer ( <a href="mailto:osuemma@hotmail.com">osuemma@hotmail.com</a> )
Nominations for : Director President-elect Technologist of the Year	January 15, 2017	www.osrt.org Questions to: Angie Arnold ( <a href="mailto:angie.arnold@sinclair.edu">angie.arnold@sinclair.edu</a> )
OSRT Student Leadership	February 1, 2017	www.osrt.org Questions to: Emma Palmer ( <a href="mailto:osuemma@hotmail.com">osuemma@hotmail.com</a> )
Grant Applications	March 1, 2017	www.osrt.org

## The OSRT Education and Research Foundation Honor Roll 2015-2016

*The Foundation Board would like to express their sincere appreciation for your continued efforts to support others in their pursuit of education. As a Foundation we couldn't do it without YOU, so thank-you once again!*

*The Foundation Board*

**Advocate \$250 and above**

Leisa Arnold  
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**Friend up to \$25**

Larry Maxwell

## TECH TALK WITH LIZZY HEMME

**What is your name, educational background, credentials (including degree and certifications), and job title?** Jackie Turk MEd, RT (R)(MR)(CT). I have a Bachelor's of Science in Allied Health and a Master's in Education in Adult Learning and Development. My job title is MR Clinical Instructor.

**Where do you work and how would you describe it to someone who is visiting for the first time?** I work for Philips Healthcare. It is a global company with offices all over the world. The facility I work at is in Highland Heights, near Cleveland. I work in MR Clinical Education. Our facility is a training facility for North America. Field service specialists, applications specialists, and Philips customers come from all over to the Cleveland training center to receive training on their imaging equipment.

**What does your job entail?** I provide MR applications training to customer's offsite. I teach Philips customers how to use their new equipment, how to customize their protocols and perform routine to advanced imaging applications, and general physical principles. I am essentially an applications specialist that does not travel. The customers travel from their facility to Cleveland for training.

**Why did this type of work interest you?** I have always wanted to teach. I enjoy helping difficult concepts become simpler. I am passionate about our profession and want to inspire others to be more engaged. I really enjoy working for a vendor where I have access to many training materials and can be involved with training on a national or even international platform.

**How did you get your present job and what kind of experience and preparation helped you the most?** I was an educator at a hospital based program prior to working for Philips. A recruiter contacted me through LinkedIn one day asking if I would be interested in something new. At the time, I was not looking for a new job, but was curious about the opportunity. While interviewing, they were particularly interested in my education background and involvement in professional organizations. I really think that is what gave me an edge over other candidates. They had cast a wide net all over North America and it was a privilege that I was given the opportunity. I am often referring back to materials I have learned in conferences, leadership academy, and through courses to be successful in my position. I know that my involvement in organizations like OSRT and ASRT has made me a stronger educator and better communicator, which is a key to success in any field, especially radiologic sciences and education!

**Could you describe one of your typical workdays for me?** My customers arrive at 8:30 a.m. We usually do lectures and workstation exercises in the classroom during the day. In the afternoon, we scan models to evaluate image quality. When I do not have customers, I am in training or developing training materials.

**What do you think the most important skills and abilities are for this position?** In my position, it is important to have a strong understanding of MR physics and principles. You have to be comfortable talking in front of people and able to manage different personalities in a classroom and clinical setting.

**What parts of your job do you find most challenging?** The most challenging part of my job is maintaining product knowledge on changing technology. New products and software are continuously delivered, and yet previous technology is still supported. No such thing as out with the old and in with the new, you have to know it all!

**What do you find most enjoyable or rewarding?** In any position of education, it is rewarding when you are able to help a student, or in my case customer, to understand a difficult concept. I am rewarded when I know that my customer values their equipment and understands how to use it, because I know it will mean better patient care.

**What do you wish you knew (but didn't) when you first contemplated this career?** I wish I knew how valuable an advanced degree would be. I did not begin my Master's degree until I was out of school for 10 years (and had 2 children!) I wish I would have continued my education to open up opportunities early on. Many technologists will say you do not need advanced degrees in or field, but it depends what you aspire to do in your career. In education, it really is necessary.

**What suggestions do you have for an individual wishing to enter this field?** If you are going to enter this field, do so 100%. It is competitive, and to get an edge you need to apply yourself fully. Take advantage of any possible networking opportunities, like professional organizations and committees. Participate in volunteer programs at the hospitals and local institutions. Do volunteer hours at the hospital, too. Anything to get a foot in the door and show that you are not only a technologist, but a valued member of the healthcare team and community.

**What do professional organizations (like the OSRT) do for our profession?** I value the grassroots efforts of our professional organizations as well as the development of scholars and leaders in the profession. Our Ohio licensure would likely be in a different place if not for the efforts of our professional organizations.





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Hello again everyone! The leaves on the trees have changed, many have begun falling, and the cold Ohio temperatures remind us all that the holiday season has finally arrived. This time of year is full of so much to be thankful for: classmates, teachers, coworkers, and most importantly our family, friends, and loved ones who have supported us through our efforts of bettering ourselves and advancing our education and careers.

Fall semester is coming to a close and final exam time is quickly approaching. I am proud of all of the progress you all have made in your program and in this semester so far, and some of us are looking forward to graduation in a matter of a few short months! Whether graduation is around the corner for you or not, 2017 will bring a brand new set of opportunities to partake in competitions, nominations, and grants. The 2017 OSRT annual meeting has several opportunities for student involvement and competition, along with the networking, educational opportunities, and fun it always brings!

Quiz Bowl is always a favorite, as teams of students from each radiologic technology program compete by buzzing in to test their knowledge and represent their school by answering questions pertaining to our profession! Interested in competing with your classmates? Visit [www.osrt.org](http://www.osrt.org) and submit an online application with your \$20.00 application fee by March 1<sup>st</sup>. It is great practice for the registry, is always lots of fun, and the winning team will enjoy ultimate bragging rights!

A professional research poster competition as well as a professional clinical poster competition and an essay competition are also held at the OSRT annual meeting and are open to both students and technologists. Show off your knowledge, creativity, interests, and writing skills by competing in these events and creating something great to share with your peers! Rules, criteria, judging rubric, and more can be found at the OSRT website by clicking on the "Annual Meeting" tab and then "Competitions" from the drop-down list. The deadline to submit the online application on [www.osrt.org](http://www.osrt.org) is also March 1<sup>st</sup>.

The OSRT Education and Research Foundation and other organizations award educational grants each year. Grants are fantastic financial opportunities for students and radiologic technologists in need that help pay for educational expenses. The OSRT website explains, "Grants are awarded on the basis of merit, academic ability, and financial need." Many grants are available, including the OSRT Humanitarian Grant, Philip Ballinger Grant, Audrey Horton Memorial Grant, and more. Detailed information about each individual grant, eligibility, and the application process can be found at the OSRT website. The online application deadline for all grants is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

I wish you all a great end to your fall semester. For those of you just starting, congratulations and I am so pleased to know that more great future radiologic technologists are working toward their degrees, and to those of you graduating soon, keep up the momentum and hard work; the degree and reward you've worked so hard for is almost here!

For more information about additional competitions and grants visit the ASRT and OSRT websites.

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## CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS

The experienced and dedicated men and women that lead our organization work very hard to make sure that our jobs and our field remain untouched by government policy. This is not possible without a supportive membership, so please spread the word to your student, technologist, professional, and education colleagues. In addition, the OSRT provides you with some of the greatest networking resources, health policy information updates, opportunities to meet other professionals, continuing education and so much more!

## The Foundation Corner

Do you have a professional colleague that you would like to honor? Why not give a donation to the OSRTERF in the name of the honoree this holiday season? It's a thoughtful way to recognize the achievements of a fellow radiographer and there is no gift wrapping involved! The OSRTERF will send that person a beautiful holiday card informing them of your remembrance and the gift donation will be published in the *Cardinal Rays* and on the website. If your donation is \$250 or more, a one-time grand can be awarded in the name of your honoree at the 2017 Annual Meeting.

The OSRTERF Directors wish you a grateful Thanksgiving and a blessed holiday season. Thank you for all you have done.

Sheryl Bacon  
Chairperson,  
OSRTERF



## OSRT VISION

The OSRT will be the voice of Ohio medical imaging and radiologic science professionals.



## OSRT MISSION

The OSRT will advocate for medical imaging and radiologic science professionals by advancing professional practice to enhance the quality of patient care.

## *A Note from the Editor*

*Hello readers!*

*Fall is here; the leaves are changing and coats, scarves, and mittens are being readied for use.*

*I hope this fall and holiday season finds each and ever one of you healthy, happy, and full of peace. Also cheers to ending 2016 and beginning 2017 wonderfully.*

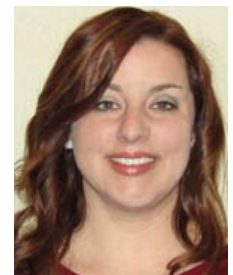
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*Thanks!*

*Lizzy Hemme*

*Cardinal Rays Editor*



Thanks to you, our dedicated members, for your continued support!

Do you have a topic you would like to see included in the next edition? Send it in so others can hear your voice!