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A Message from the President

Hello all, and thank you for the honor of choosing me to serve as your president and chairman of the board of the MoSRT for the next year to come. We have just finished a very successful “landmark” 85th Annual MoSRT Conference! Carla Allen, our new President-elect and newly awarded MoSRT Life Member, has done another spectacular job pulling it all together and ensuring everything ran smoothly. I’d like to extend a huge “thank you” and “congratulations” to you Carla. And one more to Janet Akers-Montgomery, this year’s MoSRT Award of Excellence recipient, who wears so many hats for this organization it is hard to count them ... but they are all cute and they match. Janet has single-handedly taken on finding us ways to comply with the new tracking requirements for “Evidence of Continuing Education” (ECE) recently updated by the ASRT. This is no easy feat yet she continues to improve and fine-tune this process each year. Janet exemplifies, in my mind, true volunteerism and dedication. Our next annual MoSRT Conference will be held again at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, MO on April 4th-6th, 2018 and I hope to see you all there.

I want to thank all of you on the board for serving as such great mentors to me on this journey. My District 1 “sisters” Diane Hutton and MJ Lewis Thompson are like a family to me, and I would not be here without their continued kindness and support. Together MJ, Diane and myself have had the pleasure of serving as the Executive Committee of this body for the past year, but it was my involvement at the district level that really drew me back into this organization, and showed me a path to get to where I am today. I am so proud of what we have been able to achieve on a local level in our area and hope to continue bringing some of that experience, knowledge and success back to the entire state. I urge us all, as technologists, to continue this type of mentoring, for anyone who is passionate about

our shared professions and wants to be, or stay, involved with the MoSRT; or who simply wants to be an advocate for our profession. As many of you know, I am fascinated with personalities and lecture on them quite often. I would often describe myself as a peacemaker, one usually able to see all sides and points of view effortlessly and able to mediate conflicts between individuals by finding a common thread to build on. One of the most important lessons I have learned in just the past few years is that being peaceful and being a peacemaker are two completely different things. To truly “making peace” is not accomplished by avoiding conflicts or being peaceful and complacent. With this, or any other organization that I lead, total transparency is what I strive to provide. We can no longer rest on our laurels, chalking things up to “that’s how we have always done things” if we expect this organization to continue to flourish as it has done in the past. Hard questions have to be asked and processes in place should constantly be analyzed and evaluated so that we can maximize success and continue to thrive. We also have a new generation of technologists entering the workforce, and what engages them and draws them into involvement with their professional society is our next big bridge to cross. The groundwork laid by board members in this state over the past 40-50-85 years has been extraordinary, and without that hard work and dedication we would never be where we are today; we really do have so much to be proud of.

This is definitely an exciting time in the field of medical imaging. With our profession’s movement into the digital age, we are increasingly seeing the need for our society to move in that direction as well. As many of you know, our long seated Executive Treasurer, Donita Shipman, resigned this past year. Her years of service and dedication to this organization are truly remarkable and unforgettable. Just as we all thought we might be lost for sure; our very own Janet Akers-Montgomery, a MoSRT past-president and long

time board member, has graciously moved into that role and is doing a fabulous job filling some very big shoes.

And for our great nation as a whole, this has been a very fascinating past few years (and months.) As our own culture becomes increasingly diverse, it pleases me to see that our own board continues to blossom with diversity as well. Our immediate past-president, MJ Lewis Thompson, was this organization's first Female African American President and chairman of the board. Janet and myself are both happen to be newly-weds this past year, something I think both of us may have thought, at one point or another, might never be possible in our lifetimes. My (now) husband Mason was here with me at conference for the first time last year, and was also a speaker for our MoSRT District 1/Kansas Society of Radiologic Technologists joint conference this past fall giving a lecture on Lesbian, Gay and Transgender Patient Experience. The warmth and support that has been shown to me, Mason, and the two of us as a couple was, and continues to be, amazing and will never be forgotten. We as technologists serve an ever increasingly diverse population of patients, technologists or students (depending on the area of medical imaging we work in) and it lifts my spirits to know that our professional societies, local, state, and national all embrace and value diversity.

Thank you again for this opportunity to serve and I am looking forward to the year to come.

Best Regards,

Dustin Ward R.T.(R)(CT)(MR), (ARRT)

MoSRT President



MoSRT Student Intern

My name is Katie Bennefeld and I am currently attending Hillyard Technical Center in St. Joseph, Missouri. I am on track to complete this program within a year and graduate from the University of Central Missouri with a Bachelor's in Radiologic Technology. I was born and raised on a farm in Peculiar, Missouri where I learned about the value of hard work and the importance of caring for others. My interest in medical imaging was sparked while I attended a vocational school that allowed me to explore different medical professions. I was also given the opportunity to study abroad in Spain recently and that gave me a chance to assimilate into a culture other than my own and strengthen my Spanish speaking skills. This attribute has carried over to my clinical experience and allowed me to communicate with a larger variety of patients.

I am very excited to be a part of the MoSRT and learn how the society operates. It is an honor to act as an ambassador for the organization and I am eager to travel across the state as well as the country to fulfill my duties. I plan on supporting the MoSRT by creating awareness of current legislative issues and informing fellow students of how MoSRT can benefit them. This internship will help me grow both as a leader and as a technologist while creating a base for my future career in radiology. I look forward to networking with other technologists across the state and cannot wait to meet everyone involved in the MoSRT!

85th Annual Conference Winners 2017

Essay Winners

Technologist First Place



Don Hessel, Research Medical Center, “Dual Energy CT—What the K-edge is That”

Second Place



Benjamin Morris, Cox Health Medical Center, “Electronic Cigarettes”

Student First Place



Reuben Nwachukwu, Research Medical Center, “Ionizing Radiation in Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Patients”

Second Place



Sydni Carter, Research Medical Center, “I Spy with My Functional MRI”

Third Place



Danielle Kaullen, Avila University, “Arteriovenous Malformation”



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Scientific Display Winners

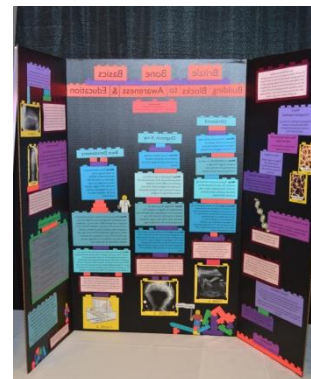
Technologist
None

Student



First Place

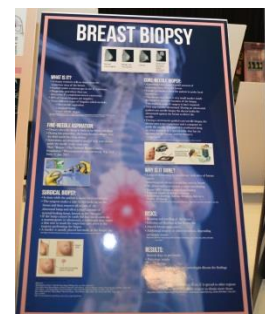
Alleah Travis, Hillyard Technical Center, "Brittle Bones Basics: Building Blocks Awareness and Education"



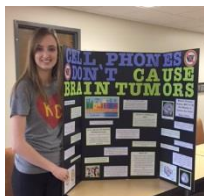
Second Place



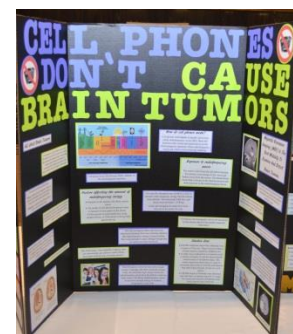
Natasha McMurry, Rolla Technical Center, "Breast Biopsy"



Third Place



Marcie Webber, St. Luke's School of Radiology, "Cell Phones Don't Cause Brain Tumors"



85th Annual Conference Winners 2017

Scholarship Winners Technologist



April Young

Student

Henry Y. Cashion Memorial Scholarship Award



Nicholas Robinson, Cox College



Robert A. Feldhaus Memorial Scholarship Award

Nathan Long, State Technical College



Stephanie A. Whisler Memorial Scholarship Award

Leanne Widener, Rolla Technical Center

Student Intern Award

Henry Y. Cashion Student Intern Award



Kathleen Benefeld, Hillyard Technical Center



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Student Quiz Bowl Winners



First Place

Avila University



Danielle Kaullen,

Joy Patel,

Katie Lane,

Maria Giboo,

Aaron Burrow

Coach Kristi Littleton

Second Place

State Fair Community College



Amanda Harris

Chris Lemoine

Brittaney Reinwald

Sarah Smith

Coach April Young

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Third Place

Missouri Southern State University



Kayla Jenison

Jeremy Gustafson

Leah Forkner

Race Kasti

Coach Alan Schiska

Fourth Place

St. Luke's School of Radiology



Jaclene Swengrosh

Ashley Dabrowski

Morgan Elliott

Marcie Webber

Casper Fergen

Abby Jackson

Coach Mary Wooldridge

85th Annual Conference 2017



Ulysses D. Murray Lecturer
Kelley McDonald, MS, RDMS, RVT, RT (R), FMoSRT



MoSRT Award of Excellence
Janet Akers-Montgomery



MoSRT 2017 Fellow
Benjamin Morris



Life-Time Membership
Carla Allen

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Honorable Mention Student Essay Winners

Radiation Safety and Radiation Case Study Accidents
Brandi Simler, Cox College

Traumatic Brain Injury
Lacy Gorsh, Avila University

30 Years Since Chernobyl: Long-Term Effects on Soil, Animals and Humans
Kristyn Boehmer, Research Medical Center

Breast Cancer: What you Need to Know
Shawn Gans, St. Luke's School of Radiology

Defining Colon Cancer: Understanding Its Pathology
Christina Wilson, St. Luke's School of Radiology

The C Word: A Look into Kidney Cancer and the Field of Radiology
Hunter Henderson, St. Luke's School of Radiology

Medical Imaging Procedures Associated with OI
Aleah Travis, Hillyard Technical Center

Spina Bifida
Aspen Preston, Hillyard Technical Center

Proton Beam Therapy
Nikki Ross, Hillyard Technical Center

Honorable Mention Student Scientific Display Winner

Oliver's Disease
Braden Bell, Rolla Technical Center