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# From the President...



Greetings! Thank you for allowing me the honor of being your 2012-2013 MSRT President and giving me the opportunity to promote and support my profession, as I am so very proud to do. Our conference this year was a great success thanks to the many people who worked hard to make it that way. It is a wonderful opportunity to network, learn from each other, and yes, have fun!

The MSRT's mission statement defines our purpose as advancing the field of radiologic technology. One way we strive to accomplish our mission is by pursuing legislation that requires licensure of all who use ionizing radiation for diagnosis and treatment of humans. People are starting to listen! State Representative Wayne Wallingford proposed to have a Radiation Safety Awareness Day. We chose March 27, Wilhelm Roentgen's birthday, and will celebrate our first annual Radiation Safety Awareness Day in 2013. I hope all of you will take this information and promote it as the beginning of a more conscientious look at radiation protection. But this is not enough. We are still working very hard to pass the CARE bill. We hope this will be the year, but we need *more numbers* in our society in order to be HEARD. There are over 200,000 registered technologists in Missouri and we need your support! That means joining the MSRT if you have not already.

If you are reading this you are probably not a technologist who needs to be convinced to help us. I challenge you to talk to your co-workers who are NOT members and encourage them to join the MSRT. Their membership dues will help support the local districts, lobby for legislation changes and bring you the annual conference. Encourage them to contact their senators and representatives to demand support of the CARE bill. Tell them they are adding to our voice, our numbers and our strength so the government and everyone else can understand we are professionals and deserve respect as such.

I also challenge current students to continue to be MSRT members after passing the registry. Some of you might even find you want to be MSRT board members – wonderful! We will welcome you with open arms! I also challenge you to raise the quality of your standards, no matter what others do around you, to be a role model when you become a registered technologist.

We are all here because we want to take care of people. It is our responsibility to keep them safe in all aspects. We must strive to keep our standards high at every level, from patient communication to protection from unnecessary radiation. That is why it is so important we get the CARE bill passed.

Sincerely,

*Kristi Littleton*

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# Congratulations to all winners from the 2012 MSRT Annual Conference!

## **Technologist Essay Winners**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Benjamin Morris, Skaggs Cancer Center, *Disruptive Innovations in Radiologic Technology*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** MacKenzie Heap, Freeman Health System, *Stereotactic Radiosurgery: A Focused, Single, High-Dose of Knowledge to Treat the Unknown*

## **Student Essay Winners**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Amy Brychta, Hillyard Technical Center, *Contrast Induced Nephropathy*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Steve Piercey, Cox College, *How Low Can You Go? Making Radiation Safety in the Pre-Operative Environment a Priority*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Abby Tate, Avila University, *Telemedicine: Conventional Medicine in Unconventional Ways*

**Honorable Mention:** Krista Madden, Rolla Technical Center, *Colon Cancer and the Importance of Early Screening*

**Honorable Mention:** Morgan Hammonds, Rolla Technical Center, *Cardiac Catherization: Above All Else, Guard Your Heart, for it is the Wellspring of Life, Proverbs 4:23*

## **MSRT Technologist Scholarship**

Amanda Gooch RT(R), Mercy Hospital

## **MSRT Student Scholarship**

Matthew Younger, Cox College

## **Robert A. Feldhaus Memorial Student Scholarship**

Casey Scott, Hillyard Technical Center

## **Stephanie A. Whisler Memorial Student Scholarship**

Sarah Sanders, Rolla Technical Center

## **Technologist Display Winners**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Kelley McDonald, Vein Clinic of Greater KC, *NyQuil, Sudafed, or Robitussin? Not for this type of Congestion*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Norman Hente, BarNor Services, *Social Media*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Benjamin Morris, Skaggs Cancer Center, *Is Cancer Contagious?*

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### Student Display Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Amy Brychta Ruhnke, Hillyard Technical Center, *Contrast Induced Nephropathy?*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Ami Patrick, Avila University, *Metastatic Breast Cancer*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Krista Madden, Rolla Technical Center, *Be a Trooper: Care for your pooper*

**Honorable Mention:** Dillon Renfro, Rolla Technical Center, *Surviving & Thriving: Wilms Tumor*

## MSRT names Casey Scott as 2012 Student Intern



My name is Casey Scott and I currently attend Hillyard Technical Center in Saint Joseph. I was born and raised in Chula, Missouri, and obtained an Associate's Degree in General Studies at North Central Missouri College before pursuing my education in Radiologic Technology. The main goal I have for myself at this time is to graduate from the program in which I am currently enrolled. I plan to further my education after graduation and explore other modalities.

I'm honored to be selected for the position of student intern and accept my responsibilities fully. I am beyond excited to serve this year and hope to have the chance to increase involvement amongst the student population. I have learned that an

important goal the MSRT is trying to achieve is to increase awareness of the CARE Bill. I am hoping to raise awareness amongst my fellow students of the importance of passing this bill, which will take radiation safety to the most serious level. I hope to emphasize that not only will this bill provide the state of Missouri with registered technologists, but secure a future for those who are working for these credentials. I truly want to make a difference for the betterment of our patients', students' and technologists' futures.

I hope working with the MSRT will give me the chance to obtain skills and networking connections that will excel me into a future career in Radiology. I am looking forward to spending this year active with the MSRT.

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## Congratulations to the 2012 Student Bowl winners!



**1<sup>st</sup> place winners (pictured above):** Nichols Career Center – (front row) Kathryn Colwell, Marshall Chambers, Angie Kennon, (back row) Vicki Johnson (coach), Kaylee Bryson

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Saint Luke's Hospital - Julie Grove, Lindsay Lambright, Alicia Stahl, Aaron Bowen, Mary Wooldridge (coach)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** University of Missouri – Columbia – JJ (John) Conti, Rebecca Martin, Marcus Judy, Will Bryan, Pat Tew (coach)

**4<sup>th</sup> Place:** Research Medical Center - Samantha Wender, James Ingalls, Sara Brown, Steffen Davenport, Don Hessel (coach)



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## The MSRT recognizes Murray Lecturer, presents Award of Excellence



The MSRT sends a special thank you to Paul Laudicina, this year's Keynote Speaker and Ulysses D. Murray Lecturer. The Murray Lecturer is recognized as a leader in radiology and Paul exemplifies a true professional who continuously supports the field. He began his career in 1963 when he graduated with his Radiologic Technology certificate from Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, IL. Paul has had many accomplishments throughout his career. He served in the military, is a published author and has contributed to the field of radiologic forensics, just to name a few. Paul currently teaches at Long Beach City College in California and continues to present at seminars across the country.

**Paul Laudicina, MA RT (R) BCFE, DABFE, FACFE  
Ulysses D. Murray Lecturer 2012**

Joan Hedrick was awarded the MSRT Award of Excellence during this year's annual conference. The award is given to individuals who have provided the MSRT with outstanding contributions. Joan has been a member of the MSRT for 30 years and was granted lifetime membership in 2004. She has held various board positions, including Exhibits Chair for 10 years and President from 2010-2011. Joan is currently the Program Director of Mercy Hospital Springfield (formerly St. John's) School of Radiologic Technology.



**Joan Hedrick, MEd RT (R)(M)  
MSRT Award of Excellence**

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