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# A Message from the President

Greetings fellow technologists!

I am both honored and humbled to assume my role as President of the Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists (MoSRT) for the 2018-2019 term. The MoSRT is a volunteer organization that, as stated in our by-laws, seeks “to advance the professions of radiation and imaging disciplines and specialties, to assist in establishing and maintaining high standards of education and training, to elevate the quality of patient care, and to further the welfare and socio-economics of radiologic technologists.” We are an organization of medical imaging professionals, for medical imaging professionals, and **Professionalism** is where I want to focus our efforts as an organization in the upcoming year.

I think that it is important that we promote the positive things our members are doing to our membership, the technologists across our state, and the general public. I plan to work with a student advertising team from MU to develop a marketing plan to “market” medical imaging and radiation therapy and what professional radiologic technologists contribute to high quality patient care. I want to focus the marketing on our members in addition to marketing our profession to those outside medical imaging and therapeutics. In order for others to see us as professionals, we must first see ourselves as professionals. I want to seek ways to help more of our members become involved in the MoSRT and promoting our profession. We have several long-standing board members who have built the MoSRT into what it is today. Their insight and wisdom are invaluable. But we also need a succession plan, where we can bring in members to take over critical volunteer roles while the opportunity to be mentored by sages in our profession still exists.

As we develop our perception of radiologic technologists as health professionals who make unique contributions to health care teams, I will strive to market membership in the MoSRT to registered technologists in our state. I will seek support from the ASRT Affiliate development program to implement the marketing strategies developed by the advertising team. I hope to achieve a 5% increase in technologist memberships in the MoSRT and a 10% increase in technologist attendance at conference.

We will continue to fight for recognition of the essential role we play in the provision of quality health care, and the licensure that will insure that quality of care to all citizens in our state. To achieve licensure, it is critical that we increase the general public’s awareness of the radiologic technologist’s role in health care. We will implement marketing strategies that will provide member recognition while increasing public awareness of our field. Additionally, I will seek continued funding for our lobbyist from the ARRT and we will continue to plan and conduct events that advance our bid for licensure.

I see 2018-2019 as the year of Professionalism. What can you do to help us achieve these goals?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carla M. Allen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carla M. Allen



# Legislative Action Committee Report

**An article for Missouri papers**

Missourians, are you aware that when you need a Radiology procedure in Missouri, the person performing your exam might be a person who has no education in the use of radiation utilized during Radiology procedures. Proper positioning to demonstrate structures, as well as no radiation protection or patient safety measures that would assure you of a diagnostic exam could be lacking. Your physician has the knowledge to diagnose your issues but without quality Radiology images, he/she might not receive that information.

MoSRT wants to be sure that you receive the same type of safe exams as someone in other licensure states. Why do Missouri citizens/patients receive substandard care?

Missouri is one of only 5 states that do not require any type of standardized education. Isn't it time we tell our legislators in Jefferson City that we want educated individuals performing Radiology procedures?

We have two bills currently up for consideration in the House and Senate. HB 2468 sponsored by Rep Kathy Swan and SB 926 sponsored by Senator Jeanie Riddle. Ask your legislators for their support of these vital bills with a YES vote.

Now is the time to ensure that patients receive the care they need during a time of illness or injury. Speak up now, contact your legislators asking for their support.

Thank you,  
Diane Hutton BA, RT(R) ARRT

Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologist (MoSRT)

Legislative Activities Chair



# MoSRT Student Intern

An Interview with Nathan Long

**Q: What school are you currently attending?**

**A: State Technical College of Missouri**

**Q: Where are you from?**

**A: Originally from Arkansas, but I have lived in Missouri for 8 years**

**Q: How do you plan to support the MoSRT?**

**A: I plan on supporting the MoSRT by engaging with students at programs throughout the state letting them know about the benefits of membership. I will, also, help with developing a more active social media presence for the group.**

**Q: Why do you love radiology?**

**A: I love radiology because no two patients are ever the same. You have to always be thinking about the variables that go into getting a good image. I also enjoy all the different career pathways that are available in the field. If one area is no longer a good fit there is another path available.**

**Q: What are your plans for the future?**

**A: I plan on applying to dosimetry school for the fall of 2019. I have had a desire to do cancer treatments since I lost my grandmother to pancreatic cancer.**

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## Winners 2018

### Essay Winners



### Technologist

#### First Place



**Don Hessel, Research Medical Center, "Spectral and Dual Energy Imaging— A Gem of an Idea"**

#### Second Place



**Benjamin Morris, Cox Health Medical Center, "Frontline Leadership During Hospital Consolidation"**

#### Third Place



**Amanda Doneski, Southwest Baptist University, "Transition from Technologist to Educator"**

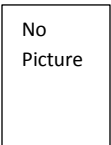
### Student

#### First Place



**Chloe Kent, Research Medical Center, "Advances in Biplanar X-ray"**

#### Second Place



**Kerrigan Adwell, Hillyard, "Fetal MRI"**

#### Third Place



**Kathleen Bennefeld, Hillyard, "Agricultural Advancements using Radiation Techniques"**

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## Scientific Display Winners

### Technologist

#### First Place



**Janet Akers-Montgomery, MET R.T. (R), “Contrast Enhanced Mammography”**

### Student

#### First Place



**LeeAnne Widener, Rolla Technical Center, “Forensic Radiography”**

#### Second Place



**Christine Wilson, St. Luke’s School of Radiologic Technology, “Radiation Hormesis”**

#### Third Place



**Linsey Walker, St. Louis Community College—Forest Park, “Imaging Esophageal Cancer”**

### Honorable Mention



**Mallory Warren, Rolla Technical Center, “A New Contrast Agent”**



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## Scholarship Winners

### Technologist



**Carla Allen, Med R.T. (R)**

### Student

#### Henry Y. Cashion Memorial Scholarship Award



**Nathan Long, State Technical College (Linn)**

#### Robert A. Feldhaus Memorial Scholarship Award



**Denver Britton, Rolla Technical Center**

#### Stephanie A. Whisler Memorial Scholarship Award



**Tonnica Tummons, Cox College**

### Student Intern Award

#### Henry Y. Cashion Student Intern Award



**Nathan Long, State Technical College (Linn)**

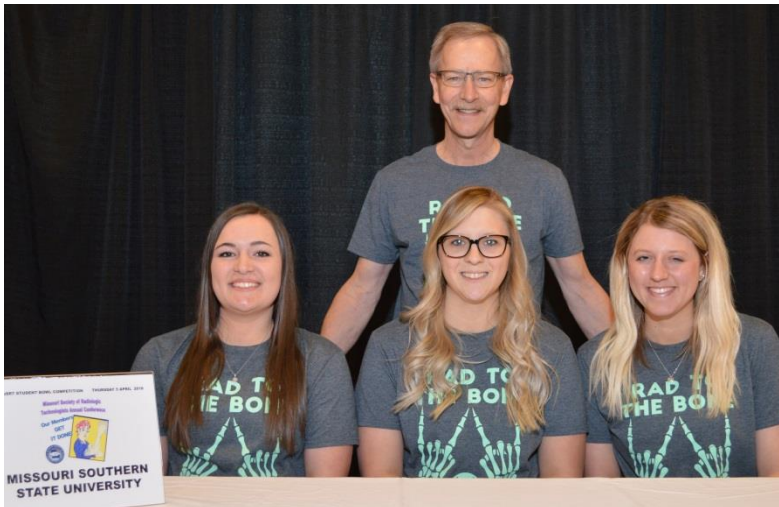
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## Student Quiz Bowl Winners

### First Place

**Missouri Southern State University**



**Reagan Smith  
Kayla Jenison (Captain)  
Courtney Cook**

**Coach Alan Schiska**

### Second Place

**State Technical College (Linn)**



**Nathan Long (Captain)  
Melani Hamlet  
Kaitlin Brauner (Peters)**

**Coach Vicki Johnson**

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## Third Place

### Research Medical Center



**Chloe Kent**  
**Kiriana Speciale (Captain)**  
**Susanna Bedford**  
**Jake Worley**  
**Mark Reynolds**

**Coach Don Hessel**

## Fourth Place

### State Fair Community College



**Sarah Loomis**  
**Brittany Reinwald (Captain)**  
**Chris Lemoine**  
**Devin Litton**

**Coach April Young**

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**Ulysses D. Murray Lecturer**  
**Janet Akers-Montgomery, MET R.T. (R)**

**MoSRT Award of Excellence**  
**Tim Hill R.T. (R)**



## **MoSRT 2018 Fellows**

**Right to left: Coretta Schroer,  
Dean Brake, Benjamin Morris,  
Barbara Hente, Norman Hente,  
Janet Akers-Montgomery, Dr.  
Michael Ward, Martin G. Henson**

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**MoSRT Life Member**  
**Kelley McDonald, MS, RDMS, R.T. (R), FMoSRT**

**MoSRT Honorary Member**  
**Cathy Kukec R.T. (R) (M) (QM)**



# MoSRT News

## A new way to recognize graduating Radiologic Technology Students

The MoSRT Board recognizes the level of time, effort, money and emotional support that is required to prepare students to enter the medical imaging workforce. This year, we would like to start a new tradition of honoring these new technologists. Missouri students are going out into a world that is severely unaware of the extent of the knowledge and professionalism that these students have acquired over the course of their education. This is reflected in the fact that we are 1 of 5 states that has no licensure requirement for technologists. Our students deserve recognition for their achievements and the people of our state deserve clinically competent imaging professionals that deliver high quality with safe practices. To celebrate our students and address this issue of awareness, The Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists has prepared a draft of a news release that students can submit to their local papers. Please review this document and consider sending it home with your students. I know that each of us understands how much effort goes into creating every single technologist that graduates. It is only appropriate that public awareness begin to shift toward this understanding as well. Thank you.

Regards,

Jeremy Simmons, BS RT(R)(CT)(MR)

Marketing Chair

Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists

### MoSRT New Graduate News Release

*Replace the highlighted areas with your personal information, and send this release, along with a picture to your hometown newspaper.*

Congratulations to **Student Name**, **daughter/son** of **Parent(s) Names**, who is graduating from **College/University Name** with a **Bachelor's/Associate** degree in **Degree** and a minor in **Minor** this **May (or other date)**. The Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists (MoSRT) applauds **Student Name** for **his/her** hard work and dedication to **his/her** degree. **Student Name** will be able to provide high quality healthcare anywhere in Missouri because of **his/her** education. Unfortunately, high quality medical imaging isn't always guaranteed to Missouri residents. In fact, Missouri is one of only 5 states in the nation that doesn't require any education or license to perform radiology exams, so Missouri residents can't be always be certain that medical employees are accurately and safely performing X-rays. Isn't it time we tell our legislators in Jefferson City that we want trained professionals taking care of us?

The MoSRT has been working to ensure that Missouri residents get the high quality health care they deserve. We have two bills currently up for consideration in the House and Senate. The first is HB 2468 sponsored by Representative Kathy Swan and the second is SB 926 sponsored by Senator Jeanie Riddle. Contact your legislators asking for their support of these vital bills. Everyone from new graduates to the recently retired can benefit from this legislation. Speak up now!