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Letter from the MSRT President

What an unusual year 2020 has been...and it's not over yet!

Resilience. When I think of a word to describe the graduates of the Class of 2020, resilience is the word that describes them best. With classes uprooted in the midst of preparing for ARRT board exams, end of semester stress, and job searches, the Class of 2020 had to overcome hurdles many of us have never experienced in our own educational careers. The ASRT provided many resources to support our educational programs and students. As a “thank you,” I would encourage each graduate to become, or remain, active in the ASRT. Additionally, I would ask that you also remain active in the MSRT. The future of our profession in our state is dependent on support from our technologists. Imagine how the influence could increase with every graduate in the state remaining membership! Even more than membership, being active as a volunteer and advocate for our profession is extremely rewarding. Please contact any member of the MSRT Board of Directors and they will happily assist you in getting involved. Professional membership at the state and national levels can provide wonderful professional opportunities and contacts as you begin your career as an imaging professional.

Commitment. When I think of a word to describe the technologists of our state, commitment is the word that describes them best. The imaging professionals of our state are on the front lines of this pandemic as the eyes of the treatment needs for our patients. We are the ones going into every single patient room for the chest x-ray, the ones diligently cleaning the scanners after imaging a suspected COVID-19 patient, the ones contacting with the radiologists for protocols to ensure we get the images and views they need. All of our modalities are involved on every single level of care. As our state is one of the leading hot-spots for COVID-19 in the nation, our technologists' commitment to quality care has shone a bright light on the importance of our profession. As a society, this gives us a prime opportunity to advocate for our profession on a legislative level. I would encourage everyone to write your state legislator to let them know the importance of our profession and the role of imaging for the citizens of Mississippi during this unusual time.

Hope. When I think of a word to describe the future of our society and profession, hope is the word that describes it best. While I share in the disappointments of this year, I am hopeful for what is possible for the future. I hope that you will all continue to support the MSRT Board of Directors as we have had to make some difficult decisions in the last several months. I hope for continued strong support of the ASRT as one of our own, Dr. Kristi Moore, moves into the position of President Elect. I hope for the next scheduled conference to be our largest, most educational, and most successful one yet. I hope for excitement and pride for our profession to build in each of our members, so we all encourage others to join our society.

You do amazing things for our profession. We can do even more together. Stay healthy and safe.

Best,

Asher Street, DHA, RT(R)(MR), MRSO

MSRT President



MSRT Affiliate Delegate Report

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the ASRT House of Delegates Annual Meeting scheduled for June 25-28, 2020 was cancelled. However, a virtual meeting was held on June 27th. Both Mississippi Affiliate Delegates attended this meeting via the Zoom platform. The ASRT decided that only the necessary business of the House would be conducted with all other business tabled until the 2021 Annual Meeting.

The virtual meeting was called to order at 10:00 am central time. Following introductions and speaker remarks, the credentials report was given and a check of the online voting system was performed. ASRT President Stephanie Johnston presented the ASRT Annual Report and election results. The MSRT is proud that one of its own, Kristi Moore, who was elected to the office of President-elect. She will assume the office of President at next year's meeting.

The floor was then opened for nominations for Speaker and Vice-Speaker of the House of Delegates. Joe Whitton, who was serving as Speaker, and Dan DeMaio who was serving as Vice Speaker, were nominated again for these positions and ran unopposed. They both were elected by acclamation.

Chair of the ASRT Board, Melissa Jackowski, announced those ASRT members elevated to Fellow and those awarded life membership to the organization. She also announced the award winners for scholarly work and advocacy. Following adjournment of the virtual business meeting, Dr. Jackowski presided over the installation of officers and the meeting was concluded.

As delegates, we of course were disappointed not to have the traditional meeting; however, we were happy and grateful to be given the opportunity to serve the MSRT and its members. Thank you for your trust and support. We pray everyone stays safe and well!

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Ketchum
John Melvin
MSRT Affiliate Delegates

2020 Class of

CONGRATULATIONS!

RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY GRADUATES OF 2020

ALTHOUGH YOUR LAST SEMESTER OF SCHOOL DIDN'T GO QUITE AS PLANNED AND MOST OF YOU WERE UNABLE TO HAVE THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATION CEREMONY YOU LOOKED FORWARD TO FOR SO LONG, YOUR MSRT BOARD OF DIRECTORS WISHES YOU SUCCESS IN EVERYTHING YOU DO AND WE ARE PROUD OF ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK; ESPECIALLY THE WAY YOU HAD TO ADAPT TO THINGS TOWARD THE END OF YOUR SCHOOL YEAR.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2020 AND BEST OF LUCK!

DON'T *ever* BE AFRAID
TO DREAM TOO BIG

• NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE •

IF YOU

BELIEVE *in* YOURSELF
YOU CAN ACHIEVE IT.

-Nastia Liukin



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Front row L-R: Cherish Canton, Daneshia Powell, Jordan King, Haylee Smith, Jessie Case, Mikaylan Seago, Brena Dee Ray
Back row L-R: Scott Harvey, Kelly King, Madison Whitaker, Erin Coleman, Kelly Gagliano, Shelby Coleman



Hinds Community College



In no particular order: Alexis Frederick, Allyson Sykes, Brady Smith, Brennan Boteler, Cassi Shelby, Chance Keenan, Chelsea Copeland, Emily Moran, Grace Berry, Hannah Emerson, Johnny Thomson, Kasey Kimery, Kris Williams, Maggie Warren, Micaiah Tillman, Nikki Perry, Raeann Jones, Taylor Ballard, Will Houston
(Not pictured:) Jesslyn Fancher



Itawamba Community College



Front row L-R: LaShay Boshers, Bethany Flurry, Madeline Chunn, Malory Hughes, Brittani Shettles, Taylor Johnson, Hailey Landry, Carlee Glenn
Back row L-R: Michael Ross, Tristan Vierheller, Madison Horton, Allison Peterson, Colton Watkins, Carlin Hawkins
(Not pictured:) Savannah Moore



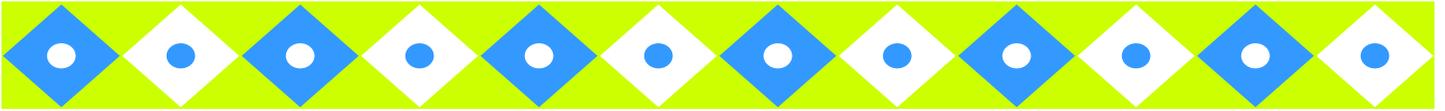
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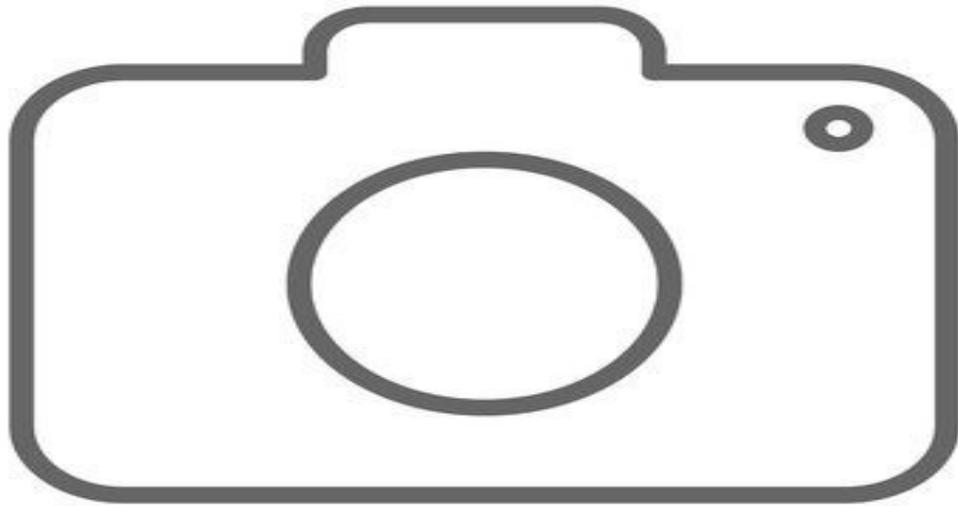
Top row L-R: Shelby Barrett, Elizabeth Eason, Emily McLaurin, Amber Moore

Middle row L-R: Brett Bounds, Kelly Odom

Bottom row L-R: Taylor Bryant, Katelyn Graham, Sara Sadler, Kristiona Williams



Mississippi Delta Community College



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Brooks Goetzinger, Ana Grimaldo, Marlaina Heigle, Mamie Hollenhead, Mary Kathryn Ola, Katelyn Ross, Taneeka Ross, Kristin Russell, Ally Sluder, Jean Tackett, Jessica Tackett, Avery Thornton, Callie Tucker, Royshondra Wilson



Pearl River Community College



Starting from bottom row L-R: Madison Barrett, Alexis Hale, Abbie Cochran, Emily Daniels, Lauren Pitts, Erica Robertson, Krystal Herrin, Colton Alvis, Andrew Hutchins, Shelby Morrison, Jared Smith, Brandon Helmke
Rishad Haynes (not pictured)

University of Mississippi Medical Center



Front row L-R: Mallory Myers, Callie Shepherd, Courtney Turner, Ellie Williams

2nd row L-R: Lexie Reeves, Alexa Stamey, Hannah Stovall, Hope Metz

3rd row L-R: Jennifer Pruden, Michele Husbands, Julia Mansfield, Torey Daniels, Mekayla Rainey

4th row L-R: Lizzy Lloyd, Rebekah Roberson, Andrew Hulbert, Matthew Collum, Alex Martin, Skylar Blades

5th row L-R: John Bariola, Chase Keenan, Emily Griffing, Lucas Smith, Markel Gladney



MISSISSIPPI SOCIETY OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS

Membership Application

Members will receive an automated email prompting online renewal. If you have not submitted payment within 30 days of the due date, your name will be removed from the membership roster.

Annual Membership Fees	
Student (1 year)	\$10.00 (USD)
RT (Active Membership) (1 year)	\$30.00 (USD)
Associate Membership (1 year)	\$35.00 (USD)

Please make checks or money order **payable to MSRT** and mail to:
 Mandy Pearson
 MSRT Executive Secretary
 1914 Hwy 15 South
 Ovet, MS 39464

Preferred membership and/or renewal is online. However, this form is accepted. Complete the following form and return with payment.
[\(Click here\)](#) to be directed to the online renewal page.)

MSRT Member #: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone #: (____) _____ - _____

Email: _____

MSRT is now only sending the BEAM electronically, so it is essential to provide us with an email address.

Check one: Student Associate ARRT certified

If applying as a student, please give the name of the Radiologic Technology program you are enrolled in.

School: _____

ARRT certified technologists: Please provide the following information: ARRT# _____

Primary Modality (Please circle)

Radiography	Education	Sonography	CT	MRI
Bone densitometry	CIT	Mammography	Dosimetry	Radiation Therapy
Nuclear Medicine	Quality Management	Military	Management	RA
RPA				



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Change of Information or Address Form

MSRT Member #: _____

Name: _____

Old Information:

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** ____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone #: (____) _____ - _____

Email: _____

New Information:

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** ____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone #: (____) _____ - _____

Email: _____

This form can either be mailed or returned via email to the following

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Letter from the Editor

Hello everyone! Wow, it's crazy to think that summer is about over! I hope everyone had a good one despite all the craziness with the pandemic.

Although this edition was cut short due to Capital Day and ASRT's Annual Conference being cancelled because of the coronavirus, I hope you all enjoyed this edition. Congratulations again to all of the graduates of our programs across the state. Like Asher said, it is very important to retain your membership, as we always appreciate the support and would love for you to stay involved and volunteer!

It hurts so much to know that MSRT's Annual Conference had to be cancelled this year also, but please know it was not an easy decision for the Board of Directors. We miss you all and can not wait until we are able to reunited at our next conference. In the meantime; stay healthy, continue to work hard (it does not go unnoticed, I promise), and we will see you soon.

Thank you for your continued support of the MSRT and thank you for being some of the best Radiologic Technologists.

Adrian Brewer, R.T.(R)