

*When you become TXSRT President, what will you advocate for, and what will you implement?*

As President of the TXSRT, there is an opportunity to make cardinal changes. My main priority upon becoming President lies in increasing the TXSRT student involvement. Advocating for an increase in student involvement is the best way to strengthen the TXSRT because we are creating new leaders for the foreseeable future.

Beyond our American Radiologic Technologist students, there are International Students as well. As an international student, I understand how it feels to read about an opportunity and feel disappointed that it does not or may not apply to you. International students are somewhat overlooked because it is harder for them to accept opportunities due to government guidelines. Whether that is for an internship or a job, without the proper documentation, they are not allowed to participate. In order to take part in these internship programs hosted by the TXSRT, the documentation process had to have been started at least six months before the program. However, if you do not know whether or not selection has been made, you cannot apply for the documents. As President of the TXSRT I would implement a program that allows five students to participate in a paid internship that is structured to fall within the acceptable international student guidelines. In this program, both American and International students are afforded the opportunity to participate in an internship that can propel their career, but without stipulations and waiting factors. As TXSRT President, I will ensure that the entire organization is familiar with all the necessary information required to include all student bodies on opportunities made within the society.

Another initiative that I would implement is a shadowing initiative called 'Learning to be a Leader'. This 3-week program would allow one student to shadow one member of the TXSRT executive committee for a week. Throughout the program, the students would rotate between the President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer to learn the details of being in that position and what it takes to excel in that job. Each student will have the opportunity to experience each post for at least one week, and at the end of the week, the student will rotate with another student. This program will be a three-week long commitment at the beginning of the semester. By placing this program at the beginning of the semester the student has a fresh mindset before the semester begins. It will also equip the chosen students with tools and strategies they can use in their everyday lives and share with their classmates.

Finally, my last execution as President is installing TXSRT Chapters within universities. It is not uncommon to join TXSRT because your professors have made it a requirement, but I think it is imperative to understand the history and purpose of the TXSRT Organization. The students in our Radiology Program are our future. They are the ones who will soon be our Presidents and Vice Presidents, but they cannot lead an organization without ensuring that they agree with everything the organization stands for. By installing TXSRT chapters within the universities, it is also a way to keep the students updated as to changes and events that are occurring. As more students join, they will bring their friends and expand the chapters at their university. Expanding the chapters at their university will expand the TXSRT society student body and bring higher numbers to events such as our annual conference.

Overall, I believe that the TXSRT is a thriving organization, but it has the potential to be better, and the best way to do that is through numbers. My main goal as President is to increase

the student involvement because with this growth other crucial factors such as revenue and reputation amongst other societies will also flourish. This can allow us more opportunities such as conferences multiple times a year and possibly more recruitment opportunities. As President of the TXSRT, these are the implementations that I would to start with and I have no doubt that they will serve as positive attributes to this society.