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The Next TSRT Board
Meeting will be January
26th via a conference call.
It will be the Annual
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number to call in is:
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Stephanie Johnston, ASRT President and
Texas Native, attended this year's RSNA in Chicago, IL .
Stephanie is a manager of a Breast Center in Wichita Fall, Texas



ANNUAL MEETING PREPARATION

The TSRT Board has traveled to San Antonio in August, and on December 7th to prepare for the 88th Annual Meeting and Educational Symposium scheduled for April 2-4th, 2020. This year's annual meeting will be held at the St. Philip's College 1801 Martin Luther King Dr. San Antonio, Texas. Our signature hotel will be at the Wyndham Garden San Antonio Riverwalk/ Museum Reach, 103 9th Street San Antonio, Texas. Check our website for specials for reserving a room. There will be other hotel suggestions and things to do while in San Antonio listed on our website. This year's Thursday Evening Event on April 2, 2019 will be held at the Wyndham Garden Riverwalk. Preparations for the event our underway. The Award's Gala will be held at St. Philip's College following the symposium's agenda on Friday April 3, 2019. We look forward to another successful year at the annual meeting!



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TEXAS SOCIETY OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS, INC.

Holiday Greetings– Brandon Smith, Board Chair

Tis the Season to be RAD!

In this wonderful season of benevolence, the Texas Society of Radiologic Technologists Inc. (TSRT) would like to reflect on the remarkable value we, the medical imaging professionals and radiation therapists, contribute to our communities. The gift of professionalism is realized in our radiant personalities when engaging our patients, empathy demonstrated when delivering care, and prudence when performing procedures. We understand the responsibility of our roles within our integrated health care teams; to which we acknowledge with conviction and accountability.

This year has been filled with monumental changes and challenges. The radiologist assistant credential gained recognition nationally through the CMS and in Texas through the Texas Medical Board, we battled and continue to battle encroachment, and medical imaging professions and radiation therapists continue to strive for greater heights. The TSRT has been diligently working on progressive goals centered on our organizational structure and effectiveness: reviewing and proposing changes to our Bylaws, updating our operating Guidebook with the Standing Rules, and improving our volunteer engagement programs for our professionals and students.

As we transition out of 2019 into 2020, continue to take charge and employ an active role in your profession personally and communally. Revisit your local, state, and national organizations to reevaluate the opportunities and benefits of being an advocate. Your talents and time are the ultimate gift to our future and position beyond state lines. Amplify your voice through the 2020 Nominations for the TSRT Executive Board Officers, nominate colleagues for affiliate Honors and Awards, and exercise your vote in your upcoming local, TSRT, and ASRT Elections. The power of change is within each of us!

The theme for the TSRT 2020 is **“Beyond the Latent Image.”** This call to action focuses on our awareness of the latent image (the misunderstood or misrepresented aspects of our profession) and our duty to developing the manifest image (articulating and advocating for who we are, what we do, and how/why we do). We hope to see you in **San Antonio, Texas April 2 -4, 2020** as we reconvene with new and old friends once again, encourage the fervent enthusiasm of our students through competition and mentorship, and collaborating with our community partners in support of our profession. During this holiday season, never neglect the person behind the professional. Appreciate and take advantage of the time with your friends and family, continue to be the difference in creating an exceptional patient experience, and always take a moment to be RAD! Happiest Holidays from the TSRT and the Executive Board!



Rad Regards,

Brandon A. Smith

Brandon A. Smith, Board Chairman
Texas Society of Radiologic Technologists
Inc.



Meet the ASRT Candidates Running for Office in the State of Texas

Elections Start February 18th and ends March 10th, 2020– Here is the web link to the ASRT Elections Homepage:
<https://www.asrt.org/main/about-asrt/asrt-governance/election>



ASRT TREASURER CANDIDATE

Brandon Smith, M.B.A., M.S.R.S., R.T.(R)(VI)
Houston, Texas

Radiology Applications Trainer, Educational Services - Customer Excellence
GE Healthcare
Houston, Texas

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- Member, ASRT Committee on R.T. Advocacy Region 3 Subcommittee, 2016-2017
- Member, ASRT Committee on R.T. Advocacy Region 3 Subcommittee, 2017-2018
- Participant, ASRT Online Advocacy Academy, 2018
- President, Texas Society of Radiologic Technologists Inc., 2018-2019
- Delegate, Texas Society of Radiologic Technologists Inc., 2018-2019
- Member, ASRT Committee on Bylaws, 2018-2019
- Attendee, ASRT Leadership Academy, 2019
- Chairman of the Board, Texas Society of Radiologic Technologists Inc., 2019-2020
- Delegate, Texas Society of Radiologic Technologists Inc., 2019-2020
- Member, ASRT Commission, 2019-2020



EDUCATION CANDIDATE

Kevin R. Clark, Ed.D., R.T.(R)(QM)
Houston, Texas

Associate Program Director, School of Health Professions
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
Houston, Texas

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- Member, ASRT *Scanner* Editorial Advisory Panel, 2015-2016
- Member, ASRT Committee on R.T. Advocacy Region 3 Subcommittee, 2016-2017
- Attendee, ASRT Leadership Academy, 2017
- Member, ASRT *Radiologic Technology* Editorial Review Board, 2017-present
- Attendee, ASRT Educator's Institute, 2019
- Mentor, ASRT Student Leadership Development Program, 2019
- Principal Investigator, ASRT Foundation Research Grant, 2019
- Member, ASRT Foundation Research Grants Advisory Panel, 2019-present
- Member, ASRT Committee on R.T. Advocacy Region 3 Subcommittee, 2019-2020



REGISTERED RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANT CANDIDATE

Victoria L. Sanders, M.S.R.S., R.R.A., R.T.(R)(CV)(CT)
Wichita Falls, Texas

Associate Professor/Clinical Coordinator, Radiologic Sciences
Midwestern State University
Wichita Falls, Texas

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- Member, ASRT Radiologist Assistant Curriculum Committee, 2014
- Delegate, ASRT Practice Standards Council Radiologist Assistant Subcommittee, 2014-2016
- Chairman, ASRT Registered Radiologist Assistant Chapter, 2015-2016
- Chairman, ASRT Committee on R.T. Advocacy Region 3 Subcommittee, 2016-2019
- Chairman and Delegate, ASRT Cardiac Interventional and Vascular Interventional Technology Chapter, 2017-2018
- Member, ASRT Practice Standards Council Radiologist Assistant Subcommittee, 2017-2018

Military Delegate Candidates



MILITARY CANDIDATE

Paul Ellis, MCPM, R.T.(R)(CT), RDMS
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

Air Force Service Lead, METC Radiography Training Program
Air Force
San Antonio, Texas

[Position Statement](#)

I have served as a diagnostic imaging technologist for 20 years in the U.S. Air Force. I have had the pleasure to work all over the world, throughout the east to west coast, to the Pacific Region and in the islands and continent of Europe. I have deployed twice, once as a diagnostic imaging tech and computed tomography technologist and again as a DI/CT Tech and sonographer at another deployment. Some positions I have held are NCOIC diagnostic imaging, diagnostic ultrasound, phase II instructor at Travis AFB, diagnostic medical sonographer at Keesler AFB, Lajes Field, Azores and Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. I am the AF service lead where I assist the Medical Education and Training Campus providing the best training for 500 soldiers, sailors and airman. I have had the pleasure of serving as a first sergeant council president at two bases and top three board members as well.

I honestly believe in transparency and will ensure that as soon as we know the information that is affecting our chapter that it gets out to everyone along with the reasoning why the second and third order effects of this decision. Also, I will do my best to ensure when this occurs that we provide an avenue for success within these changes.



COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY CANDIDATE

Bailey J. Pope, M.S.R.S., R.T.(R)(CT)
Henrietta, Texas

Radiologic Technologist and CT Technologist, Radiology Department
Wilson N. Jones Regional Medical Center
Sherman, Texas

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[Position Statement](#)

- Member, ASRT Scanner Editorial Advisory Panel, 2018-2019



NTRTS Top 25 Highlights

The 14th Annual Top 25 Award's Luncheon was held at the Fort Worth Club on November 9th 2019. North Texas Radiologic Technologist Society recognizes the Top 25 Radiology Professionals every year with a big award's ceremony during National Radiologic Technologist's Week. Our own TSRT Area Counselor, Jeniesa Johnson, who is also the NTRTS Business Manager, she is the co-chair of the Top 25. Brandon Smith, TSRT Board Chair spoke at this year's event. TSRT Website and Facebook Administrator, Dr. Timothy Blackburn, received the Living Legend Award. Our lobbyist Adam Burklund was the keynote speaker. The Top 25 has been recognized with ASRT nationally as being one of the Top 10 things to do during National Radiologic Technologist Week.



Jeniesa Johnson on Right, NTRTS CO-Business Manager and Top 25 Chair. Jeniesa is also our TSRT Area Counselor.



Brandon Smith RT, UTSW meets Brandon Smith RT
TSRT Board Chair



NTRTS Living Legend 2019 Dr. Timothy Blackburn



Third Annual West Texas Radiology and Mammography Seminar El Paso, 2019

The Third Annual West Texas Radiology and Mammography Seminar was held on October 27th at the Southwest University, 1414 Geronimo El Paso, Texas. Lunch was Catered by Soul Train for Lunch and was a complete success! The West Texas Region is working on becoming an Affiliate Subordinate Society. We look forward to many more years of successful seminars in El Paso. As the Executive Office Manager I have traveled to El Paso the past two years for their West Texas Seminar, and I really enjoy the area and the radiology professionals in El Paso are exceptional.

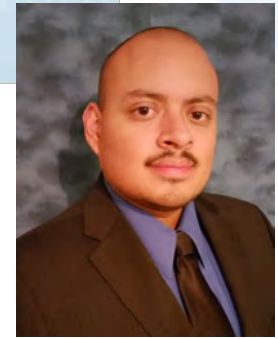


Charles Ross
with Konica Minolta



DiagnosTemps
Exhibitor Booth

TSRT Vice President Jose Rodriguez Writes Heartfelt Account of this Summer's Tragedy in El Paso



Jose Rodriguez BSRS, RT(R)(CT)(QM),CRA
TSRT Vice President

On August 3, 2019 El Paso had a mass casualty shooting. The injured were taken to the hospital in which our TSRT Vice President was the Director of Imaging Services. Jose Rodriguez wrote a story of his experience directing the triage at his facility.

Thank you to the silent heroes by Jose Rodriguez

As I sit here at work contemplating the events that unfolded in my established home of El Paso Texas I can't help but express a slew of emotions from anger to sadness and from disdain in humanity to pride in this community. But today in the wake of recovery I don't want to express my anger and disdain for what happened, I instead wanted to take a moment to share with each of you how proud I am right now to call myself an El Pasoan and how proud I am to be a radiographer.

El Paso is an amazing community that has always been a friendly family oriented group regardless of the borders that surround us. Between Texas, New Mexico, and Juarez this community gravitates towards the sense of unity and partnership. After the tragic events that occurred, it was this sense of unity that rose above the devastation which made me proud to be an El Pasoan. Floods of people began lining up to donate blood and offer services to the victims and their families and businesses offered free services and covered funeral costs. Businesses also rushed in to offer assistance to first responders and law enforcement without ever being asked to do so.

Once the events hit national news I began receiving text messages and social media messages from friends all around Texas that are not blood relatives. The caring and compassion of these individuals made me realize that this is not only El Paso hospitality, but Texas hospitality. El Paso in many ways is disconnected from the rest of Texas simply because of the vast distance to the rest of the state, but today I have never felt closer. With the outreach of hospitality and the statements made from state officials I now more than ever feel like a Texan. Regardless of the intent of the individuals involved, what I've seen is an overabundance of compassion and care from this wonderful city in this amazing state within this great nation.

Lastly I wanted to take a moment to recognize the silent heroes. As the reports come out there are very many individuals who stepped up to protect everyone they could including children and innocent bystanders. The first responders and officers were commendable with their coordination and cooperation to end the situation as swiftly and safely as possible. However, I'm talking about the unspoken medical personnel who rallied to provide amazing care for those impacted by this tragedy; the ones that you don't hear about on the news and the ones that you don't see in front of the cameras. At the same time the alerts went out among officers, those alerts also notified the medical facilities. Thanks to years of emergency preparation and training with coordination from the [BorderRAC](#), the hospitals in the area were immediately ready to respond. Physicians, nurses, aides, and technologists rushed to the hospitals to aid in every way they could. Many of them jumped in without being asked to do so because it was innately a part of what they train for and what they do. The willingness of these silent heroes astounded me as many of them were at the hospital and ready to go on their day off before the victims arrived.

As registered radiologic technologists in a post 9-11 and post Hurricane Katrina era, we have trained for the worst situations in order to be at our best and I'm truly amazed at how well this training and education showed amidst this devastation. I watched medical imaging professionals of all modalities coordinate their efforts with all allied health professionals to provide rapid, efficient, and quality care to the victims. To all my fellow technologists out there we know that we will never receive the recognition that the surgeons and nurses do, but we also know how vitally important our roles are. We are the eyes of the medical community and the care given to patients in these horrible instances and the care given on a daily basis is not the same without us. I want to thank the technologists involved this week in El Paso, Gilroy and Dayton for all you do every day even when no one else will. Keep up the amazing work and always stand ready because our training, our expertise, our readiness, our compassion, and our eyes can be needed at any moment.



UTSouthwestern Imaging Services Manager NTRTS Top 25 Advocate

J Alexander, UTSouthwestern Imaging Services Manager in Dallas goes and above to recognize her staff that are Top 25 honorees. J has created a Hall of Fame wall in her office of the past year's recipients. The hospital has a photo day, where a photographer has a photoshoot special to capture that year's Top 25 honorees.



J Alexander pictured on the left, a true advocate for recognizing our Radiology Profession!

Midwestern State University- Wichita Falls, Texas-Unveils New Centennial Health Science Building

Midwestern State University Wichita Falls, Texas opened a new building for their radiology program. The multi-million dollar health science building, the Centennial Hall, Grand Opening was Friday September 6th 2019. It is a 87,000 square foot facility, and 1,100 students are expected to utilize the building each semester.



Marc McAllister, R.T., director of Digital Imaging for Shimadzu Medical Systems, demonstrates how to perform an x-ray in the new Centennial Hall at Midwestern State University.

Lynette Watts, Professor, and past TSRT President Is enjoying the radiology applications on the portable.



TSRT Welcomes Student Interns



Lauren Stevenson is currently attending Texas State University Radiation Therapy Program. She is from Houston, TX originally (moved to Sedona, AZ for 6 years). She is the Be the Match on Campus President at my school (also the founder of the club)- bone marrow registry to find the cure for blood cancers. She graduates in May and hopes to work back in Houston.

Lauren is currently working on starting a student society within TSRT.

Lauren Stevenson

Texas State Radiation Therapy Student
Be the Match President



ASRT Educational Symposium And Annual Governance and House of Delegate Meeting— June 24-28, 2020 Albuquerque, MN



TSRT will be participating in the House of Delegate's Meeting in Albuquerque MN at the Albuquerque Convention Center 401 2nd St. NW Albuquerque, MN. Brandon Smith— Board Chair and Kyle Green— President will be the Delegates from Texas. Jose Rodriguez— Vice President, and Marilu Kameliski— TSRT EOM will be the Alternate Delegates. Every year we send representatives from our state. We participate in the pin exchange nationally, and our officers create pins that we share with all the other affiliates in the country.

Tarrant County College is proud of Barry Bentle's acceptance into the ASRT Student Leadership Program, and TSRT is proud of our student interns too! (Photo above Barry is 4th from the left)



[TCC Radiography Program](#)

January 29 · 🌐

I wanted to share some good news. As you know the ASRT operates a Student Leadership Development Program (SLDP) for radiography program students. Each year, two students from each state are selected to attend and participate in the ASRT's Educational Symposium and Annual Governance and House of Delegates meeting to be held in June 2019 in Orlando. One of the two Texas radiology students selected to attend the 2019 meeting is our own Barry Bentle! Barry is a first-year student assigned to Medical City North Hills. We are proud of Barry and know he will represent TCC and our program very well.

TSRT Welcomes New ODM Chair Carrie Stiles

Carrie Stiles, MBA, CRA, FAHRA, RT(R)(CT) has been appointed as the new ODM for TSRT. She has been in the health care field for 14 years and has experience in CT, MRI, Cardiology, Service Quality/Patient Satisfaction, and Process Improvement. In addition to her work with TSRT, she is also very active in AHRA where she currently serves as editor in chief of *Radiology Management*. She works at Houston Methodist Hospital in the Texas Medical Center.



The new Area Counselor in West Texas is Gerardo "Jerry" Ortiz. Jerry is the Imaging Director at Southwest University in El Paso, Texas.

Student Competition applications will be accepted between January 16th to the deadline February 1, 2020.

Two New TSRT Area Counselors

The new Area Counselor for central Texas, Austin area is Dr. Jennifer Rigsby. Dr. Rigsby is also the Department chair of the Imaging Radiology Program at the Austin Community College Eastview Campus.



TSRT MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the TSRT shall be to advance the Radiologic sciences, to assist in establishing and maintaining high standards of education and training, to elevate the quality of patient care, and to improve the welfare and socioeconomic of Radiologic Science professionals. This mission shall not be restricted by any consideration of nationality, race, color, sex, or creed.