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## OUR PURPOSE

The ISSRT, an affiliate of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT), is the organization dedicated to the Radiologic Science professional, reflecting the concerns and spirit of thousands of Illinois technologists and students. The Illinois State Society of Radiologic Technologists is the professional organization that represents the radiologic sciences in the state of Illinois. The Society's purpose is to ensure that Illinois citizens receive quality patient care provided by competent Radiologic Science Professionals.

## ARRT COVID-UPDATES



ARRT is based in Minnesota, which has issued a stay-at-home order until at least May 18, 2020. Because of that, our staff is working from home and spending limited hours in our office. This hybrid staffing model is designed to maintain safety while carrying out ARRT's essential functions during the pandemic.

You should know:

- We're temporarily extending deadlines for many of our requirements (see Extensions section, below).
- If you call us during this time, please be prepared for longer hold times.
- Because of higher call volumes, we might experience intermittent phone outages during this time.
- **Our primary vehicle for posting updated information is this ARRT COVID-19 Update page..**
- We've begun webinars for Program Directors (see Program Directors/For More Information below).

ARRT Exam Candidates, Program Directors, R.T.s, and R.R.A.s should review the sections below that pertain to them.

Thanks for your patience during this time.

<https://www.arrt.org/pages/covid-19-update>

# President's Corner

Happy Spring! As this is a time in our lives that we will never forget or even dreamed of happening. To those of you on the front-line know that I pray for you and your colleagues every day. Your courage and dedication to your patient is commended. As we read the headlines and listen to the news, we are constantly reminded of what you face every second. Thanks for all you have and will give in the days to come.

Since the 2020 Annual Conference was cancelled, I was not able to meet and greet you. Know that I as well as the entire Board are working hard for you and all Technologists in Illinois. We are planning a two-day meeting in July where we hope to make many plans for the future. Some of the topics we will be discussing are the 2020 Annual Conference, Regional Seminars, Membership, Investments, and our newest committee National Radiologic Technology Week. Stay tuned for those activities. You will not want to miss a day of that.

As your new president I want you to know that at anytime you can reach out to me with anything you feel that you and I need to discuss. I am open for new ideas and ready to hear what we can even do better. I want to thank all of those individuals who have volunteered to chair our committees they are committed to making the ISSRT more vibrant than it already is. I also thank you for being apart of our state's professional society. Until our paths cross again, keep the faith and knowing we are making a difference.

Pat Murphy, President ISSRT



## ISSRT 86th ANNUAL CONFERENCE INFO

Planning for the 2021 ISSRT Annual Conference is underway and it promises to have all the fun and educational opportunities you've come to expect. There will be dynamic speakers, the Wednesday night mixer, boat loads of CEs, and networking opportunities galore! And let's not forget the knock-down, drag-out students' ePoster, Scientific Paper, Scholar Bowl and Registry Review competitions, do you love to see those students break-out into a cold sweat as much as I do? We will have more details in the upcoming newsletter so stay tuned.

### ASRT SAFETY FIRST - CANON MEDICAL

Submitted by Cathie Kukec

Receive up to \$7,000 to implement or improve safety initiatives at your workplace.



Canon Medical Systems has partnered with the ASRT Foundation to offer Safety FiRST® grants. This program offers two ASRT members up to \$7,000 each to implement or improve safety initiatives at their facilities. Examples of safety initiatives include:

- Upgrading protective equipment for technologists.
- Installing patient transfer equipment to prevent workplace injuries.
- Creating and implementing a safety training program.
- Purchasing monitoring systems to measure radiation exposure.
- **Applications are due by July 31, 2020. See ASRT.org for more info.**

## ISSRT 85th ANNUAL CONFERENCE WINNERS

The ISSRT conference may have not happened due to the Coronavirus Pandemic but several students were still awarded scholarship money and prizes for their hard work.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

Elizabeth Bray Winner \$800.00  
Morgan Renee Bennett-Lewistown

Central Region Winner \$500.00  
Kara Stotts-Quincy

Southern Region Winner \$500.00  
Alycia Eagleson -Olney

Northern Region Winner \$500.00  
Joline Morris-Rockford

# **ASRT**

## **COVID-19 Resources for Radiologic Technologists and Students**

ASRT is closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation. The health and safety of our members is our number 1 priority. As such, ASRT encourages its members to take precautions to limit the spread of the disease.

We admire the strength and compassion of all radiologic technologists and health care providers in these difficult times. Thank you for showing up, staying calm and always putting patient care and safety first. ASRT is providing resources to help radiologic technologists and students adapt to this challenge.

ASRT is publishing multiple resources for technologists in regards to legislation happenings

### **NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION DATES**

This newsletter has intentions of a quarterly schedule. Submissions are welcome and can be submitted to the newsletter committee for review at [ISSRT.MEDIA@gmail.com](mailto:ISSRT.MEDIA@gmail.com). Please note not all submissions may be used. Deadlines are as listed in the publication schedule.

SEASON	SUBMISSION DUE BY	RELEASE DATE
WINTER 20	JANUARY 15, 2020	February 1, 2020
SPRING 20	APRIL 15, 2020	MAY 1, 2020
SUMMER 20	JULY 15, 2020	AUGUST 1, 2020
FALL 20	OCTOBER 15, 2020	NOVEMBER 1, 2020

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