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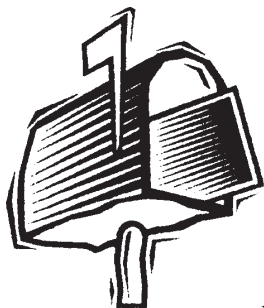
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## *From the president . . .*

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for their participation in the 2011 79<sup>th</sup> Annual MSRT Conference. What a great conference! I hope many of you were lucky enough to have the opportunity to sit in on a few lectures presented by our keynote speaker Ginger Griffin. She is entertaining and informative. What a great combination! Thank you to Dawn McNeil for representing the ASRT at our conference, presenting lectures, and judging our student bowl. We appreciate your time.



We have some great things to look forward to in the upcoming year. The Consistency, Accuracy, Responsibility and Excellence (CARE) in Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy bill is due to be introduced any day now in the House of Representatives by Rep. Ed Whitfield (KY). We will need to work together to bring support from each of our representatives. If there was ever a time which could bring this bill into fruition, I believe it is this current environment of heightened medical safety awareness. When you consider the combination of the sensitivity of medical safety with the recent press about radiation overexposure, one can see a perfect opportunity to help the CARE bill succeed. Please contact your representatives and let them know how important this is to you and your patients. The ASRT makes this process very easy. The link to their website is <http://capwiz.com/asrt/home>.

Another exciting aspect of the upcoming year is the approach of the 80<sup>th</sup> annual MSRT Conference, which will be April 18-21, 2012. I hope you mark your calendar to join us in making this historic conference a wonderful experience for our profession.

I realize we recognized Dr. Michael Ward this year at conference, but I would like to address him here as well! Dr. Ward is now the president of the **International** Society of Radiographers and Radiologic Technologists. This is an amazing accomplishment and the MSRT Board is very proud of him and his accomplishments. Congratulations Dr. Ward!!

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# Congratulations to all these winners from the 2011 MSRT Annual Conference

## Student Bowl Winners

- 1st:** Colorado Technical Center—Nancy Pierce, Rachele Bissett, Kevin Mainard, Alisa Rawlings, Ray Finlan-coach  
**2nd:** Rolla Technical Center—Dana Edwards, Sarah Briceno, Rebecca Hamblin, Jay Wilkinson, Maggie Ogden-coach  
**3rd:** Research Medical Center—Elaine Brady, Alex Bruening, Gina Reed, Aaron Swanson, Don Hessel-coach  
**4th:** St. Luke's Hospital—Mark Stewart, Tracy Hand, Lindsay Lambright, Alicia Stahl, Mary Woolridge-coach

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## Student Essay Winners

- 1st:** **Courtney Bottorff**, Hillyard Technical Center, *MRI and MRSA*  
**2nd:** **Tosha Rose**, Avila University, *Tackling Brain Injuries: How Hard Hits Affect Athletes*  
**3rd:** **Katie Gage**, Missouri Southern, *Breast Screening*  
Hon. Mention: **Melissa Meyer**, University of Missouri, *The Radiographer's Role During an Adverse Contrast Reaction*  
Hon. Mention: **Cory Prindiville**, Avila University, *Antioxidants During the Day Keep the Free Radicals Away*

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## Technologist Essay Winners

- 1st:** **Benjamin Morris**, Skaggs Cancer Center, *The Case Against Professional Licensure*  
**2nd:** **Thaddeus Morris**, CoxHealth, *The Latest and Greatest of CT Technology*  
**3rd:** **Stacy Wilfong**, Mineral Area College, *Obesity*  
Hon. Mention: **Janet Akers**, Jefferson Regional Medical Center, *Heuristic Learning Concepts in Radiologic Education*

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## Student Display Winners

- 1st:** **Marvin J. Nash Sr.**, Rolla Technical Center, *Cardiac CT*  
**2nd:** **Melissa Meyer**, University of Missouri Place, *Craniosynostosis*  
**3rd:** **Kacey Sloan**, Rolla Technical Center, *Smash Em', Don't Slash Em'!*  
Hon. Mention: **Kayleigh Baughn** and **Alicia Stahl**, St. Lukes School of Radiologic Technology, *There's an APP for That*

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## Technologist Display Winners

- 1st:** **Kelley McDonald**, Washburn University, *Are Veins the Answer to the MS Question?*  
**2nd:** **April Young**, Nichols Career Center, *Get Back to the Basics*  
**3rd:** **Benjamin Morris**, Skaggs Cancer Center, *Show Me the Money: Licensure's Impact on RT Wages*  
Hon. Mention: **Mallory Hann**, Hillyard Technical Center, *Get the Lead Out!*

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## Student Scholarship Winners

- Robert A. Feldhaus Memorial Student Scholarship—**Sarah Sanders**, Rolla Technical Center  
MSRT Student Scholarship—**Rebecca Hamblin**, Rolla Technical Center  
Stephanie A. Whisler Memorial Student Scholarship—**Peyton Grider**, Cox Health School of Radiologic Technology

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## Technologist Scholarship Winner

- April Young**, Nichols Career Center



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Front row, from left, Laycie Graves, Jason Young, Glenda Haddock, Donita Shipman, Joan Hedrick, Kristi Littleton, Tammy Homan, Amanda Rogers. Back row, from left, Chuck Eaves, Debra Hurst, Dean Brake, Norman Hente, Kelley McDonald, Darrell Mckay, and Eric Rogers.

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# Laycie Graves named 2011-2012 Henry Y. Cashion Student Intern

My name is Laycie Graves and I currently attend CoxHealth School of Radiologic Technology in Springfield. I grew up in Washington, Mo., and attended Missouri State University before coming to CoxHealth. My goals include graduating from CoxHealth and Missouri State University with my Bachelor of Science degree in Radiography in 2012 and then getting accepted to a specialty program. After finishing my education I hope to work in the Springfield or St. Louis area, but my dream is to work at St. Louis Children's Hospital.

I chose radiography as a career because I believe my true purpose in life is to serve others. I love the thought of going to work each day knowing that I will experience something different than the day before and that I have the potential to make a difference in someone's life. Radiography has always interested me. The idea of being able to look inside the human body in a matter of seconds simply amazes me.

It is also exciting to think about how different our field may be in 20 years with new developments in technology.

I plan to support the MSRT in the future first and foremost by continuing my education. It is extremely important to me to be the best technologist I can possibly be. I will do my very best to stay up to date with new discoveries and will pay close attention to the work of the MSRT. I am honored to be the student intern and look forward to attending MSRT conferences, helping with events and working to get the CARE bill passed. My new position as the student intern will have a great impact on my professional development and will ultimately help me be a better leader and enhance my future career.

I love taking on new challenges and hope that this internship will be a giant step for me in becoming more active in the field of radiography. I will use my experience as the intern to help inform my classmates and future coworkers of the changes in our



**LAYCIE GRAVES**  
CoxHealth School of  
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field. The internship will help me get to know well-respected people in the field of radiography and will set me up for many years of active involvement with the MSRT.



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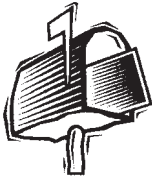
## 2011 STUDENT BOWL 1st-PLACE WINNERS

Congratulations to the team at left from Colorado Technical University, Kansas City, who won first place in the 2011 Student Bowl. Front row, from left, Nancy Pierce, Rachelle Bissett, and Alisa Rawlings. Back row, from left, Coach Ray Finlan and Kevin Mainard.

### Special THANK YOU!

A special THANK YOU to Tammy Homan, Glenda Hyde, Eric Rogers and Donita Shipman for going above and beyond to help with the Student Bowl competition this year!

Also, THANK YOU to Dawn McNeil, Ginger Griffin and Pete Barger for volunteering to be Student Bowl judges. Your help was greatly appreciated!



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