



WYOMING SOCIETY OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS

COWBOY CATHODE

Presidential Address

You may have noticed on this year's ballot, the President Elect position is empty of nominations. I'm going to go out on a limb and assume that folks are resistant because of the amount of responsibility that comes with the roles of being President and Past President. It is a lot to take on in addition to your career and family. As membership involvement has declined, more and more of the responsibility has fallen upon the board members, where they often fall short of achieving their goals.

Since I was elected into this position I have learned that I have a tendency to take on more than I can handle. There has not been a moment in my presidency that I have felt like I am fulfilling my duties in this office. I have often felt overwhelmed by the things we are trying to accomplish and struggle to find the time to work on our goals. I would venture to guess that the other board members feel the same way. The thing is we don't have to. We struggle with our own pride and don't ask for help when we need it when help is there.

I would like to, once again, encourage the membership to be involved. **If you know someone who would make a great board member, talk to them about it and have them contact us.** We will happily help them with their duties. If you possess a skill set that you feel would be helpful, please let us know. You don't have to be a one person committee. The board members will help. Here are some examples of places where the WSRT could use help:

Publications: Carolyn Spranger is taking over the Editor position. The Cathode is always in need of filler material. Articles, interviews, etc. are appreciated.

Annual Conference: If you see or hear a speaker that you think would be great for the WSRT conference, let us know! It can be a daunting task to line up enough speakers for a conference and variety makes for great education. It's also great to have ideas to ramp up the "fun factor" of the conference.

Bylaws and Policies & Procedures: Committee members compare the WSRT documents with those of the ASRT and verify that they are in line with each other.

Ways and Means: Speaking with local healthcare facilities, businesses, chambers and such to help organize donations and raffles.

A lot of the committees can just use some help with research. Verifying credentials, reading about legislation pertaining to imaging, public relations, these are all areas that don't require much time to make a significant impact in the amount of work for the committee. Every little bit helps and makes a difference.

In closing I would like to thank the board and committee members for the work that they have done this year and the work that we will continue to do in the future.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the conference and wish you all the best.

Jerry Rice RT(R)

President Wyoming Society of Radiologic Technologists

Education for Students

The WSRT would like to congratulate and welcome the recent graduates from both of our Wyoming Radiography Programs. We are proud to have the following graduates join us in this wonderful profession; we cannot wait to see where you all go! WAY TO GO!!!

Casper College Class of 2016	Laramie County Community College Class of 2016
Bryan Belus	Cassidy Aguilar
William Cleary	Treva Buller
Chynna Condelario	Kevin Buck
Catherine Cook	Kandace Bussell
Cody Francis	Tanisha Bustos
Kaitlynn Hoff	Mary Dorsett
Carley Jeffers	Nicholias Espinoza
Spencer Larson	Kacee Hansen
Courtney Moyer	Shelynn Laws
Taylor Ruiz	Kelsey Litzel
Chelsie Stack	Rayel Livermont
LeAnn Tuft	Megen Medina
Kylee Vollmar	Cecelia Meketuk
Kodee Williams	Laurel Zeiler
	Nicole Zellner

Casper College has had some recent changes. As we congratulate Laurie Weaver on her retirement as Program Director of the Radiography Program, we welcome Jennifer Harshman as the new Director! Congratulations to both!

Jennifer Harshman M.A, R.T. (R, BD)
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Jenny is a 1998 graduate of the Casper College Radiography Program. She worked as a staff technologist until 2007, when she was hired as a Clinical Instructor for Casper College. She did the clinical coordinating for the MRI and CT programs and was instrumental in creating the Mammography program. Jenny teaches online classes, traditional classes, and has worked with students in the clinical setting. She earned her Bachelor's degree in 2010, and her Master's in Post-Secondary Education from the University of Wyoming in 2014. She was honored with the 2016 Garth Shanklin Adjunct Faculty Teaching Excellence Award for Casper College. Jenny is very excited to be a part of such an awesome profession, and looks forward to meeting everyone!

ONLINE CT REGISTRY REVIEW COURSE AVAILABLE AT LCCC

Considering taking the CT Registry? We have the course for you! LCCC is now enrolling for their CT Registry Review Course for the Fall 2016 semester and registration is open! **RDTK 2950 – Computed Tomography Registry Preparation for the Technologist** is a 3-credit hour class and will officially start on October 24, 2016. It will be offered as an eight-week online course, ending on December 16, 2016.

Other important information about this course:

- 1) This course meets the ARRT structured education eligibility requirements that went into effect after 1/1/16. The course is available to be taken for a grade, Pass/Fail, or Audit (NOTE: If you choose to audit the course, you must still complete at least 75% of the course with a 75% or better if you wish to use this course to meet the ARRT's structured education requirements.)
- 2) This course is totally online, so technologists have the flexibility to complete the coursework without interfering with their normal work hours. The course will cover every content area of the CT Registry and includes practice quizzes and tests over all content. By the end of the course, students will have completed a minimum of 5 Mock CT Registries in preparation for the ARRT certification exam.
- 3) If you have not been a student at LCCC or have not been enrolled in an LCCC course for a while, you may need to go through the admission process and/or be readmitted first so that you can register for the class. The admission process is free, but please allow up to 48 hours from the time you apply to the time that you may be allowed to register.

And a bonus! Because RDTK 2950 is considered a work-ready course, **ALL of the tuition for this course is eligible to be covered by an A.C.T. Now grant**—this includes both in-state, WUE, and out-of- state tuition! The only caveat for receiving these monies is if you already were awarded an A.C.T. Now grant while you were a radiography student, you cannot receive this grant for the CT course. But if you haven't, you are eligible to apply.

So if you were on the fence about registering for the CT course and the cost for the class was holding you back, please contact Jeanine Steel, the A.C.T. Now Grant Coordinator. All of her contact information is below. She can get you into their system fairly quickly and get your tuition paid before the drop for non-payment date. If you have already registered and paid your tuition, you may still contact Jeanine to see about getting these costs covered through the grant.

Jeanine Steele

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We have space for 15 students (and can add more if we need to), but we need at least 10 students registered by the class' start date in order for this class to run, so please feel free to share this information with anyone you know who might be interested—in-state or out-of- state.

To register, simply sign in to your LCCC EaglesEye account and after selecting Fall Semester 2016, and scroll to select the RDTK 2950 course.

Questions? Please contact **Ashleigh Ralls** at 307.778.1292 (aralls@lccc.wy.edu) or **Starla Mason** at 307.778.1391 (smason@lccc.wy.edu).



Wyoming State Board of Radiologic Technologists Examiners

REMINDER: Please renew your Wyoming State License on time!!!! We mail out reminders---but we need correct addresses and for Technologists to renew on time. This is YOUR responsibility as a **Licensed** professional. Failure to receive notice for renewal of license from the board does not excuse a licensee from the requirement for renewal.

The board can be notified by email, written letter or phone. Our web address is <http://plboards.state.wy.us/radiology/index.asp> where all information can be found pertaining to licensure and contact info.

Look for additional information about the WBRTE in future Cathode issues.

The Wyoming State Board of Radiologic Technologist Examiners (Board) would like to remind you that as **licensed** professionals, it is your responsibility to know when your license expires and the requirements for renewal of that license. The Board sends renewal notices no later than thirty (30) days prior to the license expiration date, so it is important that you update the Board office with your correct contact information. **FAILURE TO RECEIVE NOTICE FOR RENEWAL OF LICENSE FROM THE BOARD DOES NOT EXCUSE A LICENSEE FROM THE REQUIREMENT FOR RENEWAL!**

For information on renewal and other licensing requirements, or to find Board contact information, please visit our website at <http://plboards.state.wy.us/radiology/index.asp>.

WSRT 2016 Annual Conference Updates

Special admission pricing for the Buffalo Bill Center of the West Museum

Located directly across the street from the West Park Hospital/Baker Education & Conference Center.

Admission is \$17.00 per person good all for four days from September 15th through the 18th. To qualify just check in at the admissions desk, **tell them that you are with the "Wyoming Society of Radiologic Society"** and state how many members are in your party.

The WSRT board is seeking **volunteers to help with raffle ticket sales**. We would certainly value participants across the entire state to keep our raffle a raging success. Please contact me if you'd like to help.

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David Silvey RT(R)
WSRT Past President

WSRT 2016 Annual Conference Agenda

Notice: All Speakers and Times are Subject to Change Without Notice

Thursday Sept 15th

- 4:00 – 6:00 Registration
- 6:00 – 8:30 WSRT Pre-Conference Board Meeting

Friday Sept 16th

- 7:00 – 9:00 Registration
- 7:45 – 8:00 Opening of the Conference and Announcements
- 8:00 – 8:50 KEYNOTE: Revising Merrill's Atlas
Dr. Philip Ballinger Ph.D., RT(R) – Sponsor: Dr. Alan Mitchell, WSRT
- 9:00 – 9:50 Radiation Dose: Facts, Fiction and How to Explain the Difference
Daniel N. DeMaio M.Ed., RT(R)(CT) – Sponsor: WSRT
- 9:50 – 10:10 Break
- 10:10 – 11:00 Vampires and Radiology
Julie Ostrowski RT(R), ISSRT President – Sponsor: David Silvey
West Park Medical Professional <Pending>
- 11:10 – 12:00 Danielle Opp – Mammo <Pending>
Differential Payment: How to Prepare for Change
Thomas Haskins (HC NAM USA SV CS EDU XP) – Sponsor: Siemens
- 12:00 – 1:20 Lunch & 1st WSRT General Business Session
- 1:30 – 2:20 Conjoined Twins: All Modality Effort
Julie Ostrowski RT(R), ISSRT President – Sponsor: David Silvey
- 2:30 – 3:20 Shielding in CT: An Update for 2016
Daniel N. DeMaio M.Ed., RT(R)(CT) – Sponsor: WSRT
- 3:20 – 3:40 Break
- 3:40 – 4:30 Producing Radiation: Tubes, Circuitry and Rating Charts
Dr. Philip Ballinger Ph.D., RT(R) – Sponsor: Dr. Alan Mitchell, WSRT
HIPAA Hoopla
Julie Ostrowski RT(R), ISSRT President – Sponsor: David Silvey
- 4:30 – 6:00 XR-2029/HR-29 Reimbursement – Sponsor: GE <Pending>
WSRT Student Bowl

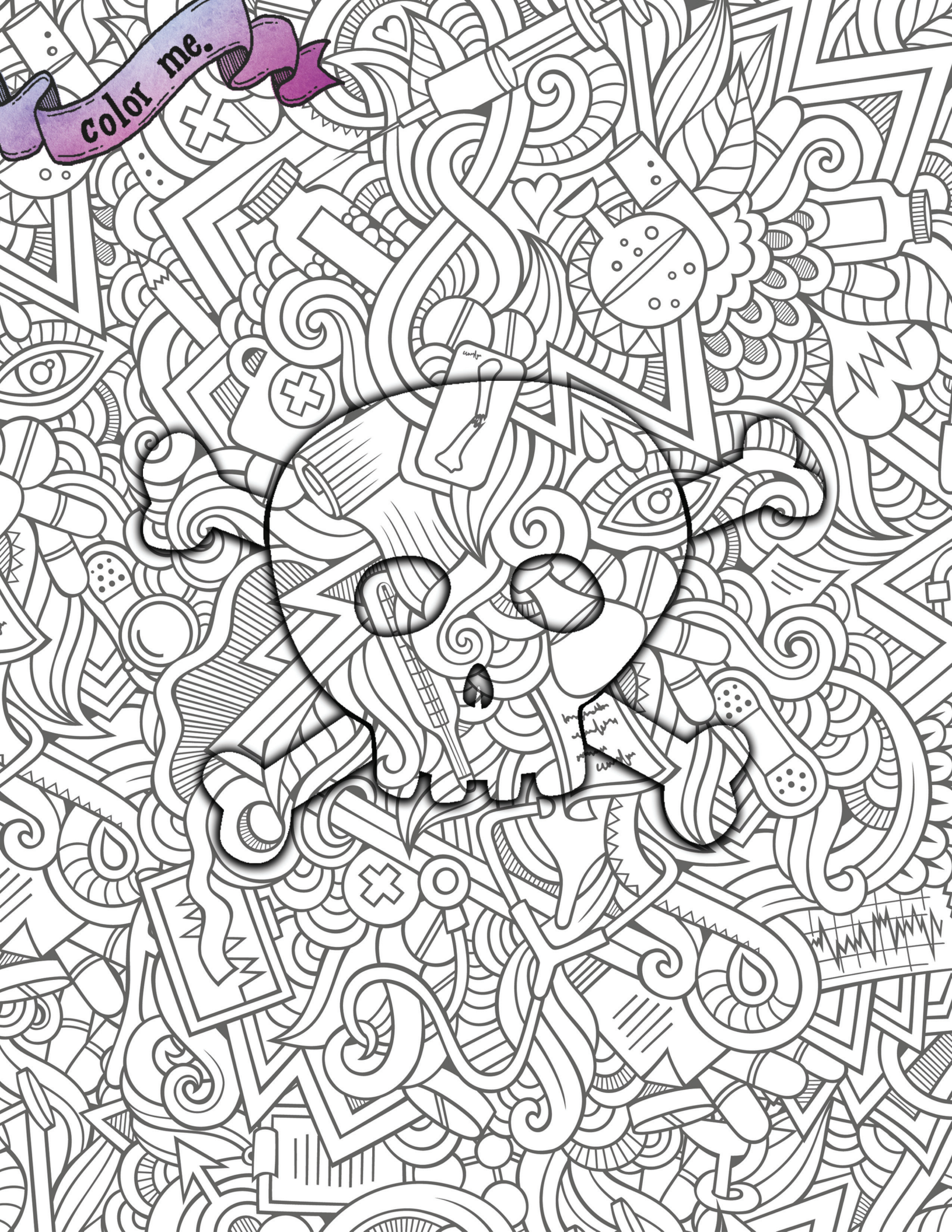
Saturday Sept 17th

7:00 – 9:00	Registration
7:45 – 8:00	Conference Updates and Announcements
8:00 – 8:50	KEYNOTE: The Two Faces of Patient Care Dr. Philip Ballinger Ph.D., RT(R) – Sponsor: Dr. Alan Mitchell, WSRT
9:00 – 9:50	Dose Reduction in CT: Practical Considerations for the Technologist Aaron Ybarra – Sponsor: Siemens <Pending>
9:50 – 10:10	Break
10:10 – 11:00	Necro-Radiology: Imaging the Deceased, a Radiographers Impact Julie Ostrowski RT(R), ISSRT President – Sponsor: David Silvey
11:10 – 12:00	West Park Medical Professional <Pending> Breast Imaging US/Mammo – Ge Rep <Pending>
12:00 – 1:20	Lunch & 2 nd WSRT General Business Session
1:30 – 2:20	Playin' With Digital Equipment and Evaluating Exposure indices Dr. Philip Ballinger Ph.D., RT(R) – Sponsor: Dr. Alan Mitchell, WSRT Patient Care Through the Ages Julie Ostrowski RT(R), ISSRT President – Sponsor: David Silvey
2:30 – 3:20	Demian Kovac – West Park <Pending>
3:20 – 3:40	Break
3:40 – 4:30	Discovering the Secrets of Pompeii through Diagnostic Imaging Julie Ostrowski RT(R), ISSRT President – Sponsor: David Silvey
4:40 – 5:30	<Use if needed>
6:00 – 7:00	Reception
7:00 – 8:00	WSRT Honors Banquet
8:00 – 10:00	Installation of Officers, Awards, and Raffle

Sunday Sept 18th

8:00 – 10:00	WSRT Post-Conference Board Meeting
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Cathode Note: This is still a work in progress as I am awaiting final confirmation and presentation information from a handful of the speakers to secure ASRT CE credentialing. Looking forward to a variety of topics and appreciate what each of our speakers are bringing to the table this year.





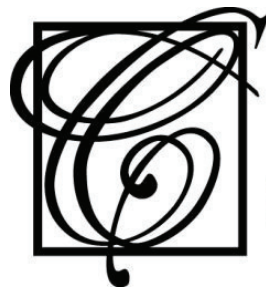
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