

# Image Makers

## Welcome Radiologic Sciences Alumni!

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Welcome NSU Radiologic Sciences Alumni to our first entirely electronic edition of *Image Makers*! As we told you in the spring edition, we have moved to an electronic format of the newsletter. Many of you are already on our Facebook page and will receive notice of the newsletter that way. Others of you can access it from the program website: <http://radiologicsciences.nsula.edu/>. If you know of anyone who is not on Facebook or has not sent us their email address so that we can contact them, please tell them to get in touch with us so that we can add their email address. You can send your email address to [haynesk@nsula.edu](mailto:haynesk@nsula.edu) and we will add that information to our database.

As always, the Department of Radiologic Sciences has been very busy. We were glad to have Joel Hicks join our faculty this fall. His expertise continues to add to the program in a variety of ways.

For the BSRS program, this summer we were proud to have our quiz bowl team win 1<sup>st</sup> place at the LSRT Annual Conference in Baton Rouge. Also, Megan Girod placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Student Scientific Essay competition. We were thrilled with all of these results. In the technologist categories, some of our alumni had success. Elizabeth Nelson (class of 2009) won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Technologist Scientific Essay Competition and Ben Wood (class of 2000 and NSU faculty member) placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Technologist Scientific Exhibit competition. Finally, Kelli Haynes (class of 1995 and NSU faculty member) completed her term as president of LSRT and is now serving on the board as LSRT past president.

Our RT to BSRS program has also been growing. We have had more students enrolled and completing this program than we have in the past. We are excited that we have been able to offer technologists a chance to complete their BS degree completely online so that they can continue to work.

Finally, our MSRS program is continuing to move forward. The program received full approval from the Board of Regents at the October meeting. We have been very pleased with how it has expanded and the excellent students who have chosen to pursue their masters degrees. We will have our first graduates in the summer and fall of 2011.

Please keep in touch with us. We would love to hear from you about what is happening in your life! As always, if I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me ([carwilel@nsula.edu](mailto:carwilel@nsula.edu)).

Hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and Happy New Year!

# Joel Hicks, MSRS, RT(R), New Faculty Member



As the newest member of the NSU Radiologic Science faculty, I would like to introduce myself to both the students and to the alumni. I graduated from the hospital based program at LSU Health Science Center-Shreveport in 1994. After taking a few classes here and there, I decided in 2004 that I wanted to finish my degree. I enrolled in the BSRS program at Northwestern State University. I graduated from the BSRS program in 2006. After talking with Dr. Aaron, I decided to continue my education by enrolling at Midwestern State University in the MSRS program. I finished that program in 2009. I have gone through the process of searching for a doctoral program and have just recently found a program that meets my needs and have begun the process of enrolling in that program.

My work history is almost as varied as my educational history. I began my career working in diagnostic radiography. After spending a year in a mobile x-ray setting, I worked in the emergency room at LSU Health Science Center-Shreveport for the next several years. After this diagnostic experience, I spent a couple of years working in the endoscopy lab at Willis-Knighton Medical Center. After working in the endoscopy lab, I started a new career path in the heart cath lab at Willis-Knighton Medical Center. I worked in the cath lab for 9 years. The last year before joining NSU was spent working in the IT department at Willis-Knighton helping to design and install a new electronic medical record system.

I believe that because of the many areas that I have worked since beginning in 1994, I am able to offer the students perhaps some different perspectives. I also feel that because I have received most of my education as a non-traditional student, I share a bond with these students and a real desire to see these students succeed. Finally, I consider it a real privilege to be able to call the faculty at NSU colleagues. I recently told students in a class to take the time to research the entire faculty in the NSU Radiologic Science department and you will find that these faculty members are some of the most influential in the country. It is an honor to be part of this institution and this program and I hope to be able to add to the tradition that has already begun here at NSU.

## Northwestern Faculty News

Laura Aaron was the principal investigator for Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Equipment to Enhance Training for Health Professionals grant "Enhancing Training Opportunities for Students in a Digital Imaging Environment". Grant awarded: \$200,000.00

Ben Wood (2000)-was awarded first place for the scientific exhibit, "Technologists' Misconceptions about Radiation Protection" at the Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists Annual conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Kelli Welch Haynes (1995)-presented "Professionalism in Geriatric Imaging," "The Geriatric Population," "Imaging the Geriatric Patient" at a conference for the Hong Kong Hospital Authority in Hong Kong, China.

Ben Wood (2000) & Becky Norton Britt (1993)-published the article "Nosocomial pathogens on image receptors" in *Radiologic Technology*.

Tammy Greuter Curtis (1999)-is the Recipient of the Professional Advancement Scholarship, awarded by ASRT Education and Research Foundation and passed the CHES certification.

Joel Hicks (2006) and Becky Britt(1993) published, "Management qualities and their effect on employee satisfaction", part 1 in the *Radiology Management* journal.

Joel Hicks(2006) and Becky Britt(1993) published, "Management qualities and their effect on employee satisfaction", part 2 in the *Radiology Management* journal.

# Graduates on the Go

The Radiologic Sciences Program at NSU is very proud of our graduates. If you have an accomplishment that you would like to share with our alumni, please send it to Kelli Haynes at [haynesk@nsula.edu](mailto:haynesk@nsula.edu)

- Edwenia Brown (2004)-has graduated from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for Nuclear Medicine and she is employed at VA Medical Center in Shreveport. She also passed the CT certification
- Amber Mitchell (2004)-has graduated from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for Nuclear Medicine and she is employed at the VA Medical Center in Shreveport
- Sara Burling Russell(2007)-has graduated from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for Nuclear Medicine and she is employed at a Cardiologist's office in Shreveport
- Waylon Malmay (2007)-has taken a new job at the VA Medical Center in Shreveport
- Traci Merriman (2006)-passed the CT certification
- Shelly Dillard (2009)-passed the CT certification
- Jennifer Rich (2010)-has been accepted into the Master of Science in Radiologic Science at Northwestern State University
- Elizabeth Nelson (2009)-has been accepted into the Master of Science in Radiologic Science at Northwestern State University. She also passed the MR certification.
- Alison Himel Ezernack (2003)-has been accepted into the Master of Science in Radiologic Science at Northwestern State University
- Will James (2008)-has been accepted into the Master of Science in Radiologic Science at Northwestern State University
- Kady Cart (2009)-has been accepted into the Master of Science in Radiologic Science at Northwestern State University
- Tiffany McGee (2009)-has been accepted into the Master of Science in Radiologic Science at Northwestern State University
- Timothy Maxey (2003)-passed the CT certification
- Angie Cottingham (2009)-has graduated from Central Arkansas Radiation Therapy Institute for Radiation Therapy and she is employed at the Christus Schumpert Medical Center in Shreveport
- Amber Cunningham Matuzak (2008)-passed the US certification
- David Zuber (1997)-passed the MR certification
- Shelley Wells (2004)- accepted a position as Assistant Director of Radiology at Willis Knighton Health System.
- Kara Champagne(2005)- accepted a new position as PACS administrator for the Willis Knighton System.

## NSU Wins LSRT Quiz Bowl Title



Students from the BSRS Radiologic Sciences program won first place in the Student Quiz Bowl competition held last summer in Baton Rouge. The competition was held during the annual Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists' conference.

Eleven radiology programs across the state were represented at this year's conference. The students were awarded \$300, a trophy, and plaques. Northwestern's team included student members: Jenny Irle, Sarah Johnson and William Fox; Coach: Ben Wood and Program Director: Laura Aaron.

*Senior Students Win  
Louisiana Society of  
Radiologic  
Technologists Quiz  
Bowl Competition*



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*You can help support this newsletter and other worthy projects within the Radiologic Sciences Department of Northwestern State University.*

## **Radiologic Sciences Support And Scholarship Fund**

The Radiologic Sciences Support and Scholarship Fund helps maintain the day-to-day excellence of the Radiologic Sciences Program by making a difference in every aspect of life at NSU. Because needs and opportunities differ over time, it is important to have a robust Support Fund each academic year to afford vital resources and to seek additional ones. In light of the ongoing limitations in State funding, we must look to private donations and the community for this support.

Your support and positive representation of the Radiologic Sciences Program is appreciated and critical to our continued success! We invite you to select one of the Levels of Donation and Support below.

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# CenLa Students Walk for The Cure

Fulfilling the need for community involvement and service learning, 51 radiology and nursing students, along with faculty members from the Alexandria NSU campus joined together as "Team NSU" for participation in the first annual 5K Susan G. Komen run/walk. On the morning of October 16 a sea of pink began to grow as the overwhelming and unexpected 4000 participants began to gather at the Alexandria downtown Riverfront Convention Center. "Team NSU" wearing matching t-shirts, which had been designed by the student body using the acronym CONAH (College of Nursing and Allied Health) which is the new name given to NSU's College of Nursing, met at Rapides Regional Medical Arts Building for group

pictures before blending into the waves of pink. The walk began at 7:30 a.m. with the national anthem and a survivor recognition ceremony followed by the actual run/walk which coursed throughout downtown Alexandria with stationed refreshment centers. With the weather being the best possible, "Team NSU" completed the walk and celebrated with more refreshments during the closing ceremony. Faculty and students alike were proud knowing that their total funds of over \$1500.00, was included in the announced amount of over \$200,000.00. With such a successful event, Team NSU will certainly make this an annual community event for NSU of CenLa.

"I had wonderful time and it brought tears to my eyes to see how many of our students genuinely enjoyed participating in this great event. I am so proud of each and every one of them". Kari Cook  
"It was an amazing experience for me. I enjoyed being able to be a part of the community event." Ashley Kerry  
"The race was fun to do with classmates and raised money for a good cause". Lacy Louviere  
"It was an awesome experience. It was great to see how the community came together for such a good cause". Caitlyn Jones



## Dawn Guillory Mistic- Alumni Spotlight 1993



Dawn is a mammography technologist at St. Agnes Breast Center under Lourdes Imaging Network. After graduating from NSU in 1993, she started working at Our Lady of Lourdes in x-ray and then transferred to special procedures and the heart catheterization lab where she worked for 10 years. After years of call, she decided it was time to find a position that did not involve call. She then became mammography certified. In 2004, she transferred to the outpatient mammography clinic. In her many years at OLOL she has done some recruiting for NSU, chaired the activities community, and volunteered for their cancer camp (Camp Blue Bird), and health fairs. Dawn's memories from x-ray school included loving going to clinical at Shiner's Hospital with the children there and she also enjoyed the grateful patients at the VA Medical Center. She also remembers all the wonderful people she met in X-ray school.

Dawn met and married Daryl Mistic in 1998. He's employed in the oil field, and they have 2 beautiful daughters Mayah 10 and Emma 8 and live in Lafayette.

Even after 17 years of being in the x-ray field, she still enjoys her job. Dawn says there are so many different modalities to learn, if you get board in one area you can always move to another modality and learn another specialty and keep improving your resume.

## Brian Deshotel- Alumni Spotlight 1992



Brian Deshotel graduated from Northwestern State University with a B.S. in Radiologic Technology in 1992. After graduating from NSU, he worked at Schumbert Medical Center as a CT technologist for 1 year and then moved to New Orleans where he accepted a position at East Jefferson General Hospital working in Interventional Radiology. As an Interventional tech, he gained experience with various procedures including Neuro Interventional.

After working as a staff technologist for 5 years he was promoted to Manager of Radiology which is where he became involved in RIS/PACS, gaining valuable hands on experience building these systems. Brian also acquired an MBA from the University of Phoenix and is a Certified Radiology Administrator (CRA) through the AHRA and has a diverse working career including CT, MRI and Interventional Radiology, along with the management of these modalities.

After Hurricane Katrina, Brian accepted a position with Ochsner Health System to assist in the expansion of Ochsner into the Greater New Orleans area and Baton Rouge. His current role as Radiology Informatics Director gives him the unique opportunity to learn about the latest in PACS, RIS and vendor neutral image storage technology while leading Ochsner's Radiology IT department into the future.

Having a Bachelor's degree in Radiology from NSU has definitely given him an advantage by showing his peers and superiors that I have a drive for excellence and accomplishment, giving them the confidence that I had the skills and well rounded education to help projects and departments succeed. Brian's credentials include: CT, MRI, Interventional Radiology, Radiology billing and reimbursement and PACS/RIS development.

# Alumni Spotlight- Monica Lewis 1985

Monica Lewis graduated from Northwestern State University's Radiologic Science Program in 1985. Monica was the only student in her junior year class (1st year of clinical) and only 1 of 2 during her senior year. Upon graduation, Monica Lewis worked as a staff technologist performing general radiography and computed tomography at Christus Schumpert Medical Center located in Shreveport, Louisiana. She continued her employment with Christus Schumpert for approximately 20 years. Later, she worked for The Family Doctors for the next six years performing DEXA scans and subsequently ultrasound. In 2008, she moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, and she currently practices as a general and vascular sonographer. Monica feels that her BS degree in Radiologic Science has afforded her many opportunities to advance in the profession. Over the years, her degree has allowed her to explore several different career paths within the imaging field. Monica feels that holding a BS degree has helped her secure her current job position. Monica enjoys working in a profession that is challenging and ever changing. Monica strives for giving the best care possible to her patients while providing them with high quality exams. She is grateful that her BS degree has helped her achieve these goals. On a more personal note, Monica Lewis has a twenty-one year old son, Timothy, who has attended the University of Cincinnati and is studying writing and film making.



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