

ASRT Foundation
2024 Chair's Report to the ASRT House of Delegates
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It is my pleasure to provide this report to the ASRT House of Delegates in my capacity as chair of the ASRT Foundation Board of Trustees.

Thanks to the generosity of our resolute donors and corporate supporters, the Foundation gave 192 scholarships and grants totaling \$480,426 in fiscal year 2023. Here are the highlights.

Advancing Education and Research

Because of the unwavering support of loyal donors, we continue to fulfill our mission to provide scholarships to medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals who want to advance their education through an additional degree or credential. We also provide entry-level scholarships to ASRT members who will be joining our profession. During the 2023-2024 academic year, 90 scholarships totaling \$362,825 were awarded. In celebration of the Foundation's 40th anniversary, the Board of Trustees has committed to providing funding of \$400,000 in academic scholarships in the 2024-2025 scholarship year.

Our strong corporate partnerships also make possible our continuing mission of giving. Siemens Healthineers renewed the Siemens Healthineers Education Journey Award, which provided four awards of up to \$4,000 each for members to attend an educational conference.

Our tiered research grant opportunities available to ASRT members make research accessible to all experience levels. We continue efforts to inspire new researchers to take advantage of our Emerging Researcher Grant, which gives them the opportunity to collaborate with a mentor from our Research Mentor Advisory Group and receive other complimentary resources.

Strengthening Affiliate Connections and Membership

In partnership with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, we again offered the ARRT Professional Education and Growth Grant. The goal is to award at least one recipient per active affiliate up to \$500 to help reimburse the cost of continuing education, educational conferences or products, and ARRT primary or secondary exam fees. In addition to the \$500 reimbursement, the grant covers the recipient's new or renewed affiliate membership and first-time ASRT membership, both of which are required to be eligible for this opportunity.

The Foundation also provides grants to the two affiliates who raise the most money in their region and the two who raise the most money per capita in their region through our Annual Drawing affiliate contest. The grant can be used to help the affiliate accomplish a strategic initiative.

Expanding Global Outreach

ASRT members will again share their expertise and knowledge at home and abroad. Two members are selected annually to receive the International Speakers Exchange Award and represent ASRT at the meetings of our sister societies in the United Kingdom and Canada.

The Foundation remains committed to its longtime partnership with RAD-AID International's global community outreach projects. Nineteen medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals received RAD-AID/ASRT Foundation Outreach Fellowship grants to support global projects during the year. Two special projects were supported this year. In collaboration with Varian, a Siemens Healthineers Company, the Foundation funded three trips to support a radiation therapy assistant pilot program in Africa. One radiation therapist assisted in Kenya and two radiation therapists and medical dosimetrists traveled to Nigeria. Finally, ASRT and ASRT Foundation provided funding to the International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologists to cover expenses for three members to provide a two-day seminar, "Improving Quality of Mammography," in Trinidad and Tobago.

The Weber State University Student Global Engagement Scholarship provided three students with funding to participate in a study abroad program related to medical imaging or radiation therapy.

Available and New Programs

The Foundation offers a variety of other programs to help you achieve your goals. Please visit our website to learn more about the programs available to you throughout the year.

The Hente Scholarship was established this year to fund a medical imaging student in an entry-level program with a priority given to a student residing in Missouri. The first student will be awarded in the 2024-2025 scholarship year.

Looking to the Future

The Foundation is committed to building a stronger profession by offering programs that are meaningful to our membership. We accomplish this goal by looking for new corporate partnerships that will enhance our offerings and by cultivating stronger relationships with our faithful members, donors and potential donors. We graciously thank everyone who makes this work possible.