

ASRT Foundation
2023 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 dedicated donors and corporate supporters, the Foundation gave 205 scholarships and grants totaling \$355,455 in fiscal year 2022. 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 2022-2023 academic year, we awarded 71 scholarships totaling \$261,600.

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

Our three-tiered level of grant opportunities available to ASRT members make research accessible to researchers of all experience levels. We continue efforts to inspire new researchers to take advantage of our New Researcher Grant, which gives them the opportunity to work 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 Advancing Your Profession: Education and Professional 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 exams. 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. ARRT has committed their support of this program through FY 2024.

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. Travel has picked back up over the last year and 15 medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals received RAD-AID/ASRT Foundation Outreach Fellowship grants to support global projects during the year.

New Programs

One of our ongoing goals is to add the programs that members need to learn and advance.

The Marilyn Sackett Leadership Scholarship was initiated and will award its first recipient in FY 2023.

In honor of ASRT's retiring CEO, an endowment was started to fund the Sal Martino Leadership Scholarship.

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.