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## NEWSLETTER

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### **Southeastern Chapter - SNM Annual Meeting Call for Abstracts**

**2012 Annual Meeting  
Southeastern Chapter – Society of Nuclear Medicine  
September 20-23, 2012**  
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**DEADLINE: Monday, August 23, 2012**

The Program Committee for the Southeastern Chapter of the Society of Nuclear Medicine is soliciting abstracts for papers to be presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting, *Advancing Nuclear Medicine through Multi-Modality/Multidisciplinary Imaging*, to be held September 20-23, 2012 at the Hilton DeSoto in Savannah, Georgia.

Abstracts must be submitted online. Visit the SECSNM web site at [www.secsnm.org](http://www.secsnm.org) and click on the link on the home page or meetings page to review the Abstract Guidelines and to submit an abstract.

#### **Who May Submit Abstracts:**

The Program Committee invites contributions in nuclear medicine from Residents, Basic Scientist Trainees, Technologists and Students, both members and nonmembers of the SNM. This applies to those currently in training and recent graduates of said programs (within the last year). However, only members may receive awards. Awards may be presented to residents, basic science trainees, technologists and students as noted below. The deadline for submitting abstracts is August 15, 2011.

#### **SECSNM Awards**

Abstracts can be considered for 5 awards.

**Best Resident/Basic Scientist Trainee Paper** Senior author must be a resident or basic scientist trainee. 1st Place -- (Oral Presentation \$300; Poster \$200) 2nd Place -- (Oral Presentation \$200; Poster \$100)

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**Best Technologist/Student Educational (lit review/case reports) Papers** Lead author/presenter must be a student technologist or technologist SNM Member. 1st Place Education -- (Oral Presentation \$200; Poster \$150) 2nd Place Education -- (Oral Presentation \$150; Poster \$100)

If you have any questions, please contact the SECSNM Office at 630/428-3255 or email [info@secsnm.org](mailto:info@secsnm.org).

### **SNM Annual Meeting to be held in the Southeast Chapter**

If you ever had an interest in attending a national meeting but could not travel outside the southeast, 2012 brings you the opportunity to go to a Society of Nuclear Medicine meeting!

**The SNM 2012 Annual Meeting will be held at the Miami Beach Convention Center in Miami, Florida, June 9-13, 2012.** This international forum showcases scientific investigations and continuing education (CE) courses in the field of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging and therapy. The conference unites physicians, scientists, program directors, laboratory professionals, exhibitors, educators, technologists, and technologist and/or medical students from around the world! If you have never been to a national meeting, this is the one to attend!

Please visit the SNM website at [www.snm.org](http://www.snm.org) for details about housing, registration, and the programs.

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## **Southeastern Chapter Seeking Research Grant Applications**

The Southeastern Chapter – SNM is offering medical students and residents an opportunity to apply for a research grant of \$2500. The J. Randolph Perry Scholarship is designed to educate and encourage medical students and residents to become involved in the practice of nuclear medicine.

There is a formal application form. Go to [www.secsnm.org](http://www.secsnm.org) to download. Complete information regarding the research project including a title, description, objectives timeline and cost estimates is required. The SECSNM does not pay for administrative costs for the institution. Completed applications and a supporting letter from the supervising faculty may be submitted by email to the SECSNM office at [info@secsnm.org](mailto:info@secsnm.org),

The deadline for submitting grant application is August 15<sup>th</sup>. They will be reviewed by the Grants Committee with the grant awarded at the SEC Annual Meeting to be held September 20-23, 2012 in Savannah, Georgia.

The Program/Registration Brochure and Online registration will be available later this Spring on the SEC website at [www.secsnm.org](http://www.secsnm.org).



## Mary Anne “Mimi” Owen, MHE, RT(N) Receives Southeastern Chapter – SNM’s Marshall Brucer Award



Mary Anne  
“Mimi” Owen,  
MHE, RT(N)

Clearwater Beach, FL – The Southeastern Chapter of the Society of Nuclear Medicine (SECSNM) honored Mary Anne “Mimi” Owen, MHE, RT(N), Assistant Professor and Program Director, Nuclear Medicine Technology at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta with the presentation of the Marshall Brucer Award, the highest honor that the SECSNM can bestow upon a member. The Brucer Award was presented to Ms. Owen at the September

22-25, 2011 SECSNM Annual Meeting, recognizing her many years of service to nuclear medicine as well as her leadership in organized medicine at the state, chapter and national level.

A native of Atlanta, Ms. Owen earned a degree in Special Education in 1971 from the University of Georgia. She received her Associates Degree in Nuclear Medicine from the Medical College of Georgia in 1994 and that year received board certification in nuclear medicine from the ARRT. She served as Staff Nuclear Medicine Technologist at the University Hospital in Augusta from 1994-1999 at which time she became the Clinical Education Coordinator for the Nuclear Medicine Technology Program at the Medical College of Georgia. Ms. Owen received her Master in Health Education degree from the Medical College of Georgia in 2000. In 2001 she became an Instructor and in 2003 was appointed Assistant Professor and Program Director for Nuclear Medicine Technology at the Medical College of Georgia.

Owen has been active in the Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologist Section (SNMTS) since 1993 with a heavy emphasis on education. In 2001-2002 she served on the Commission on Chapters, chair-elect of the Committee on Chapters Technologist Section, was a member of the Continuing Education and Academic Affairs Committees and Moderated the Education Forum at the SNM Annual Meeting in Los Angeles. In 2003-2004 she chaired the Committee on Chapters Technologist Section, was a member of the Data Analysis and Academic Affairs Committees and was a member of the Workforce, Advanced Practice, Strategic Planning Governance

Reorganization and the Leadership and Mentoring Task Forces. She has continued her committee involvement up to the present, becoming the National Education Representative to the SNMTS from 2004-2006 and chaired the Grant Subcommittee of the Professional Development and Education Foundation. She chaired the Education Committee and the Task Force on Future Education Methods from 2004-2006, and has been a committee member for the education committees.

Owen has been on the Board of Directors for the Joint Review Committee on Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT) since 2004 serving as the SNMTS representative and currently serves as Secretary/Treasurer.

In 2008, Owen was named Outstanding Educator of the Year for the SNMTS, in 2009 was named the Outstanding Faculty of the Year for the Medical College of Georgia and also in 2009 was inducted as a Fellow (FSNMTS) in the SNMTS.

At the state, local and Chapter levels, Ms. Owen was President of the Augusta Nuclear Technologists from 1997 -1998, Secretary of the Georgia Chapter from 1999 - 2001 and then again currently from 2010 – 2012. She was President of the Southeastern Chapter Technologist Section from 2001-2002, National Council Delegate to the SNMTS from 2002-2004, member of the Education Committee from 2001 to the present, chaired the Educators Forum from 2001-2005, served on the Awards Committee from 2001 – 2005 and served as Historian from 2003 – 2011.

Her contributions to nuclear medicine and her many accomplishments has made her only the second technologists to receive the Marshall Brucer Award in its 20 year history.

The Marshall Brucer Award is given at the Southeastern Chapter meeting to a chapter member who has dedicated their life to the specialty of nuclear medicine and given distinguished service to the chapter.

There are few people who, during a lifetime, make a substantial impact on a specialty in medicine. The Southeastern Chapter was fortunate to have had such a person amongst its members – Marshall Brucer. He was an author, storyteller and educator, and almost single-handedly organized and formed the Southeastern Chapter of the Society of Nuclear Medicine. For all of his contributions to the specialty and the Society, the Marshall Brucer Award was created in 1991.

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# Technologist Section News

Editor: Cynthia E. Brodnax CNMT, NCT, RT(R,CT)

## SECSNM-TS President's Message



Norman E. Bolus,  
CNMT, MPH

Many thanks go to Nancy McDonald-DeLoatch for all of her hard work and effort as Immediate Past President of the SECSNM-TS. She did a wonderful job as president and made a huge effort to visit all the state meetings last year. She was also instrumental in moving forward our policy and procedure manual project which has been in the process of being done for many years and is in the final stages of becoming a living document. Currently, Eileen Craveiro is continuing in her role as committee chair to pull together everything needed to make this a reality. Many thanks go to all her work on this as well.

The SECSNM Annual Meeting in Clearwater, FL, September 22-25, 2011 was a great success and the program was good as usual with interesting and thought provoking talks. Dr. Jon Baldwin, as chair of the program committee, did a wonderful job pulling everything together. Plans are already being made and finalized for the 2012 program. Dr. Marques Bradshaw from the Medical University of South Carolina is program chair this coming year. Make plans now to attend the 2012 Annual Meeting, September 20-23, 2012, in Savannah, Georgia. Prior to the meeting, on Thursday September 20<sup>th</sup>, Charles Coulston, as chair of the Academic Affairs/Education committee is making plans for a half day MRI workshop and a half day nuclear cardiology workshop for technologists. Danny Basso is helping with the nuclear cardiology workshop and wants to focus on new technology and new radiopharmaceuticals.

Coming soon to the [www.SECSNM.org](http://www.SECSNM.org) website is a new look with a roll out of a new webpage. This should make the site even better than it already is. Merle Hedland along with Cynthia Brodnax, as SECSNM-TS Communications Committee chair are working together to iron out all the details for the website.

I look forward to working with the SECSNM President Dr. Amir Khandani this year in continuing the excellence of the SECSNM. I also will try to make it to as many state meetings as possible this Spring. If I cannot make it then one of our TS-Officers will try to be there. It is a goal each year for the leadership of the SECSNM-TS to reach out and visit all of our state meetings. We have a great chapter and I am honored to serve as president this year. Please feel free to contact me if there is any issue or problem that you would like to discuss.

-Norman E. Bolus, MSPH, MPH, CNMT

## Call for Nominations



We are looking for nuclear medicine professionals who would like to get involved in their professional organization and serve their chapter. It doesn't have to take a lot of your time nor energy, just a willingness to give back a little and have some fun while you're at it. The rewards are many:

networking, possible travel, new friendships, and personal satisfaction from knowing you had a part in growing our profession within the southeast. The following offices will be available:

President –Elect: will progress into President in 2013

Treasurer: 2 year term

Finance Committee

If you have any questions or are interested in running for an office, please contact Nancy McDonald DeLoatch at [McDonald.Nancy1@yahoo.com](mailto:McDonald.Nancy1@yahoo.com).

## Society of Nuclear Medicine – Technologist Section Mid-Winter Meeting Update

### National Council of Representatives Report

By Norman E. Bolus proxy delegate for Kathy Hunt to  
NCOR MWM for SECSNM-TS

The National Council of Representatives (NCOR) met at the SNM 2012 Mid-Winter Meeting on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Orlando at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Many issues and reports were given that are important our profession. The meeting began at 8 am with the regular formalities of setting in place confidential rules, parliamentary procedure and an overview of how the meeting would transpire. One of the first orders of business was to recognize the Leadership Academy participants who ended their sessions by sitting with members of the NCOR who served as mentors for them during the meeting. Our own Amy Brady ( Treasurer of the SECSNM-TS) was a graduate and received a plaque. After this a brief discussion was made about trying to increase communication within chapters by sharing newsletters and having active websites. A discussion and vote then proceeded to make the NCOR Speaker as a voting member of the SNMTS Executive Board. This measure passed and was forwarded to the Executive Board for consideration. A brief talk was then given about the SNM site selection process and cities being considered for the 2019 SNM Annual Meeting (AM). It was concluded that NCOR recommended for consideration Anaheim and San Francisco, CA to the SNMTS Executive Board for consideration going forward. A final decision will be made at the June AM this year. After this a brief discussion was made  
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## In with the new SNMITS Technologist Advocacy Group (TAG) Cindi Luckett-Gilbert, MHA, CNMT, PET, FSNMITS SNMITS TAG Chair isotoper@msn.com

Changes in nuclear medicine technology practice by the Joint Commission, state Departments of Health, scope of practice issues, individual licensing and regulatory revisions are occurring across the country and to keep up with these issues is the SNMITS Technologist Advocacy Group (TAG). The idea is to channel information from the individuals, local and state groups alerting the SNMITS Advocacy Committee to these new changes as they are recognized. In this avenue, the SNMITS can provide helpful information in the form of documentation or share what other states or institutions have accomplished when faced with the same issue. TAG allows quick action to the needs of the nuclear medicine technologist in the state level.

TAG is comprised of one person per state as a focal means of sharing information to members and non-members of the SNMITS in order to meet the immediate needs of the state. This group works hand in hand with technologists in an individual setting, local chapters, and state chapters as an additional means to foster communication and help with the practice of nuclear medicine technology. Each state TAG leader can have his or her own TAG group, if desired, as a state advocacy committee and plug into the scene of what is happening in the field. This provides one more way a technologist can reach out to someone for help.

The Southeastern TAGs are: Alabama – Cindy Brodnax; Georgia – Danny Basso, Florida – Carol Bonanno; Kentucky – Charles Coulston; Mississippi – Garrett Kirk; North Carolina–Cindi Luckett-Gilbert; South Carolina–Tanya Pettigrew; Tennessee – Kathy Hunt.

While this initiative is another pathway to address nuclear medicine technology needs, remember questions can always be called in to the SNM at 703-708-9000, by contacting your state society leadership, your TAG leader, the Southeastern Chapter, people you know who are active in the societies, and more. The goal is to hear from you.

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### **NCOR Report continued...**

After this a brief discussion was made about the process of modifying the definition of a Nuclear Medicine Technologist and trying to standardize the definition across many different entities. Several NCOR members requested that the definition be changed to reflect the definition in the Clinical Performance Standards. SNM-TS President Ms. Alessi agreed to this change. The revised definition is: *Nuclear medicine technologists are allied health professionals who, under the direction of an authorized user, are committed to applying the art and skill of their profession to optimize diagnostic evaluation and therapy through the safe and effective use of radiopharmaceuticals and adjunctive medications.* Nuclear medicine, which includes many aspects of molecular imaging, is the medical specialty that utilizes sealed and unsealed radioactive materials in the diagnosis and therapy of various diseases. This practice also includes the utilization of pharmaceuticals (used as adjunctive medications) and other imaging modalities with or without contrast to enhance the evaluation of physiologic processes at a molecular level.

The Scope of Practice document will also use this definition as will all future publications of the SNM-TS.

The next order of business was to vote of five Fellow Applications for Fellow Status with the SNM-TS. The five Fellow applications voted on this year were Norman E. Bolus, Sara Johnson, Michele Panichi-Egberts, Nancy Swanston and Ellie Zimmer. These were approved and sent on for consideration to the Executive Board of the SNM-TS.

The Advanced Associate Council President, Crystal Botkin, gave a report about this first ever technologist council associated with the SNM which now has over 73 members. They are dedicated to advancing the NMAA degree and state licensure for graduates and students who are in the program among other endeavors. Danny Basso, chair of the SNM-TS Advocacy Committee then gave a report concerning the new TAG team state representatives now had 39 of 50 state representatives and he gave an update of the CARE Bill in Congress. He also reported about some insurance issues possibly concerning radiation exposure to patients in nuclear cardiology and that this could be starting to become a bigger issue for the nuclear medicine community. This issue is being watched carefully.

After this, there was a brief discussion of the possible name change of the SNM to the Society of Nuclear Medicine & Molecular Imaging (SNMMI). Later in the week the House of Delegates for the SNM voted to move forward with the voting on the name change. The next step in the process is a vote by the entire SNM is a vote by the entire SNM membership to amend SNM's articles of incorporation. **The vote is scheduled to take place on Monday, June 11 between 8:00 and 10:00 AM at the SNM Business Meeting at the SNM Annual Meeting in Miami, Florida.** A full notice will be sent to all members

and a copy of the proposed changes to the bylaws can be found in the November 2011 edition of the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine*. You can find more information at the [name change website](#).

Right before lunch the NCOR broke into several discussion groups on the following topics of interest that the SNM-TS considers very important to the field: Multi-Modality Imaging, Training for CT and Hybrid Imaging, Radiation Concerns, Vendor Credentialing and Breast Specific Gamma Imaging. Each group then made a brief report to the whole NCOR after lunch. The Radiation Concerns group will develop a white paper to address issues about the risk versus benefit of having nuclear medicine scans and therapy. And all of the groups brought to the forefront issues that are important in our field. The NCOR breakout sessions on topics of interest to highlight was begun last year and helps focus the meeting on important topics. After this, Bracco gave an update on the status of the CardioGen Rb-82 generators indicating that after technologists are "certified" by Bracco for proper use of the generators they would start shipping them again for use. The FDA did not find anything wrong with the product and is allowing Bracco to re-introduce the generators to market after proper training of users is performed.

The Finance committee then gave a report that indicated the SNM-TS and SNM are doing better this year after making some budgetary adjustments the last couple of years, the budget looks to be in positive territory this year. This was followed by reports from leadership which ranged in topics from the name change to government reimbursement issues, the American Board of Radiology issues with the American Board of Nuclear Medicine to the hope that new radiopharmaceuticals agents will be approved later this year for Alzheimer's screening. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm. Overall, this was an informative NCOR meeting that highlighted optimism about our field going forward, particularly with the new radiopharmaceuticals coming out this year and as an organization with a positive outlook on the budget.

## College Reports

### St. Vincent's News

LeRoy H. (Chip) Stecker, III  
Nuclear Medicine Technology Program

St. Vincent's Medical Center graduated its 13th class on December 16, 2011. Anise Bennett, Amanda Faulk, Michelle Gray, Mandy Hamilton, Jillian Miller, and Tory Palendat each took and passed the ARRT and NMTCB examinations, maintaining the program's 100% first-time pass rate. Amanda, Jillian, and Tory also plan to sit for the CT certification exam in the next several weeks which will qualify them in radiography, nuclear medicine, and CT. Mandy also plans to sit for the CT exam to become dual-certified in nuclear medicine and CT. We wish them all the best as they begin their careers.

Sincerely,

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### South College Nuclear Medicine Program Knoxville, Tennessee

We currently have 5 students in the program. They started in the summer 2011. Graduates are doing very well. We graduated 7 students in June 2011. All 7 have jobs, 2 of them are working in both radiography and nuclear medicine.

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### Baptist College of Health Sciences Memphis, Tennessee

**Kathy Hunt, MS, CNMT, Program Chair**  
**Donna Mars, M.Ed., CNMT, NCT,**  
**Assistant Professor**

Baptist College of Health Sciences celebrated fifty years in nuclear medicine education this year. The hospital based certificate program was sponsored by Baptist Memorial Hospital (BMH) and began in 1961. Students could enroll into the BMH nuclear medicine technology program after completing the BMH radiography certificate program. The certificate program became the BMH School of Nuclear Medicine Technology and was one of the first programs accredited by the Joint Review Committee in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT). The BMH School of Nuclear Medicine Technology transitioned to a baccalaureate degree program with a major in radiological sciences. Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences was chartered in 1994 and admitted the first freshman class in 1995.

In celebration of the 2011 Nuclear Medicine Week, the 50-year anniversary reception was held at Baptist Hospital – Memphis on October 6, 2011. The event was hosted by: Kathy Hunt, MS, CNMT, Program Chair; Donna Mars, M.Ed., CNMT, NCT, Assistant Professor; Dawne Dodson, BS, CNMT, Adjunct Instructor. Class pictures representing classes from the past 30 years were displayed along with the 2011 Nuclear Medicine Week poster. Giveaways included SNM Nuclear Medicine Week merchandise and Baptist College memorabilia. Along with current students and several alumni; Marcia Boyd, MS, CNMT, former program director of the BMH School of Nuclear Medicine Technology, attended the event.



From left to right:  
Dawne Dodson, class of 1994; Justin Cole,  
senior class of 2012; Donna Mars, class of  
1996; Carmen Childers Rowland class of 2001

## College Reports continued

### Chattanooga State Community College Nuclear Medicine Technology Program Leesa Ross, MA, CNMT, PET, RT(N)(CT)

Eight students graduated August 10, 2011 from the Nuclear Medicine Technology Program at Chattanooga State Community College. The students stayed rather busy during their one year program. They performed fund raising by selling t-shirts and coozies, as well as sold Atomic Chili during the college's Oktoberfest celebration. The money was used to attend the Nuclear Medicine Technologists of Tennessee (NMTT) Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN. At that meeting Chattanooga State student, Kayla Wurth, won first place in student presentation and Justin Milam won first place in the student poster competition. We are so very proud of our students' accomplishments! The students also raised enough money to attend the Bodies Exhibit and Dialogue in the Dark in Atlanta, GA, as well as send a student representative to the SNM meeting in San Antonio.

Chattanooga State Community College's Nuclear Medicine Technology Program currently has nine students scheduled to graduate August 7, 2012. The students are located in Chattanooga, Knoxville, Atlanta, and Huntsville. The students have already been very active this year with fund raising to attend the Nuclear Medicine Technologist of Tennessee (NMTT) meeting and Student Registry Review Workshop March 22-25, 2012 in Memphis, TN. This year they are selling t-shirts and coozies, as well as have taken donations towards the trip. The program plans on submitting three abstracts for the competition held among students at the NMTT meeting—a competition between all of the NMT programs in Tennessee. To download the T-Shirt order forms, go to <http://www.bhmftp.comresource.net/documents/CSTshirtFundRaisingForms22612.pdf>

The application deadline to apply for fall 2012 is April 15, 2012. For more information regarding the program, please contact Leesa Ross at (423) 697-3331 or Dusty York at (423) 697-3335.



### GEORGIA HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY Mimi Owen, MHE, RT(N), FSNMTS Assistant Professor and Program Director Department of Medical Laboratory, Imaging and Radiologic Sciences

Here at GHSU we're in high gear in the admissions process for 2012. Applications, which have been abysmally low the last two years seem to be picking up. Pleased to report that our NMT program had 100% pass rate on the NMTCB for 2011. Mr. Patrick Jackson was the recipient of the prestigious Antonio Molini Award for 2011.

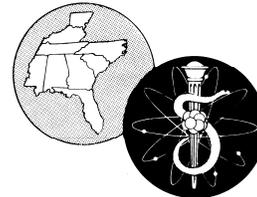
The graduate employment rate seems to be picking up! Most of the 2011 NMT grads are employed...some in full time positions, but most in PRN. Still better than last year.

On a difficult note, the Department of Medical Laboratory, Imaging, and Radiologic Sciences at GHSU has announced the closing of its sonography program. It is getting increasingly difficult to maintain a BS level allied health program at an academic medical center specializing in graduate level education. On a positive note, the NMT program has been told that we have an excellent reputation with low competition in the state, and high national visibility of faculty and graduates, so we're safe for the time being. Keep you fingers crossed and send excellent applicants our way. We offer an innovative, flexible, and progressive curriculum with a lot of bang for the buck!

## College Reports continued

### UAB NMT Program Report

The UAB NMT Program continues to be the best NMT Program in the state of Alabama (because we are the only one!). We graduated 18 students in May, 2011 and all of the students have successfully passed their board exams. Congratulations goes to Kayla Allen, Jessica Brothers, Tyler Burks, Erin Cheng, Whitney Falkner, Erin Freeman, Precious Hatcher, Uchenna Iwuaba, Brittany McGee, Nathan Nichols, Randa Cash, Whitney Reynolds, Amanda Shafer, Jazmine Sharpe, Cody Sweatman, Cameron Thrasher, Kernesha Weatherly and Aaron Weeks. Ten of the graduates stayed on to complete a concentration in Computed Tomography during the Summer of 2011. Uchenna Iwuaba was informed in December that she is a recipient of one of the 2011 Paul Cole Scholarships from the SNM. In addition, she was also selected as the UAB School of Health Professions 2011 recipient of the Outstanding International Student Alfred W. Sangster Award. Jessica Brothers received the UAB NMT Program Mallinckrodt Outstanding Student Award, Nathan Nichols received the Michael Thompson Outstanding Scholar Award and Jazmine Sharpe received the Ann Steves' Outstanding Clinical Performance Award for 2011. We have now had two recipients of the Michael A. Thompson Memorial Scholarship Award. In 2010, Evelyn Mosquera was our inaugural recipient receiving a \$300 scholarship. Due to alumni fund raising for this scholarship, this year we were able to give a \$500 scholarship to our second recipient, Amy Petersen. The UAB NMT Program remains strong and looks forward to 2012.



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Alabama Society of Nuclear Medicine

April 13-15, 2012, Sandestin Beach and Golf Resort, Sandestin, FL

Florida- [www.fnmt.ws](http://www.fnmt.ws)

Florida Nuclear Medicine Technologists Spring meeting

May 3-6, 2012, Walt Disney World® Resort, Lake Buena Vista, FL

Georgia- [www.gsnmt.org](http://www.gsnmt.org)

Georgia Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists

April 27-29, 2012, Sea Palms Resort, St. Simons Island, GA

Kentucky – [www.ksnmt.org](http://www.ksnmt.org)

Kentucky Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists

March 24, 2012, 21c Museum Hotel, Louisville, KY

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North Carolina- [www.ncnmt.org](http://www.ncnmt.org)

North Carolina Nuclear Medicine Technologists

April 21 - 22, 2012, UNC Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

South Carolina- [www.scsnm.org](http://www.scsnm.org)

South Carolina Society of Nuclear Medicine

March 31 - April 1, 2012, Hyatt Downtown, Greenville, SC

Tennessee- [www.nmtt.net](http://www.nmtt.net)

Nuclear Medicine Technologists of Tennessee

March 23-25, 2012, Doubletree Hotel, Memphis, TN

### Mark Your Calendar Future Meeting Dates

#### **SNM 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

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#### **2012 Southeastern Chapter Annual Meeting**

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