Order of the Golden Microscope
Julia Hodges Hardcastle, MT
Kentucky

Medallion of Merit
Gretchen Tupa, RMA
Arizona

Technologist of the Year
Roxann Clifton, MT
Oklahoma

RMA of the Year
Deborah Westervelt, RMA, COLT
Missouri

RPT of the Year
Kimberly Meshell, RMA, RPT, COLT, AHI - Texas

President's Award
Ivette Rivera, RMA, AHI, RPT
New York

The Becky Award
Barbara E. Ware, MT
New Mexico

Exceptional Merit Award
Donald Bouchelle, MT - Virginia
Kitty Louise Carr, MT - W. Virginia
Mary Ann Chaplin, RMA - Ohio
Marty Hinkel, MT - Wyoming
Christopher Seay, MT - Tennessee

The Pillar Award
Nathalie Dixon, MT - Michigan
Carletha Durham, MT - Georgia
Tonya Satterfield, MT - W. Virginia
Anna Mae Seals, RPT - Oklahoma
Virginia Schuerman, MT - Iowa
Michelle Tew, RMA - Utah
Kay Tschop, MT - Tennessee
Gretchen Tupa, RMA - Arizona

National Awards

Distinguished Achievement Award
Diana Castro, RPT - Arizona
Susan Constable, MT - Maine
Richard Cruz, MLT - Michigan
Marc Derenthal, RMA - Michigan
Sol Goldenberg, RMA - Florida
Yolanda Gomez, RPT
Jennifer Grogan, RMA, RPT, COLT
New Jersey
Susan Haubrich, RMA, AHI - Missouri
Gracie Johnston, RPT - Texas
Christina Mahon, RMA - Utah
Rikki Sledge Packer, RMA - Alabama
Rachael Romero Porlas, RMA - New Mexico
Linda Ruggles, RMA - Michigan
Lynette Thomson, MT - Ohio

Silver Service Award
Paul Brown, D.Min, MT - Alabama
Dorothy Roush, MT - Arizona
Peggy Ann Smith, MT - Iowa
Susan Swanek, MT - Pennsylvania
Audrienne Whitley, MT - Oregon

Cuviello Excellence in Education Award
David McCullough, MT
North Carolina

O.C. “Skip” Skinner Uniformed Services Award
Kaye Tschop, MT - Tennessee

Pride of the Profession Award
Kimberly Cheuvront, PhD
West Virginia

GEM Award
Gerard Boe, PhD - S. Carolina
Walter Parsons, MT - Tennessee
Bobby Stewart, MT - Hawaii
Carol Yankovich, MT - Pennsylvania

Legacy Award
James Mackey, MT - Bahamas
Raymond Schiffer, MT - Texas
Linda Wolfe, MT - Florida

Chet Dziekonski Educational Award
Nancy Winslow, RMA, Fenton, MO, has been named recipient of the Chester Dziekonski Educational Grant that provides financial assistance to an AMT member attending the convention for the first time.

Technical & Feature Writing Awards

AMT Technical Writing Awards
1st Place: Nipa Patel, MT, Crestviewhills, KY - “Clostridi di um difficile”
2nd Place: Dr. Joseph H. Balatbat, RMA, RPT, AHI, Elmhurst, NY - “Glycated (Glycosylated) Hemoglobin: HbA1C”

AMT Feature Writing Awards
1st Place: Amy Pickelsimer, MT, Cleveland, TN - “Motivational Personalities in the Laboratory: What’s Your Type?”
2nd Place: Tammy Vannatter, RMA, Warren, MI, “Medical Assistants Play a Key Role in Reimbursement”
2009 Honor Roll
State Societies

- Alabama
- Arizona
- Central Plains
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- New Mexico
- New York
- Northwest (WA/ID/MT)
- Ohio
- Oregon
- Oklahoma
- Pennsylvania
- Rocky Mountain (CO/WY)
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Virginia
- West Virginia

AMT Outstanding Student Awards
Sponsored by Dr. Norman Frankel, Chairman Emeritus of Scientific Industrial Supply Co., Schiller Park, Illinois.

Medical Lab Technician Student
Charissa Codilla Isch
Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Sayre, Sayre, OK

Medical Assistant Student
Chasity Fox
Allied College South, Fenton, MO

Dental Assistant Student
Barbara Pilkenton
Allied College South, Fenton, MO

Student Writing Awards
Sponsored by Abbott Diagnostics, Abbott Park, IL

1st Place: Misty Ziceafoose, Ivy Tech Community College, Anderson, IN - “Mandated Immunizations: The Hidden Controversy”

2nd Place: Erika Lindmark, Northwestern College, Bridgeview, IL - “Germline Engineering: Is This the End of Humanity?”

3rd Place: Lauren Tatum, SWOSU at Sayre, Sayre, OK - “A Non-compliant Patient with Diabetes 1 and Type 2”

State Society Publication Awards
First Place awards are sponsored by Alconox, Inc.

Journal
1st Place: New Mexico - El Technico - Henry Oh, Editor

2nd Place: Tennessee - Tenn-O-Scope - Kaye Tschop, Editor

3rd Place: Rocky Mountain - Rocky Mountain Healthcare Enquirer - Celeste Grande, Editor

Newsletter
1st Place: Illinois - The Illinois Reporter - Nancy Gabl, Editor

2nd Place: Hawaii - Nu’oli - Marina Salazar, Editor

3rd Place: California - California Vision - Teresita Hacuman, PhD, Editor

Most Improved Publication
West Virginia - Mountaineer Lab Line - Janet Crigler, Editor

Editor of the Year
Illinois - The Illinois Reporter - Editor Nancy Gabl

Leona Lyons Carter Award
The Leona Lyons Carter Award is given to the AMT state society that has demonstrated significant organizational development in the past year. Nominations for this award are made by the District Councillors.

Two states were named recipients of the 2009 Leona Lyons Carter Award -- Utah and West Virginia.

The Councillor nomination for Utah stated that this state society has experienced continued growth because of dedicated leadership. Attendance at the most recent scientific meeting was at an all-time high.

The Councillor nomination for West Virginia stated that this state society has experienced increased attendance at its meetings through contribution of its president in the society’s new location in Charleston. The West Virginia state society website is now back and running after years of inactivity.

Awards will be presented on Thursday, July 15, 2010, at the Awards Banquet & Convocation, JW Marriott Resort at Summerlin, Las Vegas, Nevada.
national awards

Julia Hardcastle Awarded Order of the Golden Microscope

The highest honor bestowed by AMT for outstanding organizational and professional contributions in the field of medical technology and to AMT. Recognizing consistent superior performance throughout the years.

Julia Hodges Hardcastle, MT, Bowling Green, KY, was certified in 1969. She is the current president of the Kentucky state society. Ms. Hardcastle is also chair of the Student Activities Committee and Kentucky legislative chair. Honors include Distinguished Achievement, Exceptional Merit, Pillar, Silver Service, Medical Technologist of the Year, and Dusty Rhodes LIFE award. She earned a BS degree from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green and is part-time assistant at Fairview Community Health Clinic in Bowling Green.

Gretchen Tupa Awarded Medallion of Merit

The highest honor bestowed by AMT for outstanding organizational and professional contributions in the field of medical assisting and to AMT. Recognizing consistent superior performance throughout the years.

Gretchen Tupa, RMA, Mesa, AZ, was certified in 1993. She is the current vice president and editor of the Arizona state society. Honors include Exceptional Merit, Distinguished Achievement, RMA of the Year, and Editor of the Year. At the state level, she was the recipient of Certificates of Appreciation, Outstanding Service awards, and Carol Miller Award. Mrs. Tupa earned a Certificate of Graduation in Medical Assisting from Apollo College and Certificate of Leadership Training from Rosemont Technical, Rosemont, MN. She is the Gilbert office coordinator (front and back office), and Xolair coordinator for all four locations of Arizona Asthma & Allergy Institute, Gilbert, AZ.
national awards

Pride of the Profession Award
Conferred by the board of directors upon a long-time member with continued involvement in AMT, who holds a MS, PhD, or other post-graduate degree in an allied health profession or in allied health administration, and who represents the Pride of the Profession by distinguishing himself and bringing honor to AMT by serving in education, scholarly writing, national and state board or committee service, annual convention participation, mentoring, and especially for outstanding accomplishments outside of the AMT world and in service to mankind.

Kimberly Cheuvront, PhD, Fairmont, WV, was certified as a MT in 1980. She has been the Judiciary Councillor since 2005 and also served as Southern District Councillor. She serves on the West Virginia state society board of directors as secretary (past vice president and editor) and has served on several national and state committees. Honors include Becky, Silver Service, Pillar, Exceptional Merit, and Distinguished Achievement. Ms. Cheuvront earned BA and BS degrees from Fairmont State College, MBA from West Virginia University, and PhD from Kennedy Western University. She is Vice President - Business & Operations Development at Fairmont General Hospital.

Becky Award
Recognizing outstanding dedication and service as a past or present District Councillor or National Board Member. Dedicated to the memory of Rebecca J. Moretz, MT.

Barbara E. Ware, MT, Roswell, NM, was certified in 1984. She is a past president of AMT. She is a past District Councillor in both the Western District and the former Central District II. She served the New Mexico state society as president, vice president, and secretary and is currently on the state board of directors. She has served on numerous state and national committees. Honors include Order of the Golden Microscope, Silver Service, Pillar, Technologist of the Year, Exceptional Merit, Distinguished Achievement, and several writing awards. At the state level, she received the Arizona state society DON Award. She is PRN medical technologist at Kymera Independent Physicians, and CB Laboratory, Inc., both in Roswell, NM.

President’s Award
Presented to a state president for demonstrating excellence in leadership, dedication and service to AMT and its members.

Ivette Rivera, RMA, RPT, AHI, Bronx, NY, was certified as RMA in 1991, RPT in 2009, AHI in 2006. She has been a board member of the New York state society since 2000 and president since 2008. She has served on numerous state and national committees. Honors include Distinguished Achievement and at the state level, Meritorious award, Leadership award, and RMA of the Year.

She earned a BS degree from Pace University, New York, and attended Mandl College of Allied Health, New York, Medical Assistant, EKG Technician, and Phlebotomy. Ms. Rivera is phlebotomist/lab accessioner at St. Barnabas Hospital, Bronx, NY.
national awards

Phlebotomist of the Year
Recognizing extraordinary service and contribution at all levels within AMT, and to the phlebotomy profession and total care community.

Kimberly Meshell, RMA, RPT, COLT, AHI, Centralia, TX, was certified in 1999. She is the current editor for the Texas state society and serves on several state and national committees. She is the recipient of the Distinguished Achievement award. Ms. Meshell earned an Associate degree in Science from Angelina College and is phlebotomy/medical assistant/program coordinator at Angelina College in Lufkin, TX.

Technologist of the Year
Recognizing extraordinary service and contribution at all levels within AMT and to the medical technology and allied health care profession.

Roxann Clifton, MT, Sayre, OK, was certified in 1982. She is the current vice president on the national board of directors. She served on the Oklahoma state society board of directors (past president, vice president, and editor), and served on numerous state and national committees. Honors include Pillar, Silver Service, Exceptional Merit, Distinguished Achievement, Editor of the Year, and several editing awards. Mrs. Clifton earned a MEd.-concentration Biology and BS Biology from SWOSU. She is MLT Program Director/Clinical Coordinator/Instructor at SWOSU at Sayre.

RMA of the Year
Recognizing extraordinary service and contributions at all levels within AMT, and to the medical assisting profession and total care community.

Deborah Westervelt, RMA, COLT, Arnold, MO, was certified in 1997. She serves on the Missouri state society board of directors as treasurer (past secretary) and has also served on several state and national committees. She is the recipient of the Distinguished Achievement award. Ms. Westervelt earned an Associate degree of Science from High Tech Institute and Medical Assistant Diploma from Bryan Institute. She is program manager-medical assistant and medical billing & coding at Allied College South in Fenton, MO.
national awards

O.C. “Skip” Skinner Uniformed Services Award
Recognizing an active or retired member of the Uniformed Services who — within their branch of service — has made significant contributions towards their discipline, or promoted their discipline or AMT, or who has a history of service to AMT at all levels of the organization, and remains actively involved.

Kaye A. Tschop, MT, Nashville, TN, was certified in 1981. She currently serves on the state board of directors (past president, vice president, secretary, current editor). Ms. Tschop has also served on numerous state and national committees. Honors include Distinguished Achievement, Exceptional Merit, and state journal awards. On the state level, honors include Technologist of the Year, Silver Lens, President’s Award, and Merit Award. Ms. Tschop attended Baylor University and received an AS from St. Philip’s College. She is laboratory information manager at VA Tennessee Valley Healthcare System.

Cuviello Excellence in Education Award
Conferred by the AMTIE Board of Trustees, this award is presented to an AMT member, nominated by peers, who has demonstrated outstanding continued involvement in continuing education by way of presentation of workshops, lectures, or seminars at both state and national levels, and publishing of articles in scientific or management journals.

David A. McCullough, MT, Mt. Airy, NC, was certified in 1954. He is a past president of the national board of directors and currently serves on the North Carolina board of directors as secretary, and is chair of the EQS Committee. Mr. McCullough has served on numerous state and national committees through the years, and has been a speaker at AMT national and regional meetings. Honors include Order of the Golden Microscope, Distinguished Achievement, Exceptional Merit, Silver Service, Pillar, and Dusty Rhodes LIFE award. State honors include Technologist of the Year, Rebecca Moretz award, and Superlative Service award. He attended Carnegie Institute and is medical technologist, PRN, at Hoots Memorial Hospital in Yadkinville, NC.
national awards

Silver Service Awards

Awarded to longtime members who have worked faithfully in their state societies and have compiled a long track record of service to AMT at the state level but who are eliminated from consideration for national awards simply because they have already received them. Limited to those individuals who received the national Exceptional Merit Award at least five years prior to 2001.

Paul C. Brown, D.Min, MT, Millbrook, AL, has been a member of AMT for 26 years. He is the current president of AMT (past vice president). He also serves on the Alabama state society board of directors (past president), and been a member of several national and state committees. Honors include Distinguished Achievement, Exceptional Merit, Pillar, Dusty Rhodes LIFE Award, and Technologist of the Year. Among many degrees, he earned a Doctor of Ministry and Master of Arts in Ministry, and a BS degree in Psychology.

Dorothy (Mimi) Roush, MT, Sun City, AZ, was certified in 1953. She is a past vice president of the Arizona and Washington state society boards, and past secretary of the Washington and Ohio state society boards. She also served on various state and national committees. Honors include Distinguished Achievement, Exceptional Merit, Pillar, and Dusty Rhodes LIFE Award. State honors (Arizona and Washington) include Technologist of the Year, Appreciation Service Award, and Certificate of Merit. Ms. Roush attended Ohio State University; Mt. Vernon, OH - Clinical Lab MT Training & Internship; and Newark Hospital, Newark, OH - Nursing Program/Training. She is now retired.

Peggy Ann Smith, MT, Denver, IA, was certified in 1960. She is a member of the Iowa state board of directors (past treasurer). She has also served on several state and national committees. Honors include Distinguished Achievement, Exceptional Merit, and Pillar. Mrs. Smith attended Northwest Institute of Medical Technology and is now retired.

Susan A. Swanek, MT, Avoca, PA, was certified in 1980. She is the current editor on the Pennsylvania state society board (past vice president and secretary). She also served on many state and national committees. Honors include Distinguished Achievement and Exceptional Merit. State honors include MT of the Year and several writing awards. Miss Swanek attended Moses Taylor Hospital School, Luzerne County Community College, Wilkes University and earned an AS/MLT, BS Health Administration, MBA Graduate Certificate from City University.

Audrienne Whitley, MT, Dallas, OR, was certified in 1955. She is the current secretary of the Oregon state society (past treasurer). She also served on several national committees. Honors include Distinguished Achievement, Exceptional Merit, and Pillar Award. State honors include the Charles E. Martin Award. Mrs. Whitley attended Oregon Technical Institute and earned a BS degree from University of Oregon. She is now retired.
national awards

Pillar Awards

Awarded to longtime members who have worked faithfully in their state societies and have compiled a long track record of service to AMT at the state level but who are eliminated from consideration for national awards simply because they have already received them. Limited to those individuals who received national Distinguished Achievement Awards at least five years prior to 2001.

Nathalie G. Dixon, MT, Saginaw, MI, was certified in 1958. She is the current secretary of the Michigan state society. She also has served on various national committees. Honors include Distinguished Achievement. She is retired after working in the medical laboratory field for 45 years.

Carletha A. Durham, MT, Brunswick, GA, was certified as a MLT in 1985, MT in 1988. She is the current treasurer of the Georgia state society and also serves on the state Advisory Council-Legislature. Honors include Distinguished Achievement. At the state level, she was recognized with state Tech of the Year and Certificate of Merit. She attended Atlanta College, MLT program, and is employed by Southeastern Pathology Associates in Savannah, GA.

Tonya D. Satterfield, MT, Fairmont, WV, was certified in 1992. She is the current president of the West Virginia state society (past vice president, treasurer, and secretary). She also served on several state committees. Honors include Distinguished Achievement and Exceptional Merit. Ms. Satterfield earned an AS Medical Lab Technician from Fairmont State College. She is a medical technologist at Fairmont General Hospital.

Virginia Schuerman, MT, Ainsworth, IA, was certified in 1961. She is the current president of the Iowa state society and past state society editor. Honors include Distinguished Achievement, Exceptional Merit, and Editor of the Year. Mrs. Schuerman attended the College of Medical Technologists in Minneapolis and is a bench tech, per diem, at Washington Co. Hospital & Clinics in Washington, IA.

Anna Mae Seals, RPT, Clinton, OK, was certified in 1993. She is the current president of the Oklahoma state society (past treasurer). She also served on several national and state committees. Honors include Distinguished Achievement, Exceptional Merit, and Phlebotomist of the Year. At the state level, she was recognized with the Oklahoma Member of the Year. Ms. Seals attended the American College of Health Careers-MLT program in Oklahoma City and is retired from Oklahoma Veteran's Center Clinton Div.
Kaye A. Tschop, MT, Nashville, TN, was certified in 1981. She currently serves on the Tennessee state society board of directors (past president, vice president, secretary, and editor). She also served on several state and national committees. Honors include Distinguished Achievement, Exceptional Merit, and Third Place Journal award. State honors include Technologist of the Year, Silver Lens, and President’s Award. Ms. Tschop attended Baylor University and received an AS from St. Philip’s College. She is laboratory information manager at VA Tennessee Valley Healthcare System.

Gretchen Tupa, RMA, Mesa, AZ, was certified in 1993. She is the current vice president and editor of the Arizona state society. Mrs. Tupa also has served on several national and state committees. Honors include Distinguished Achievement, Exceptional Merit, RMA of the Year, and Editor of the Year. State honors include Outstanding Service, Carole Miller Award, State Editor Appreciation, and Service Appreciation certificates. She earned a Certificate of Graduation in Medical Assisting from Apollo College in Mesa, AZ, and Certificate of Completion in Leadership Training from Rosemont Technical, Rosemont, MN. She is Gilbert office coordinator-front & back office and phone triage for Arizona Asthma & Allergy Institute in Gilbert, AZ, and Xolair coordinator for four office locations.

Michelle Tew, RMA, Salt Lake City, UT, was certified in 1992. She is the current president and editor of the Utah state society and also served on several state and national committees. Honors include Distinguished Achievement, Exceptional Merit, and Most Improved Publication award. State honors include Distinguished Achievement and Officer of the Year. She earned a Medical Assistant Certificate at the Bryman School for Medical Assistants and EMT Certificate from EMEDCO.
national awards

NEW in 2010: GEM Award

The GEM award (for “going the extra mile”) is a new award recognizing those members who have recently relinquished an important, national-level, AMT appointive office or position of leadership after many years of distinguished service.

Gerard P. Boe, PhD., MT, CLC, Lady’s Island, SC, was certified as a MT in 1983 and CLC in 1998. He was Executive Director of AMT 1989-2000. He has been the Executive Director of AMTIE since 1989, is the current Caribbean Association of Medical Technologists (CASMET) Liaison, and also the editor of the AMT Journal of Continuing Education Topics & Issues. Dr. Boe has served on many committees including the Uniformed Services Committee and EQS Committee. He is a past member of the Georgia state society board of directors, and currently serves on the South Carolina state society board. Honors include Order of the Golden Microscope, Cuviello Excellence in Education award, Pride of the Profession, and numerous technical writing awards.

Walter M. Parsons, MT, Nashville, TN, was certified in 1964. He served on the national board of directors (past vice president and treasurer), state board of directors (past president and vice president) and AMTIE board of trustees. He was a member of several committees including EQS Committee. Honors include Order of Golden Microscope, Distinguished Achievement, Exceptional Merit, Technologist of the Year, Pillar, and Silver Service.

Bobby Stewart, MT, Kapolei, HI, was certified in 1963. He has been a member of the West Virginia, Iowa, Missouri, and Hawaii state societies. Mr. Stewart is a past president of the AMT board of directors. He also served on the Missouri board of directors and is currently on the Hawaii board of directors (past president). He is the current AMT National Schools Liaison. Honors include Order of the Golden Microscope, Distinguished Achievement, Exceptional Merit, Silver Service, Technologist of the Year, and Pillar.

Carol Yankovich, MT, Ridgway, PA, was certified in 1961. She is a past District and Executive Councillor and also served on numerous committees. She is currently on the Pennsylvania board of directors (past secretary). Honors include Order of the Golden Microscope, Distinguished Achievement, Exceptional Merit, Silver Service, and Becky Award. At the state level, she was honored as Pennsylvania Technologist of the Year and Outstanding Member of the Year.
national awards

NEW in 2010: Legacy Award

The Legacy Award is a new award that recognizes, posthumously, outstanding volunteer leaders within AMT who have recently passed away. It is presented to a representative of the state society with which the leader was primarily identified.

James Leon Mackey, MT, Nassau, Bahamas, began his career in medical technology in 1967 at the Princess Margaret Hospital in Nassau after completing his training in Kingston, Jamaica. He was instrumental in establishing the medical laboratory in Rassin Hospital Nassau, now called Doctors Hospital. Mr. Mackey opened his own laboratory in Nassau in 1990, MDS Lab, along with JANMACK Medical Laboratory Supply Co. He served as chairperson of the Bahamas Association of Medical Technologists (BAMT), and the president of the Caribbean Association of Medical Technologists (CASMET). Mr. Mackey was the CASMET force behind the AMT/CASMET affiliation, working tirelessly in this effort beginning in 1988 until the agreement was signed in 1989.

Raymond Schiffer, MT, Lone Oak, TX, was a member of AMT for 32 years. He served as Central District Councillor and also on the Texas state society board of directors (president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer). Honors include Distinguished Achievement, Exceptional Merit, Pillar, Becky Award, Editor of the Year, Texas Tech of the Year, and Texas President's Appreciation.

Linda Wolfe, MT, Bartow, FL, was a member of AMT for 27 years. She served on the national board of directors. She served on the Florida board of directors for over 20 years (past president and editor). Honors include Distinguished Achievement, Exceptional Merit, Editor of the Year, Pillar, Silver Service, and Technologist of the Year. State honors include Technologist of the Year, Certificates of Appreciation and Certificates of Merit. She was also the recipient of the Allied Health Professional of the Year in 2007.
Distinguished Achievement Awards

The Distinguished Achievement Award recognizes outstanding service to AMT and its members at the state level. Award recipients are nominated by the state society.

**Diana Castro, RPT**, Tucson, AZ, was certified in 2002. Diana has earned many awards such as the Rousch Award for Phlebotomist of the Year in both 2007 and 2009. She was also rewarded the Certificate of Appreciation from 2003 to 2008. She attended the University of Colorado and works as the Patient Service Representative at J2 Laboratories in Tucson, AZ.

**Susan Constable, MT**, Winslow, ME, was certified in 1997. Susan earned her BS in Management and Human Resources at Park University in May of 2010. She has held many state positions such as board member, proctor chair and vice president of Maine and New Hampshire state society. Susan has also been a member of numerous committees such as the nominating committee. In 2004, she was awarded the state Technologist of the Year Award. Today, Susan is the Lead Technologist of Transfusion Services at Inland Hospital located in Waterville, ME.

**Richard Cruz, MLT**, Fenton, MI, was certified in 1968. He received MLT training at the Carnegie College for Medical Technology. He has served as a past board member and vice president of the Michigan state society. He has also worked as a Generalist at St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital as well as the Chief Medical Examiner Investigator at the Livingston County Medical Examiner’s Office.

**Marc Derenthal, RMA**, Ann Arbor, MI, was certified in 1994. He has had varied educational background including a Catholic Seminary School and the State University of New York. He was a board member of the Michigan state society from 2001-2011. For 5 years, Marc also served as a Sergeant-at-Arms for state meetings.

**Solomon Goldberg, RMA**, Davie, FL, was certified in 2001. In both 2006 and 2009, he earned the AMT 1st place Feature Writing Award. Solomon has also spoken at numerous AMT conferences on a wide range of topics. He currently works as a Senior Medical Assistant and Radiology Technologist at the Neurology Associates Group in North Miami Beach, FL.

**Yolanda Gomez, RPT**, Tucson, AZ, was certified in 2002. Yolanda earned several certificates such as the Certificate of Appreciation and the Certificate from American Society of Phlebotomy Technicians. Yolanda has been a member of her state’s auditing committee. She has also received the Rousch Award for the Phlebotomist of the Year in both 2006 and 2008. Today, she works as the Patient Services Representative at J2 Laboratories located in Tucson, AZ.
Jennifer Grogan, RMA, RPT, COLT, Wyckoff, NJ, was certified in 2003, 2007 and 2008. Jennifer attended the Hohokus School for Medical and Secretarial Sciences. She served as the New Jersey state society’s vice president, chair of scientific meeting and proctor chair and works as the Laboratory Manager at the Valley Diagnostic Medical Center located in Ramsey, NJ.

Susan Haubrich, RMA, AHI, Valley Park, MO, was certified by AMT in 1994. She received Doctors’ Assistant training at Missouri College and graduated in 1994. She has served as a legislative board member of the Missouri State Society. Today, Susan is a Medical Assisting Instructor at Missouri College located in Brentwood, MO.

Gracie Johnson, RPT, Gun Barrel City, TX, has been certified for 12 years. Gracie earned a Phlebotomy degree at the Tyler Junior College as well as NCT Radiology training in Rockwell, TX. Gracie has been a part of the membership committee of the Texas state society. She has held various nursing positions including a Phlebotomist, X-Ray Technician and Medical Assistant at the Bennie Embry Doctor’s Office located in Gun Barrel City, TX.

Christina Mahon, RMA, Layton, UT, was certified in 2002. She attended The Bryman School where she earned her Medical Assistant Certificate. Christina is currently the Utah state society treasurer and past secretary. Today, Christina works as a Medical Assistant at the University of Utah Health Care School of Medicine in the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department located in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Rikki Packer, RMA, Foley, AL, was certified in 2000. She is currently enrolled at Faulkner State Community College to further her education as a Laboratory Technologist. She is the current vice president of the Alabama state society. Today, Rikki works as a Patient Service Technician at Lab Corporation in Loxley, Alabama.

Rachael Porlas, RMA, Albuquerque, NM, was certified in 1994. She is the current treasurer of the New Mexico state society. Rachael completed her RMA training at Ross Medical Education Center located in Saginaw, Michigan, and earned her associate’s degree at the Delta College in University Center, Michigan. In 2008, she received the Crystal Service Award in recognition of her many years of service. Today, Rachael works as a Medical Assistant at the University of New Mexico Hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
Linda Ruggles, RMA, Hudson, MI, was certified in 1995. She attended Ohio State University where she earned a degree in pre-nursing and later attended Ross Medical University where she earned her certification. Linda has been a board member of the Michigan state society since 2001 and was later named the vice president in 2009. She was also named the chairman of National Medical Assistant Week. Today, Linda works as a Medical Assistant at Thorn Health Care Center located in Hudson, MI.

Mary Ann Chaplin, RMA, Batavia, OH, was certified in 1985. That same year, Mary Ann graduated from the Ohio College of Business and Technology with a certificate in medical assisting. She has held many state positions including Ohio state society’s vice president, state proctor and chairperson for National Medical Assistant Week. Mary Ann has won various awards such as the Distinguished Achievement Award, the National Pillar Award, the RMA of the Year Award, the President’s Award and the Board of Director’s Award. Mary Ann has worked at Mercy Health Partners of Southwest Ohio.

Lynette Thomson, MT, Elyria, OH, was certified in 2002. She attended the School of Medical Technology of the Elyria Memorial Hospital in 1968. Lynette has earned numerous awards such as the Ohio Member of the Year Award in 2005, the Ohio Board of Directors Award in 2006 and the President of the Ohio State Society Award in 2008. Today, Lynette is a Medical Technician at the EMH Regional Medical Center located in Elyria, OH.

Kitty Carr, MT, Fairmont, WV, was certified in 1980. She earned her BS in Biology and her associate’s degree in Medical Laboratory Technology both from Fairmont State College. Presently, Kitty is the vice president of the West Virginia state society. She has held many other state positions such as the co-editor of the West Virginia State Bulletin. On a national level, Kitty has been a member of various committees including the Publications Committee and Proctoring Committee. She has also won numerous awards including the Distinguished Achievement Award, and the Exceptional Merit Award. Kitty currently works as a Medical Technologist in Hematology, Coagulation and Urinalysis at the Fairmont General Hospital located in Fairmont, WV.

Donald Bouchelle, MT, Arlington, VA, was certified in 1978. Donald worked for the D.O.D as a Medical Technologist in the Chemistry Section. He earned his BA in Biology at Lincoln University in 1969 and later attended the Military Laboratory Army School in 1971. In 2008, Donald was named the Virginia state society president and currently still holds this position. He has earned numerous state and national awards such as the Gold Key Award in 2004 and the Distinguished Achievement Award in 2005. Donald has also participated in many local and regional activities such as being a member of the Ways and Means Committee as well as the Scientific Committee.
national awards
Exceptional Merit Awards (continued)

**Christopher Seay, MT**, Memphis, TN, was certified in 1993. He attended Texas State University. Christopher served as the president of the Texas state society from 2002-2009. He has been a member of numerous committees such as the AMT Credentialing Committee and the Uniformed Services Committee. Christopher has also earned various awards such as the AMT President's Award, the AMT Distinguished Achievement Award and the Texas state society Member of the Year Award. Today, he works as the Manager in the Laboratory Support Section at the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital located in Memphis, TN.

**Marty Hinkel, MT**, Worland, WY, was certified in 1997. She earned her associate's and MLT degree at the North West Community College located in Powell, Wyoming. Later, she earned training for the cornea and whole eye retrieval at the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank. Marty has served as the vice president and president of the Rocky Mountain state society and is the current secretary. She has won numerous awards such as the AMT Distinguished Achievement Award in 2002 and the AMT President's Award in 2004. Today, Marty works as the Diagnostic Manager at the Washakie Medical Center located in Worland, WY.