

Prior to an education in the imaging sciences I spent several years pursuing a career in mental health. An undergraduate degree studying psychology and family relationships prepared me to offer quality health care to a variety of patients. Working with professors on meta analysis of therapeutic interventions and coding human behavior provided valuable research experience. Participating in the AKSRT will give me an opportunity to support ongoing efforts to improve the imaging profession in Alaska and abroad and connect with other professionals to learn about how imaging science can be advanced.

Employment in mental health can vary depending on where you look and I felt fortunate to work with many different people. From an Air Force outpatient clinic serving active duty, dependents, and veterans to an intensive outpatient clinic specializing in the treatment of obsessive compulsive disorder and anxiety disorders. In each new responsibility I gained perspective on working directly with patients and meeting each individual need. I have practiced focusing my efforts on prioritizing patient care and hope to bring this focus to each new team I work with. I believe that participation in the ASRT and AKSRT will provide opportunity to focus my skills in maintaining standards of patient care in the imaging profession.

I am excited to continue my education in the medical field and build a set of skills that will allow me to support any team I get to be part of. Being accepted into the AKSRT gives me a valuable opportunity to connect with the radiology community of Alaska and support quality care here and abroad. I hope to represent my family, my native heritage, and my hopes for a healthy Alaska.