

# 2024 MS Society for Respiratory Care Nominees

## Candidates for President-Elect:

**John Shelburne, MA, RRT**, is a respiratory therapist with 26 years of service. Over the past 21 years, he has been an active member of the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC), making significant contributions to the profession. John's commitment to the Mississippi Society for Respiratory Care (MSRC) is evident through his roles as a Delegate since 2015, a member of the Membership Committee, co-manager of the social media and website, and assistant to the MSRC Treasurer. He is also a member of the 2024 Magnolia Sputum Bowl Committee. On a national level, John serves in the AARC House of Delegates and contributes to the Orientation and Chartered Affiliates Committees, reflecting his dedication to advancing respiratory care.

## Candidates for Secretary:

**Scottie Pinkston, BSM, RRT**, is a respiratory therapist with 31 years of experience. For the past 10 years, she has been an active member of the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC). Her commitment to the Mississippi Society for Respiratory Care (MSRC) is highlighted by her role as a Board Member at Large since 2020 and her leadership as Chair of the Rehab and Home Care Committee since 2022. This past year she has served as a member on the MSRC Program/Symposium Committee. Additionally, Scottie is credentialed with the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR), further showcasing her expertise and dedication to patient care.

**Shabraka First, MPH, BSRT**, is a respiratory therapist with 6 years of experience. She has been a member of the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) for 5 years demonstrating her commitment to the profession.

## Candidates for Treasurer:

**Deanna Yates, RRT**, is a respiratory therapist with 18 years of experience, all of which have been marked by her active membership in the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC). Since 2020, she has served as the Treasurer for the Mississippi Society for Respiratory Care (MSRC), where she plays a crucial role in managing the organization's finances. Deanna's commitment to the respiratory care profession is evident through her long-standing dedication to both MSRC and AARC.

## Candidates for Junior Delegate:

**Eligah Johnson, MPH, BHS, RRT**, is a respiratory therapist with 44 years in the field and 33 years of active membership in the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC). He has served as a Board Member at Large for the Mississippi Society for Respiratory Care (MSRC) since 2022. Eligah's long-standing commitment to respiratory care and his leadership role within MSRC underscore his dedication to advancing the profession.

## Candidates for Board Member at Large:

**Jennifer Patrick, MBA, RRT**, is a respiratory therapist with 17 years of service in the field. She has been an active member of the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) for the past 6 years. Since 2022, Jennifer has contributed to the Mississippi Society for Respiratory Care (MSRC) as a Board Member at Large. She is also a member of the 2024 Magnolia Sputum Bowl Committee. Her commitment to professional development is evident through her participation in Tri-State Respiratory Care Conference, AARC Summer Forum, and MSRC meetings.

**Donnie Shepherd, RRT**, is a respiratory therapist with 22 years of experience. He has been an active member of the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) for the past 4 years. Since 2022, Donnie has served as a Board Member at Large for the Mississippi Society for Respiratory Care (MSRC) and as Chair of the MSRC Awards Committee.

**Jackie Odom, MPH, RRT**, is a respiratory therapist with 30 years in the field. For the past 10 consecutive years, she has been an active member of the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC). Jackie has contributed to the Mississippi Society for Respiratory Care (MSRC) as Secretary from 2009 to 2012 and currently serves on the 2024 MSRC Nominations Committee. Her expertise is further highlighted by her credentials as a Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt, an active member of both the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) and the Association for Healthcare Administrative Professionals (AHCAP). She is a seasoned speaker, having presented at Monaghan Medical Respiratory Meetings, Tri-State Respiratory Care Conference, as well as state meetings in Mississippi, Alabama, and Indiana. Additionally, her passion for respiratory care and professional development is evident in her attendance in AARC Congress, Tri-State, MSRC, and LSRC meetings.

**Driscoll DeVaul, DHA, RRT**, is a respiratory therapist with 23 years of experience and over 20 years as an active member of the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC).

Throughout his career, he has been actively involved with the Mississippi Society for Respiratory Care (MSRC), where he briefly served as President-Elect. Driscoll's long-standing commitment to the respiratory care profession is evident in his service and dedication to the field.

**Bernard Toothaker, MHA, MBA, RRT**, is a respiratory therapist with 15 years of experience in the field. He has been an active member of the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) for over 5 years and has participated in the AARC Summer Forum, Tri-State Respiratory Care Conference, and MSRC meetings. Bernard holds several credentials, including being a COPD Educator, a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt, and completing Essentials in Clinical Simulations Across the Health Professions, highlighting his commitment to professional development and excellence in patient care.

**Lasheia Begnaud, MHA, BSBA, RRT, RRT-ACCS**, is a respiratory therapist with 15 years in the field. She has been a member of the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) for 1 year and has attended the Tri-State Respiratory Care Conference. Lasheia holds several credentials, including affiliations with the American Heart Association (AHA), Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM), and the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC), reflecting her commitment to professional growth and expertise in respiratory care.

**Wes Andrews, EdD, RRT**, is a respiratory therapist with 36 years of experience in the field. He has been a dedicated member of the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) for 30 years. Wes has previously served as an MSRC Northern Region Board Member and is also a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) and the Florida Society for Respiratory Care (FSRC), reflecting his commitment to both clinical and executive aspects of respiratory care.

**Daniel Stutts, BSRT, RRT**, is a respiratory therapist with 11 years of experience in the field. He has been an active member of the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) for 5 years proving his commitment to advancing the field.

**Jessica Clifford, BSHA&E, RRT**, is a respiratory therapist with 21 years of experience. She has been an active member of the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) for 6 years. Jessica plays a crucial role in shaping future respiratory therapists by serving on the Advisory Boards for both the MGCCC and PRCC Respiratory Technology Programs. Additionally, she has collaborated with the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH)

and MSRC to establish the Respiratory Student Program, helping to address staffing shortages in the field.

**Adam North, CRT**, is a respiratory therapist with 34 years in the field and 19 years as an AARC member. He has been actively involved with the Louisiana Society for Respiratory Care (LSRC), where he served as a Board Member, chaired the Leadership Committee, and represented the LSRC in Congressional visits. Adam has also shared his expertise as a guest speaker at over 10 state society meetings. His extensive experience and contributions highlight his dedication to advancing the respiratory care profession.