



To: Program Directors
Mississippi Respiratory Care Technology Programs

From: Kevin Dees, RRT
President, MSRC

Subject: Magnolia Bowl

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Memo:

As President of the Mississippi Society for Respiratory Care (MSRC), I want to thank the programs who have made the commitment to attend the 2010 MSRC Annual State Educational Meeting in October. I also want to encourage all of the others to please consider attending. The MSRC has recognized its oversight of involving the state RCT programs in planning, developing and attending the state conferences. MSRC is making a concerted effort to include and depend upon our state's educational programs to be active leaders and participants in our state association. I believe the future of our organization depends upon you, your faculty, your graduates, and your student loyalty and support.

MSRC is aware of several programs that attend surrounding states conferences, because of their significant support and recognition of respiratory care education programs. The Executive Board has heard your concerns about the lack of professionalism, pessimism, minimal student activities/recognition, and poor attendance at the state meeting, and this year we are addressing these concerns to move forward in a positive manner.

Amongst the changes this year, the MSRC will be sponsoring the "Sputum Bowl" competition for students; however, the Executive Board Members have made a unanimous decision to rename the competition to the "Magnolia Bowl".

As of the meeting on April 21, 2010, the following teams have committed to compete in the 2010 Magnolia Bowl: Copiah-Lincoln, Mississippi Gulf Coast, Northwest Mississippi, Northeast Mississippi and Pearl River Community Colleges.



The MSRC Executive Board Members have also unanimously made the decision to evaluate this year's participation in the Magnolia Bowl to determine the feasibility and degree of future sponsorship for the winning team to compete at the AARC National Conference's Sputum Bowl. This year the Magnolia Bowl Committee will be evaluating rules and regulation from the AARC and posting them along with important dates.

Due to the current "crunch time" with the MSRC and the diligent planning, the MSRC Board has considered the options of sending students to the 2010 National Sputum Bowl. Unanimously the Board Members came to the conclusion that MSRC will not sponsor a Sputum Bowl Team this year, instead a scholarship will be awarded. In planning for the 2011 National Sputum Bowl, the following decisions carefully considered and have been made:

National Sputum Bowl Eligibility

- A program must compete in the 2010 Magnolia Bowl to be eligible for MSRC sponsorship for the 2011 AARC National Sputum Bowl.
- Programs that do not participate in the 2010 Magnolia Bowl will be eligible to compete and win the 2011 Magnolia Bowl, but they will not be eligible for MSRC sponsorship for the 2011 AARC National Sputum Bowl.
- In the event that the 2011 Magnolia Bowl winning team is not eligible for the 2011 National Sputum Bowl, the runner up program who participates in the 2010 Magnolia Bowl will be the team sponsored by the MSRC to compete at Nationals.
- If at any time a team winning the Mississippi Magnolia Bowl declines the MSRC sponsorship and declines the option to compete at the 2011 National Sputum Bowl, the funds that are allocated to sponsor the team will be maintained and allocated for the next year.
- Depending on funds available, the MSRC will agree to fund a maximum amount of \$2000 to the winning team. The other funds are to be raised by the team members. Funds will only be sponsored and allocated at the time in which the team commits to participating in the AARC National Sputum Bowl.



Therefore, the funds will not be allocated or given to anyone for any other reason.

MSRC is considering a number of fundraising ideas facilitated by the RCT programs and MSRC that will coincide with this year's meeting. The proceeds from the fundraiser will be used specifically to sponsor next year's winning team.

In lieu of 2010 National Sponsorship, the MSRC will be awarding a \$500 scholarship to the winning team's college; it will be designated to the winning college in name of MSRC for the reason of tuition and books. Also being considered is the second place team being awarded a \$200 scholarship.

MSRC's ultimate goal will be to provide 100% of the travel, accommodations, and registration for the winning team and a faculty member to participate at the AARC National Sputum Bowl. The level of sponsorship in the future will be dependent upon our society's membership, fundraiser success, and continued support from the Mississippi RCT Program.

If you find that you have questions or ideas for student fundraising, MSRC Conference topics, Magnolia Bowl, etc, please direct them to the following Magnolia Bowl Committee Members:

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