

Alyssa Klein – SDSRT Student Mentor

Hometown: Luverne, MN

School: 2nd year at Avera McKennan in Sioux Falls, SD

Attended 3 years at North Dakota State University (NDSU – Fargo, ND) for my bachelor's degree in Radiologic Science before I got accepted into Avera McKennan for my internship. I will graduate from NDSU in May of 2012 and then graduate with my certificate from Avera McKennan as a Radiologic Technologist in August of 2012.

Future plans: After graduation I would like to find a job somewhere in a hospital preferably but a clinical setting wouldn't be out of the question. I would like to further my career and also look in to doing CT and Mammography if I am able to.

Why did I choose Radiology: I have always wanted to work in the healthcare field and after job shadowing the Radiology field I knew this is what I wanted to do. I absolutely love caring for patients and helping people when they are sick. The challenge that comes with this career is another reason why I love it; it keeps you "on your toes" and each day is different.

Why am I involved with the SDSRT: I chose to apply for the student mentor program because of the learning opportunities that it will bring to me as a student. This program allows me to meet new people that share the same passion for this career and it also allows me to see what holds our societies together and enables us to do what we love, both at a state and national level.