National Radiologic Technology Week® is scheduled for November 3-9, 2013 and is celebrated annually to recognize the vital work of radiologic technologists across the nation. The celebration takes place each November to commemorate the anniversary of the x-ray's discovery by German physicist Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen on November 8, 1895.

The week-long celebration calls attention to the valuable work of R.T.s in the health care field and the highly technical images that they make. The images play an integral role in the medical process and in the lives of millions of patients. The Minnesota West Radiologic Technology Program not only takes this opportunity to celebrate the discovery of x-rays, but also to recognize and honor the hard work and accomplishments of the registered radiographers throughout region.

“Radiologic Technology Week provides a great opportunity to bring attention to this stimulating field,” stated Tonya Koepsell, Radiologic Technology Program Director at Minnesota West. “The enthusiasm shown by our students as they experience things in the field for the first time allows us to be constantly reminded of how thrilling radiologic technology can be, and how it is filled with outstanding professionals from within our region.”

Currently the Minnesota West Radiologic Technology Program has 26 students enrolled in the program. Each student will rotate through clinical sites from throughout the region. The hard working technologists at the clinical sites are a valuable asset that enhances the students’ ability to learn the importance of taking high quality radiographs to aid in the diagnosis of the patients served in the communities.

“The Minnesota West Radiologic Technology Program has been an inspiring program to been enrolled in,” said Heidi Clement, a Comfrey, MN native and current student in the program. “Being in this program has taught me to be more confident and outgoing. I enjoy being able to have a lab to work in to get the hands on experience I need. While working in a hospital or clinic during my rotation of clinicals, I benefit from being able to take x-rays on real patients. This is an opportunity to test my skills and to become a better technologist. The Minnesota West Radiologic Technology Program has provided me with the education and determination I will need for my future.”

For more information regarding the Minnesota West’s Radiologic Technology Program please call 507-449-2772 or go to the program’s website at http://www.mnwest.edu/faculty-webpages/radiologic-technology