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Welcome to NCRA's student newsletter, *Up-to-Speed*, featuring insights and tips especially for court reporting and captioning students. In this issue, learn how to join the fitness challenge to get in shape for the 2022 NCRA Conference & Expo coming up this summer and read about our student in the spotlight who is determined to make her career dreams a reality. And don't forget to check out all the great scholarships and grants we've got coming up this spring.

Student Spotlight

From The Bahamas to Baltimore, Md. (virtually)

Edwina Bel-Rosslyn Roberts has had a long road to becoming a court reporting student. Her love of typing started when she was a young girl, and she has been in pursuit of a career in the legal profession ever since. She's had some stops and starts along the way but, she says, "I always kept my faith, and I never gave up because it was a career that I was truly passionate about."

[Read more.](#)



Do you know a student currently attending a court reporting program who should be in the spotlight? [Let us know.](#)

School Spotlight

NCRA SCHOOL Spotlight

Macomb Community College

This issue we highlight Macomb Community College. The court reporter programs offered in our School Spotlight have met the General Requirements and Minimum Standards established by the Council on Approved Student Education of NCRA. This is a chance for members to get to know these programs and hear from their students and teachers.

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Student achievements



NCRA has recently started a new program to recognize student speed accomplishments. The Student Fast Lane program was created at the suggestion of program administrators and teachers who were inspired by the large student turnout at the 2021 NCRA Conference & Expo. NCRA reached out to all court reporting programs asking for their assistance in recognizing student speed accomplishments at the 150, 160, 180, 200, and 225 wpm speeds, as well as recognizing recent graduates.

[Read more.](#)

Join the Steno Fitness Challenge!

Students are running things over on the “Steno Fitness Challenge 'til Orlando 2022! Exercise at least 15 minutes a day” Facebook group. They are inspiring us all.



[Read more.](#)

Court Reporting & Captioning Week

SPREAD
Love and Steno
EVERYWHERE
YOU GO!



2022 Court Reporting
& Captioning Week

Student fun planned for Court Reporting & Captioning Week

NCRA's Student/Teacher committee has been hard at work creating an exciting lineup of free webinars and activities during Court Reporting & Captioning Week. Join your fellow students in learning the art of practice on Monday, take a deep dive into the wonderful world of CART on Wednesday, and round out the week on Friday with some entertaining Karaoke (court reporter-style). There will be door prizes given out, so you don't want to miss a moment of the CRCW fun!

[Learn more and sign up.](#)

How You Can Get Involved with NCRA

[JOIN NCRA](#) as a student member and get access to discounts on testing, Conference registration, study guides, and more.

[CONTRIBUTE](#) to *Up-to-Speed* by submitting articles, study tips, questions for reporters and instructors, and other suggestions.

[LEARN](#) about upcoming scholarship and grant opportunities.

APPLY NOW	
STUDENTS	DEADLINE
NCRA A to Z[®] Scholarships 15 \$750 awards	April 1, 2022
NCRA CASE Scholarships \$1,500, \$1,000, \$750, \$500, and \$250 awards	April 1, 2022
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Sign up for the next
ONLINE SKILLS TESTS (SKT)
RSR, RPR, RMR, CRR, and CRC

Register Feb. 1-20
for testing March 1-20



Grants and Scholarships

Students, apply now for the Career Launcher Grant.

You could earn an award that covers your 10-module NCRF Career Launcher fees.



NCRF announces first group of Career Launcher Student Grant recipients

Thanks to the generosity of the Utah Court Reporters Association, the National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) is pleased to announce the first group of recipients of its quarterly Career Launcher Student Grants program.

[Learn more.](#)

2022 winner of NCRF Student Intern Scholarship announced

Katie Picciano, a student at the Community College of Allegheny County in Pittsburgh, Pa., has been named this year's winner of the National Court Reporter Foundation (NCRF) Student Intern Scholarship. "We are so proud that Katie has earned our Student Intern Scholarship," said NCRF Chair Early Langley, RMR, a freelance court reporter from Danville, Calif. "We are delighted to honor her accomplishments and dedication with this award."

[Read more.](#)



CASE and NCRA A to Z Scholarships open Feb. 1

NCRA is pleased to announce the opening of several upcoming scholarship opportunities for court reporting and captioning students. Students who have completed an NCRA A to Z® Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand program may be eligible for one of 15 NCRA A to Z® Scholarships. And students from NCRA-approved reporter education programs are encouraged to apply for one of five CASE student scholarships. Applications open Feb. 1.

[Learn more.](#)

Up-to-Speed asks ...

Have you ever applied for an NCRA or NCRF scholarship or grant?

- 16.1% - Yes
- 45.2% - No
- 22.6% - No, but I plan to
- 3.2% - I was not aware that NCRA and NCRF had scholarships and grants

- 12.9% - Something else

What is your steno goal for 2022?

Practice, practice, practice

Select

Transcribe every test

Select

Work on my certification

Select

Find a mentor through the NCRA Virtual Mentor Program

Select

Something else

Select



Students and NCRA members interested in learning more about the Virtual Mentor Program can find more information at the Virtual Mentor Program [home page](#) or by emailing the Mentoring Program Manager at vmp@ncra.org for more information.

Want to see your school in the news? *Up-to-Speed* is looking for news from court reporting programs to feature in our newsletter. Send ideas and information to jcrfeedback@ncra.org.

Testing center

- [Registration for Online Skills Tests open Feb. 1-20 for testing March 1-20](#)
- [Registration for Written Knowledge Tests open March 1-31 for testing April 5-19](#)

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