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Student Newsletter

Welcome to NCRA's student newsletter, *Up-to-Speed*, featuring insights and tips especially for court reporting and captioning students. If you are planning on taking an Online Skills Test in May, you'll want to read our important updates. We've also got a preview of the NCRA Conference & Expo in Houston, Texas, this summer and a refresher on writing thank-you notes (just in case you need it!).

Student Spotlight

Student Spotlight: A dream come true

Abbey Turnage finished her court reporting program and passed her RPR in under a year, but she knows that her experience is not typical. She credits her unusual journey to not having any outside obligations and being able to focus solely on her studies. "What matters most is not the length of time it may take to finish," she says. "Rather, it is never giving up and reaching the goal of being a working reporter."

[Read more.](#)



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

NCRA Events

Houston, here we come!

Add this to your summer schedule: The 2023 NCRA Conference & Expo is taking place at the Hyatt Regency Houston Downtown in Houston, Texas, from July 27-30. Registration opens in early April, but you can start planning your trip now. Get a sneak peek of the schedule, exhibitors, special sessions, and more!

[Read more.](#)



#CRCW2023: Students love steno and karaoke!



Students celebrated 2023 Court Reporting & Captioning Week last month with a panel discussion of "How I Survived Court Reporting School" and a night of Steno Karaoke, hosted by Margary Rogers, RPR, CRI, an official court reporter from Washington, D.C.

[Read more.](#)

Student Achievements



NCRA is proud to offer the Student Fast Lane program to recognize student speed accomplishments. NCRA reaches 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.

[Read more.](#)



The NCRA Virtual Mentor Program is a great way for today's court reporters to offer students the guidance and encouragement they need.

[Learn about becoming a mentor or finding a mentor.](#)



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Student Pathways

A thank you is always appreciated

By Debbie Kriegshauser

Thank-you notes are an important tool in your professional toolbox. Need more incentive? Read this article to get more insight into how showing your appreciation will help you build your network, now and for your future.

[Read more.](#)



**Three student support roles: Advising, mentoring,
and career coaching**



By Geanell Adams

While advising, career coaching, and mentoring are three different and distinct concepts, they serve the same purpose of encouraging student participation for ultimate success. All three of these concepts share a common objective – to assist individual students to grow and develop, achieve their desired goals, and reach their full potential.

[Read more.](#)

Grants and Scholarships

Student scholarship closes March 31

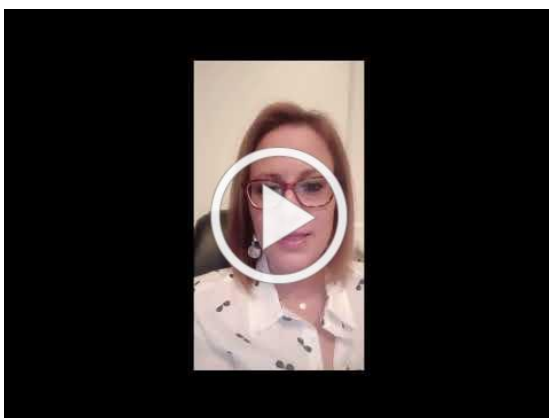
The deadline is this Friday for the Gina Battaglia Memorial Student Intern Scholarship. The scholarship is intended to help an NCRF student member who has been an intern in the past 12 months. Applicants must be nominated by their court reporting programs and submit a letter of recommendation and an essay. Judicial, CART, and captioning students are encouraged to apply.

[Learn more.](#)

NOMINATIONS FOR THE **\$1,000 GINA BATTAGLIA MEMORIAL STUDENT INTERN SCHOLARSHIP** are now being accepted

DEADLINE March 31, 2023

In honor of Gina Battaglia, daughter of NCRF Angel and NCRF Member Stephanie Zeder Battaglia, RMR, CRR



Three winners selected for Student Intern Scholarships

Reanna Buzza, a student at the Community College of Allegheny County in Pittsburgh, Pa.; Blythe Warwas, a student at Anoka Technical College in Anoka, Minn.; and Luisa Vertucci, a graduate of Plaza College in Forest Hills, N.Y.; have been named this year's winners of the

National Court Reporters Foundation
Student Intern Scholarships.

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[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.

Testing Center

Important Online Skills Test Info

- [Online Skills Testing: Important updates to procedures and requirements](#)
- [New Online Skills Test Information Center](#)
- [Registration for Online Skills Tests opens April 1 for testing in May](#)



Written Knowledge Tests

- **Last chance:** [Registration for Written Knowledge Tests closes March 31 for testing in April.](#)

Up-to-Speed asks ...

Responses to last issue's question: How are you planning to celebrate Court Reporting & Captioning Week?

- 0% — Participating in an event at my school

- 11.1% — Attending NCRA's student webinar or "I Love Steno" karaoke night
- 22.2% — Using #CRCW2023 on social media to promote the week
- 11.1% — Telling everyone I know about this amazing profession
- 33.3% — Two or more of the above
- 22.2% — Something else

When was the last time you wrote a thank-you note? (For what occasion?)

For a gift I received.

[Select](#)

For an event I attended.

[Select](#)

For an interview.

[Select](#)

For something nice someone did for me.

[Select](#)

Just because!

[Select](#)

I can't remember.

[Select](#)

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