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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. Have you ever wanted to play a court reporter on TV? Keep reading to see how it's done. And if you are planning to attend the NCRA Conference & Expo in Houston this summer, we've got everything you need to know — including how to enter to win a free registration!

Student Spotlight



Student Spotlight: She played a court reporter on TV

One of Stephanie Beauchamp's first roles as an actress – just three years ago – was as a stenographer in a TV show, before she knew anything about stenography. Now Beauchamp not only has her own IMDB page, but she is also enrolled as a court reporting student at Plaza College in Forest Hills, N.Y.

[Read more.](#)

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

2023 NCRA Conference & Expo

See Ya in Houston!

By Amie R. First, RDR, CRR, CRC, CPE

Students, now is the time to start making plans to attend the 2023 NCRA Conference & Expo in Houston, Texas, July 27-30. The theme is "Make Every Connection Matter." You will meet reporters and fellow students and make connections that will last throughout your career, even throughout your lifetime. We've got loads of insider tips on how to make the most out of your Conference experience.

[Read more.](#)



Ten NCRA student members to win Conference registrations in NCRF drawing



Students: Get a seat at the table. The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) invites you to join the conversation with us at the 2023 NCRA Conference & Expo taking place July 27-30 at the Hyatt Regency Houston Downtown in Houston, Texas. NCRF is giving away 10 free student Conference registrations to current NCRA student members.

[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.](#)

Up-to-Speed congratulates these students on completing their education!

[Read more.](#)



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IN OUR INDUSTRY**



Finding a quality mentor is one of the most important things you can do in court reporting school.
Learn about becoming a mentor or finding a mentor.

Pathways

The traveling stenographer

By Giselle Mitchell-Margerum

“Excuse me, are you interested in working abroad in Asia? Leave your card with us and we’ll be sure to contact you.” There I was, taking a casual stroll in the vendor hall at the NCRA Conference in San Francisco, and I got the offer that would change the trajectory of my professional career.

[Read more.](#)





From NCRA A to Z to Alfred

Like many participants in the NCRA A to Z® Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand program, Haley Armstrong of Charleston, S.C., was a career-changer looking for a career that she could feel passionate about. “The way words are used (or misused), abbreviations, prefixes, suffixes, and everything in between has always fascinated me,” she says.

[Read more.](#)

Bringing up champions

By Laura Brewer

Our court reporting students are the future champions of our profession: They are the future merit writers, the International Criminal Court record keepers, the Congressional reporters, the realtime and speed champions, the association presidents, our teachers, and our mentors. Starting them on the path to success begins with showing them the way.

[Read more.](#)



Grants and Scholarships

Apply by June 14 for Career Launcher Student Grants

Students are encouraged to apply for the National Court Reporters Foundation quarterly Career Launcher Student Grants. The grants cover the cost to participate in the student program, which is \$100 for members and \$175 for nonmembers.



Interested students can apply for the next drawing by the deadline of June 14.

[Learn more.](#)

See all upcoming scholarships and grants [here](#).

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.

Testing Center

Upcoming testing

- [Registration open for in-person Skills Testing in Houston on July 25](#) | Testing offered for for the [RSR](#), [RPR](#), [CRR](#), [CRC](#). Space is limited so register early!
- [Registration for Online Skills Tests opens June 1 for testing in July](#)
- [Registration for Written Knowledge Tests opens June 1 for testing in July](#)



Registration is open for Houston in-person Skills Testing
July 25, 2023, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Houston Downtown
Space is limited to 40 slots per test
First come, first served - no wait-list

Tests offered: RSR, RPR, CRR, CRC

REGISTRATION CLOSES JULY 1



Up-to-Speed asks ...

Responses to last issue's question: When was the last time you wrote a thank-you note? (For what occasion?)

- 61.5% — For a gift I received.
- 0% — For an event I attended.
- 0% — For an interview.
- 15.4% — For something nice someone did for me.
- 23.1% — Just because!
- 0% — I can't remember.

Are you planning to attend the 2023 NCRA Conference & Expo in Houston, Texas, July 27-30?

Yes! I have already registered.

[Select](#)

Yes! I am planning to register.

[Select](#)

I am still thinking about it.

[Select](#)

I'm hoping to win one of NCRF free student registrations.

[Select](#)

I haven't decided yet.

[Select](#)

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