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Student Newsletter

Welcome to NCRA's student newsletter! We know you've probably got winter break on the mind, but take some time to check out all the great advice we've collected for practicing, passing tests, applying for scholarships, and graduating. Happy Holidays!

## Student Spotlight



### A vast community of reporters willing to help

Emily Eastwood, a student at Green River College in Auburn, Wash., has worked throughout the United States, including at National Parks, on dude ranches, and for elk hunting outfits. A chance encounter with an official reporter led her to finally settle down (for a while anyway).

[Read more.](#)

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

## Student Success

### Students take center stage in December webinar

Student services are a critical piece of your education. The NCRA Student/Teacher Committee brings you a webinar on Dec. 4 to learn how to find and use student resources.

[Read more.](#)

#### Student Support Services: IS YOUR SCHOOL SUPPORTING YOU?

**DEC. 4 @ 6 P.M. EASTERN**

Presented by

**Dr. Nequel Burwell and J. William Blue.**

*Free for NCRA members.*



**LIVE  
WEBINAR!**



### I write the songs

*By Vanessa Johns*

Can a 10-minute practice session change your life? Maybe not, but it *can* turn your day around! If you're having one of *those* days, try turning it around with a few minutes on your machine and a good song!

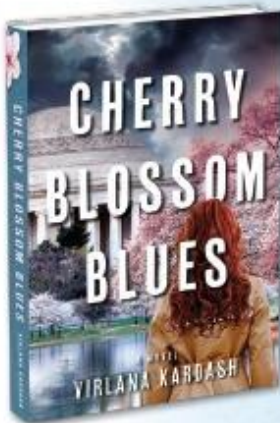
[Read more.](#)

## Overcoming test anxiety for court reporting students

*Dr. Geanell Adams*

Test anxiety is a common challenge faced by many students, particularly in rigorous programs like court reporting. However, with the right strategies and mindset, students can effectively manage their anxiety and excel in their studies.

[Read more.](#)



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## Student Achievements



## Student Fast Lane

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.](#)

## Ask Us Anything!

Insights, inspiration, perspiration: Experts, students share tips to graduate



*By Jill Parker Landsman*

In a record-breaking Ask Me Anything ZoomUp last month, the “How I Graduated” panel discussion engaged more than 50 attendees with tips on how to make it to the finish line and graduate from court reporting school with confidence.

[Read more.](#)



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### Ask Me Anything about fiscal responsibility

#### How to Make Your Budget Work!

Gain practical tips on budgeting and spending wisely to enhance your financial responsibility and solvency.

TUESDAY, DEC. 3, 2024

8-9 p.m. Eastern

Members Only; Zoom name required when signing up.



## Next up: Ask Me Anything about ... Fiscal Responsibility

Developing good financial habits matters. Join your colleagues Tuesday, Dec. 3, from 8-9 p.m. Eastern as they share valuable insights on practicing good fiscal sense and avoiding common pitfalls. This is your opportunity to empower your financial future!

[Read more.](#)

## Scholarships

### Tips for successfully applying for scholarships

Did you know that NCRF and NCR offer more than \$25,000 annually in student scholarships? Check out these easy tips to help you get a jump-start on your applications.

[Read more.](#)



### Partnership with Stenograph creates major scholarship

NCRF is excited to announce a partnership with Stenograph for the Stenograph Milton H. Wright Memorial Scholarship: Empowering the Future of Court Reporting Excellence. Opening in early 2025 to student members, this

scholarship offers \$5,000 in tuition, a student writer, software, and more. Details coming soon in the *JCR Weekly* and the *Up-to-Speed* student newsletter.

## Career Launcher Scholarship deadline Dec. 13

Students are encouraged to apply for the National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) quarterly Career Launcher Student Scholarship. Interested students can apply for the next drawing by the deadline of **Dec. 13**.

[Read more.](#)

## ACCELERATE YOUR LIFE!

The Career Launcher scholarship covers the cost for students to participate in the NCRF Career Launcher program.

**Apply today! Deadline: Dec. 13**



## STUDENT INTERN SCHOLARSHIP

**FOUR \$2,000 awards** available for high-achieving court reporting or captioning students who have completed their internships.

**Deadline Dec. 6**



## NCRF Student Intern Scholarship offers \$8,000 in awards – apply by Dec. 6

The NCRF scholarship and grants program promotes incentives for students and new professionals to learn and strive for excellence.

[Read more.](#)

# 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 opportunities.

## Testing Center

**Written Knowledge Tests** | Registration opens Dec. 1 for testing in January.

**Online Skills Tests** | Registration opens Dec. 1 for testing in January.



*First*  
**WKT OF 2025!**

### Written Knowledge Test (WKT)

RPR, RDR, CRC, and CLVS

**Registration open**

**December 1-31, 2024**

*for testing January 2-21, 2025*



*First*  
**SKT OF 2025!**

### Online Skills Test (SKT)

RSR, RPR, RMR, CRR, and CRC

**Registration open**

**December 1-20, 2024**

*for testing January 1-20, 2025*

*Up-to-Speed* asks ...

**Responses to last issue's question:** Are you part of an online practice or other steno-related group?

- Yes. On Facebook. — 27.9%
- Yes. On a site other than Facebook. — 25.6%
- Yes. On Facebook and another site. — 14%
- No. — 14%
- Something else. — 18.6%

Do you plan to test for an NCRA certification while you are still in school?

Yes, the RSR.

Yes, the RPR.

I already have.

I'm not sure.

Something else.

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