

January 2025



Welcome to NCRA's student newsletter! Our 13th annual Court Reporting & Captioning Week starts this Saturday, Feb. 1. We are showcasing a whole week of student activities to get you practicing, motivated, singing, and more!

Student Spotlight



Court reporting school is not a race

"Speedbuilding can sometimes get discouraging," says Baylee Richards, a student at Lamar State College in Orange, Texas. "But I remind myself how far I've come. I've passed speeds that at one time felt impossible. I've overcome things that felt too far out of reach. Court reporting school is not a race. I know my end is in sight, and I can't wait to cross the finish line!"

[Read more.](#)

Celebrate your inspirational teachers!

Students, this is your chance to show your appreciation by nominating your instructor for NCRA's CASE Award of Excellence. This award celebrates the vital role educators play in shaping the court reporting profession by honoring their dedication, outstanding achievements, and leadership.

[Read more.](#)

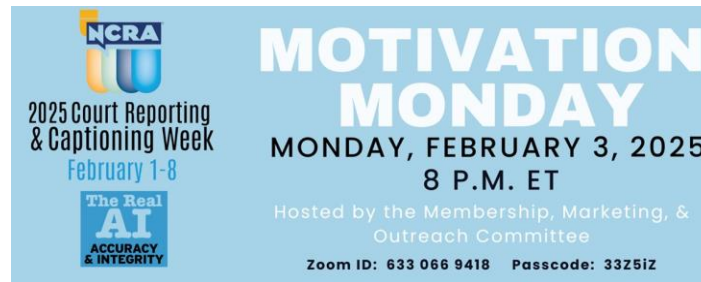


Do you know a student currently attending a court reporting or captioning program who should be in the spotlight? [Let us know.](#)

Court Reporting & Captioning Week

MONDAY

Looking for a little motivation?



The NCRA Membership, Marketing, and Outreach Committee is hosting a Motivation Monday Zoom event on Feb. 3 at 8 p.m. Eastern. Panelists will share what motivates them to succeed in the stenographic world when it comes to sitting for certifications, job experiences, mindsets, insights, and more.

[Read more.](#)

TUESDAY

Prepare for your future with free career skills webinar

Cuyahoga Community College is excited to invite all court reporting and captioning students to a free webinar: *Beyond the Transcript: Essential Skills for Future Court Reporters.*

[Read more.](#)



WEDNESDAY

Learn more effective speedbuilding in our live webinar

Practice fast. Practice slow. Finger drills? Everyone seems to have a different approach to achieving success, leaving you wondering — who is right? NCRA's live webinar, *Master Your Practice Plan*, will help you navigate your speedbuilding journey.

[Read more.](#)



Master Your Practice Plan
FEB. 5
7 P.M. EASTERN
Free for NCRA Members
\$10 for Non-members

LIVE WEBINAR!



THURSDAY

Spread the word!

Tell your friends and family about this great profession. And don't forget to share your stories about how you are celebrating 2025 Court Reporting & Captioning Week. Send info and photos to NCRA's Communications Team at pr@ncra.org or post on social media with [#CRCW2025](#).



FRIDAY

You are invited to a Steno Love Karaoke Party!



Join the Steno Love Karaoke Party in celebration of Court Reporting & Captioning Week. This event is great for court reporting students, court reporters, instructors, and anyone else who loves music, karaoke, and steno. No singing required!

[Read more.](#)

WE ARE HIRING STATEWIDE IN SOUTH DAKOTA! SOUTH DAKOTA UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM



\$2,000 new hire incentive and eligible for reimbursement of interview and moving expenses. Salary \$28.01 to \$29.42 per hour, DOE. Graduation from a court reporting school with an RPR Certification and the ability to type 225 words per minute with 95% accuracy. Additional income for preparation of transcripts.

.....> ujs.sd.gov (click on job openings)



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.

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.](#)

Student Pathways

Fine-tuning your practice routine

By Catalina Chiang Yuri

What does your steno dream board look like this year? Every minute spent on your machine is an opportunity to expand and achieve your goals. 2025 is the year to create an effective and consistent practice routine. Here are some tips to take your practice to the next level.

[Read more.](#)



ASK ME ANYTHING
 ZoomUp brought to you by the
 NATIONAL COURT REPORTERS FOUNDATION

Free Event!

WHAT'S IN YOUR BAG?
 How to pack your steno bag to make sure you are prepared to get the job done.

TUE., JAN. 28, 2025
 8-9 p.m. Eastern

Register by Jan. 27 noon Eastern
 Members Only / Zoom name required to sign up

Ask Me Anything about ... What's in Your Steno Bag?

This panel discussion offers an engaging presentation on how to pack your steno bag to make sure you are prepared with everything you need to get the job done.

[Read more.](#)

Scholarships

More than \$9K in NCRF scholarships available to students

Growing the Profession!

MORE THAN \$34,000 IN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

NCRA and NCRF are proud to support students through scholarships.
Find yours today!

Just in time for the new year, some exciting scholarship opportunities are opening up for students. Two \$2,000 awards are available for recent interns, and students testing in the 90-130 wpm range can apply for a \$5,000 scholarship that includes use of a student writer and software.

[Read more.](#)

December Career Launcher Scholarship winners announced — next deadline March 14

To date, more than 60 scholarships have been awarded for students to participate in this innovative training program. Students are encouraged to apply for the next round of scholarships before the deadline of March 14.

[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

Online Skills Tests | Registration opens February 1 for testing in March.

Written Knowledge Tests | Registration opens March 1 for testing in April.

Start the New Year Strong
Save the dates



**APRIL
WKT**
(RPR/RDR/CRC/CLVS)

Register March 1-31

Testing Period April 3-17

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**MARCH
SKT**
(RSR/RPR/RMR/CRR/CRC)

Register Feb. 1-20

Testing Period March 1-20

Up-to-Speed asks ...

Responses to last issue's question: Do you plan to test for an NCRA certification while you are still in school?

- Yes, the RSR — 0%
- Yes, the RPR — 33.3%
- I already have — 11.1%
- I'm not sure — 44.4%
- Something else — 11.1 %

How do you plan to celebrate Court Reporting & Captioning Week?

By attending one of the featured student activities

By participating in an activity at my school

By sharing resources and information about the profession

One or more of the above

Something else

We encourage you to share your stories about how you plan to participate (or did participate) in 2025 Court Reporting & Captioning Week. Send info and photos to NCRA's Communications Team at pr@ncra.org, or post on social media with **#CRCW2025**.

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