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Student Newsletter

Welcome to NCRA's student newsletter! It's time to get your entry in to win a free registration to the 2025 NCRA Conference & Expo in Minneapolis, Minn., this summer. And we've got the answers to all those hard questions your family and friends ask you about court reporting school. Read on!

Student Spotlight



From juror to stenographer

Flexibility and a high salary potential were two big draws for Bridget Roorda, a student at Alfred State College, when she was considering a career change to court reporting from teaching. But what first sparked her interest was a trip to the courtroom as a juror.

[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 Conference & Expo

Elevate your impact at the 2025 NCRA Conference & Expo

Your summer just got more exciting! Registration opens next month for the 2025 NCRA Conference & Expo set for July 24-26. Check out the Schedule at Glance, book your hotel, and get to know the host city, Minneapolis, Minn.

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Students can enter to win a free NCRA Conference & Expo registration

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Win a **FREE** registration valued at **\$320!**


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your impact!**

JULY 24-26, 2025 Hyatt Regency Minneapolis

Registration for the 2025 NCRA Conference & Expo doesn't open until next month, but students can enter now to win a free registration. The Conference is the perfect opportunity for you to join your peers and seasoned professionals for networking, exciting sessions, and more.

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Resilience in action: Kristi Johnson to keynote 2025 NCRA Conference & Expo

A nearly fatal gunshot wound forced her to make some difficult decisions in 1997. Now paralyzed, Kristi Johnson, RPR, faced the choice of letting this catastrophic event define her for the rest of her life or accepting her new reality and digging deep within for the courage and resilience necessary to rebuild her life and reshape her future. Johnson chose the latter.

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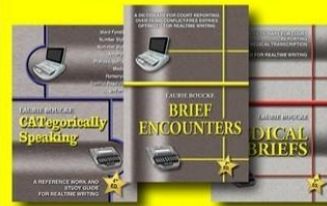
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[Read more.](#)

Student Pathways

What I wish my friends and family understood about court reporting school



By Liane Hatch

Liane Hatch, a student at College of Court Reporting, responds to some of those pesky questions, like "When will you be done with school?" "Are you *always* practicing?" and "Is court reporting even a *thing* anymore?"

[Read more.](#)

The unexpected benefits of practice groups

By Amy Galkin

Practice groups have been instrumental in my court reporting education. They have helped me strengthen my foundation in theory, refine my practice techniques, prepare for written knowledge tests, and build my speed. Collaborating with students from various theories and programs has provided valuable insights beyond what I learned in school.

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NCRF Career Launcher

Ask Me Anything about Career Launcher - Register by 5 p.m. Eastern tonight!

Tomorrow night: Ask Me Anything about Career Launcher. Join Mike “Depoman” Miller, FAPR, RDR, CRR, and Debbie Dibble, FAPR, RDR, CRR, CRC, along with Career Launcher participants as they delve into how this program works and who it benefits.

[Read more.](#)



CAREER LAUNCHER

What exactly is Career Launcher and what can it do for me?

TUESDAY, MARCH 25
8-9 p.m. Eastern

Register by Monday, March 24 noon Eastern

Members Only
Zoom name required to sign up



Next Career Launcher Scholarship deadline – June 13



Students are encouraged to apply for the National Court Reporters Foundation quarterly Career Launcher Student Scholarship. The award covers the cost to participate in the student program. Interested students can apply for the next drawing by the deadline of **June 13**.

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How You Can Get Involved with NCRA

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LEARN about upcoming scholarship opportunities.

Testing Center

Written Knowledge Tests | Registration closes March 31 for testing in April.

Online Skills Tests | Registration opens April 1 for testing in May.

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