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Welcome to NCRA's student newsletter, *Up-to-Speed*, featuring insights and tips especially for court reporting and captioning students. In this issue, take a sneak peek inside this month's NCRA Conference & Expo, get some expert advice on choosing the right career path, and meet our student in the spotlight, a woman who is ready to turn her dreams into reality.

## Student Spotlight

### No longer just driving past the courthouse

Ashley Niewiadomski, a resident of Florida and a student at College of Court Reporting in Valparaiso, Ind., will be attending her first NCRA Conference & Expo in person this month. (She attended NCRA Connect Virtual in 2020.) What keeps her motivated in her studies? "I look forward to the day that I am no longer just driving past the courthouse to get to my current job," she says. "I see myself walking the downtown streets into the courthouse to report for duty."

[Read more.](#)



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

## School Spotlight

# NCRA SCHOOL Spotlight

## College of Court Reporting

In every issue we highlight NCRA-approved schools. The court reporting programs offered at these schools have met the General Requirements and Minimum Standards established by the Council on Approved Student Education of NCRA. This is a chance for members to get to know these programs and hear from their students and teachers.

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## 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.

[Learn more.](#)

*Up-to-Speed* congratulates these students on their amazing accomplishments!

[Learn more.](#)

## 2022 NCRA Conference & Expo



The graphic features a pink flamingo on the left and a white flamingo on the right, both surrounded by green palm fronds. The text 'live the adventure' is written in a cursive font. The NCRA logo is at the top right, with the tagline 'LEARN | NETWORK | CELEBRATE' below it. The main text reads: 'You still have time to register for the 2022 NCRA Conference & Expo! Online registration ends July 15.' A red box at the bottom contains the dates and location: 'July 21-24 Hyatt Regency Orlando Orlando, Florida'.

### Online registration ends July 15 for #NCRA22

The 2022 NCRA Conference & Expo, happening July 21-24 in Orlando, Fla., is just around the corner, and if you are still on the fence about attending, now is the time to act – register now! Online registration closes July 15. After July 15, only on-site registrations will be accepted and prices will go up \$25 per package.

[Read more.](#)

### Margary Rogers – honorary NCRA Conference & Expo tour guide

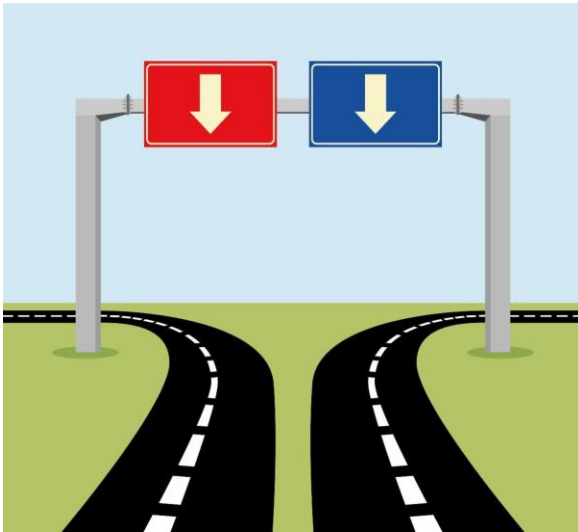
Margary Rogers, RPR, CRI, an official court reporter and CART provider from Washington, D.C., has been attending NCRA Conferences since the 1990s. We checked in with her on what she's looking forward to this year, her memories from past Conferences, and some pro tips for making the most of the experience.

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The [2022 NCRA Conference & Expo](#) is taking place July 21-24 in Orlando, Fla. See the full schedule of sessions [here](#). [Register now!](#)

## Feature



### The big predicament: Freelance vs. official

*By Debbie Kriegshauser*

So you've made it through school and passed those required tests and now the daunting question: Do I want to be a freelancer or an official reporter? I've had the fortune to participate in pretty much all arenas of reporting, so let me share some tidbits with you to consider when making the decision for yourself.

[Learn 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 and grant opportunities.

An advertisement for Amazon Prime Student. At the top is the Amazon logo. Below it, the text reads "50% off Amazon Prime" and "Sign up for FREE two-day shipping". The word "Primestudent" is written in a blue, stylized font. Below that is a "Learn more" link with a right-pointing arrow. The bottom half of the ad features a woman with blonde hair, wearing a brown hat and a blue jacket, smiling and holding a cardboard box on her head. To her left is a stack of three cardboard boxes. In the bottom left corner, there is a small "Privacy" link.

### Prime Day deal for students!

It's rare we see deals just for students, so we wanted to share this one we just spotted! Students get 50 percent off Amazon Prime for Students by signing up on Amazon's Prime Days – July 12-13, 2022. Prime can save you a lot of money if you order regularly or need fast shipping. So if you have been considering Prime, now is the time to [take a look](#)\*!

*\*By using this Amazon association link, NCRA is eligible to make a small commission to help further our cause.*

## Grants and Scholarships



### 2022 NCRA A to Z Scholarship winners announced

NCRA is pleased to announce the 2022 NCRA A to Z<sup>®</sup> Scholarship winners. The scholarship program awards a \$750 scholarship to up to 15 students annually. Qualified applicants must have completed the NCRA A to Z<sup>®</sup> Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand program as well as passed a Skills Test writing between 60 and 100 wpm, among other eligibility requirements.

[Learn more.](#)

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### 2022 CASE Scholarships winners announced

The recipient of the 2022 Sue Shelton White Scholarship awarded by NCRA's Council on Approved Student Education (CASE) is Jodie Carrico, from Clintonville, Wis., a student at Lakeshore Technical College in Cleveland, Wis. The \$1,500 scholarship is one of five CASE awards each year.

[Read more.](#)





## Scholarships and Grants

Students	Opens	Closes	Award Amounts
NCRF Career Launcher Grants <i>(five to seven each quarter)</i>	Ongoing	Aug. 14, Dec. 14, 2022 Jan. 14, April 14, 2023	Career Launcher program <i>(10 modules)</i>
Student Intern Scholarships <i>(two)</i>	Sept. 1, 2022	Dec. 9, 2022	\$1,000 each
NCRA A to Z <sup>®</sup> Scholarships <i>(15)</i>	Feb. 1, 2023	Apr. 1, 2023	\$750 each
NCRA CASE Student Scholarships <i>(five)</i>	Feb. 1, 2023	Apr. 1, 2023	\$1,500, 1,000, \$750, \$500, \$250

New Professionals	Opens	Closes	Award Amounts
New Professional Reporter Grants <i>(two)</i>	April 1, 2023	June 2, 2023	\$2,000 and \$1,000
Monyeen Black Memorial Grant <i>(one)</i>	May 1, 2023	June 17, 2023	\$1,000

Professionals	Opens	Closes	Award Amounts
Carl Saucedo Grant	Jan. 16, 2023	March 30, 2023	\$1,000
Court to CART Grant	Coming soon!		

For detailed information, visit [NCRA.org/Scholarships](http://NCRA.org/Scholarships). Questions? Email [jlandsman@ncra.org](mailto:jlandsman@ncra.org).



## Two 2022 New Professional Reporter Grant winners named

The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) announced two recipients of the 2022 New Professional Reporter Grant. Bethany Morse, of Englewood, Colo., and Claire Stein, of Madison, Wisc., are this year's first- and second-place winners. "It is heartwarming to see how much these awards are appreciated by those who have just started their court reporting careers," says NCRF Chair Early Langley, RMR, of Danville, Calif.

[Learn more.](#)

## Testing center

- [Registration for Written Knowledge Tests opens Sept. 1 for testing Oct. 4-19](#)
- [Registration for Online Skills Tests opens Aug. 1 for testing Sept. 1-20](#)

## Up-to-Speed Asks ...

How many hours of sleep do you get per night?

- 20% - Eight or more

- 20% - Seven to eight
- 28% - Six to seven
- 24% - Five to six
- 8% - Fewer than five

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Are you taking a vacation this summer?

**Yes. I'm flying somewhere.**

[Select](#)

**Yes. I'm driving somewhere.**

[Select](#)

**Does a staycation count?**

[Select](#)

**No. Not enough time/money.**

[Select](#)

**Something else.**

[Select](#)

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