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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. In this issue, we preview what NCRA has in store for students for #CRCW2023, serve up a year's worth of scholarships and grants, and spotlight a TV producer who swapped out the studio for the courtroom.

Student Spotlight

Student Spotlight: From the television studio to the courtroom

When Katie DeLong, of Butler, Wis., first graduated with a bachelor's degree in journalism, she had dreams of becoming a news anchor or on-air reporter. Instead she found a job in digital journalism and spent over a decade as a producer for television news. But one day DeLong was sent on assignment to a courthouse for a media event about how journalists and jurists can work together. "The courtroom," says DeLong, "just felt like 'home' to me." After some research, she enrolled at Lakeshore Technical College in Cleveland, Wis., and earlier this month joined NCRA as a student member.

[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

NCRA loves students during Court Reporting & Captioning Week

Court Reporting & Captioning Week, taking place Feb. 4-11, is just around the corner, and the NCRA Student/Teacher Committee is once again planning to celebrate by offering live events just for students. On Wednesday hear from a panel of teachers and recent graduates on how to survive court reporting school, and round out the week on Friday with karaoke night — steno style — led by Margary Rogers, RPR, CRI.

[Read more.](#)



Miriam Meneely

My love for steno and karaoke

Miriam Meneely, a student at Mark Kislingbury's Academy of Court Reporting, has been fascinated by the language of steno and the support of the court reporting community. One night she happened upon Court Reporter Holiday Karaoke. "I was blown away," says Meneely. "I'd never thought to write steno to music before — what a novel idea! As I watched each participant write, one after the other, I was enthralled. It was so exciting!" Meneely tells her story of falling in love.

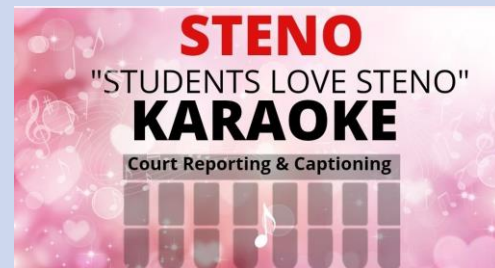
[Read more.](#)

I Love Steno Karaoke #CRCW2023

Are you a student who loves music? Do you like writing on your steno machine to music? If so, here is your time to shine and have some fun doing it. "I Love Steno" Karaoke takes place on Friday, Feb. 10, from 7-8 p.m. Eastern.

Participants must **register in advance** for this free karaoke event. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

[Learn more.](#)



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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.

[Read more.](#)



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

[Read more.](#)

New for students: Discounted webinars!

NCRA values education for all its members, and that includes our students. In an effort to make the [NCRA Learning Center's](#) vast library more affordable, we are happy to announce new deeply discounted prices available on all webinars for student members (\$20-\$40). As an added benefit, student members are now able to participate in free webinars that are open to the general membership (i.e., Town Halls, mental health webinars, Board meetings, etc.).

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Student Success

Developing effective practice sessions

By Geanell Adams

Many students will tell you they are practicing. The question you should ask them is: *How are you practicing?* For practice to be effective, it must also be meaningful, deliberate, and intentional. Learn how to create meaningful practice sessions to help you achieve success that can be measured and lead toward desired success.

[Read more.](#)



Grants and Scholarships

Students, new professionals: Mark your calendars to apply for these Foundation scholarships and grants



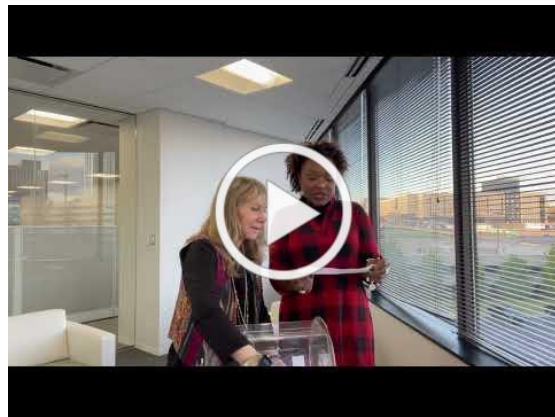
If you are a student or new professional in the fields of court reporting or captioning, you may be eligible to apply for any of these scholarships and grants offered by the National Court Reporters Foundation. Most of the scholarships or grants require that applicants meet certain criteria, such as membership in NCRA or a certain verified speed. Applicants may also need to submit information, such as an official transcript from their court reporting program.

[Learn more.](#)

Career Launcher Student Grants recipients announced

Seven students have been chosen to receive the latest 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 March 14.

[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.

Testing Center

Upcoming testing


- [Registration for Online Skills Tests opens Feb. 1 for testing in March.](#)
- [Registration for Written Knowledge Tests opens March 1 for testing in April.](#)



DON'T MISS OUT!
ON THE NEXT TESTING DATES

Register Feb. 1-20 for testing March 1-20
ONLINE SKILLS TESTS (SKT)
RSR, RPR, RMR, CRR, and CRC

Register March 1-31 for testing April 5-19
WRITTEN KNOWLEDGE TESTS (WKT)
RPR, RDR, CRC, and CLVS



Up-to-Speed asks ...

Responses to last issue's question: Where is your favorite place to practice?

- 7.4% — Classroom or somewhere else in school
- 0% — Kitchen table/counter
- 63% — Study/home office
- 18.5% — My bedroom
- 3.7% — Coffee shop
- 7.4% — Somewhere else

How are you planning to celebrate Court Reporting & Captioning Week?

Participating in an event at my school

[Select](#)

Attending NCRA's student webinar or "I Love Steno" karaoke night

[Select](#)

Sharing resources from NCRA's Court Reporting & Captioning Week page

[Select](#)

Using #CRCW2023 on social media to promote the week

[Select](#)

Telling everyone I know about this amazing profession

[Select](#)

Two or more of the above

[Select](#)

Something else

[Select](#)



**2023 Court Reporting
& Captioning Week**
February 4-11

Be sure to visit [NCRA's 2023 Court Reporting & Captioning Week](#) resource page to learn more about how you can participate in this special week. NCRA has made available an array of resources from press release templates to flyers to posters and more designed to help you celebrate.

If you received this email via a forward and would like to join our mailing list, please click [here](#). Missed previous issues of *Up-to-Speed*? Access them [here](#).

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