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Student Newsletter

Welcome to NCRA's student newsletter, *Up-to-Speed*, featuring insights and tips especially for court reporting students. This month, a recent graduate reveals her success story for passing the RPR, and we offer advice for students heading to the NCRA Convention & Expo in New Orleans, La., Aug. 2-5.

## Student Spotlight



### *Three Conventions and Counting...*

Michelle Myott attends South Coast College in Orange, Calif., and has been a student member of NCRA since 2015. This year she will be attending her third NCRA Annual Convention & Expo. She hopes to graduate before her fourth.

[Read more.](#)

Do you know a student currently attending an NCRA-approved court reporting program who should be in the spotlight? **Let us know.**

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## Stay Busy This Summer

### *My Secret to Passing the RPR*

By Celeste Poppe

While practicing for my tests, I only used one method, which was created by my dear friend (and “big sister”) Monyeen Black, Past President of the Deposition Reporters Association of California. We call it Mo’s Speedbuilding Method, MSBM for short.

[Read more.](#)



## Summer Fun (and Work)!

Last month, we asked students to write to *Up-to-Speed* to let us know how they plan to spend their summer. All of them are taking classes full-time. Several are going to keep up with their practice. Some intend to work hard to reach their certifications. And most of them plan on making time for fun.

[Read more.](#)

## Setting Goals

By Kay Moody

Once you know the major reason you’re not progressing, set a goal to eliminate the problem(s) and work on them every day for five, ten, or fifteen minutes. Work on the same goal until it’s no longer a weakness. This article lists the five major reasons students do not progress and ways to eliminate or correct these hindrances: lagging behind and dropping words; messy notes; hesitating or missing briefs, phrases, and/or conflicts; difficult outlines or unfamiliar vocabulary; and not finding enough time to practice.



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**New**  
**EXAM RETENTION POLICY**  
starts **October 1, 2018.**

**Visit**  
Exam Retention Policy FAQs  
for more information.

**DON'T HESITATE!**  
Register for the  
third quarter  
Online Skills Tests (SKT)

RPR RMR CRR CRC

**We Want to Hear from You!**

Do you have any tech gadgets that you can't live without? What tech tips and tricks would you like to share with other students and teachers? Fill out this short questionnaire, and we may feature you in our September issue.

Share your thoughts

## 2018 NCRA Convention & Expo

### *An Unforgettable Convention Experience*

What will you remember the most about this year's Convention & Expo? Members of NCRA's Student/Teacher Committee offer their thoughts and advice for attending Convention. Read their stories here, and next year you'll be sharing your own stories...

[Read more.](#)



### *Firm Owners Fill Student Swag Bags*



Firm owners are once again answering the call to ensure that students who attend the 2018 NCRA Convention & Expo in New Orleans, La. in August, get a little something extra. This past February, a request went out to firm owners for donations to fill special bags to give out to students during their orientation at this year's Convention. The response was very positive and the bags are filling up.

[Read more.](#)

### *Networking Advice for Students*

Cuyahoga Community College's Captioning and Court Reporting Club President, Todd Robie, held a "How to Network at a Conference" seminar on April 3 for all students in the program. Robie offered 18 tips and tricks to review and take along with you to a conference you may be attending.

[Read more.](#)



### **Schools in the news**

- [South Suburban College to hold July 26 court reporting open house](#)
- [CCR welcomes Tammy McGhee as guest speaker](#)
- [College of Court Reporting receives maximum initial grant of accreditation](#)

### **Testing center**

- The next [RPR Written Knowledge Test registration](#) period is Sept. 1-30
- The third quarter for the [online RPR and CRC Skills Test](#) opened July 6
- [Read the online skills testing FAQs](#)
- [Read New Exam Retention Policy](#)

Want to see your school in the news? *Up-to-Speed* is looking for news from court reporting programs to feature in our newsletter. Send ideas and information to [schools@ncra.org](mailto:schools@ncra.org).

## Questions of the Month

**How many hours per day do you practice outside of school?**

9.1% – Never  
43.9% – 1-2 hours  
21.2% – 3-4 hours  
16.7% – 5 or more hours  
9.1% – I never stop practicing!

**What is your court reporter dream job?**

36.6% – Official  
22.1% – Freelancer  
19.5% – Captioner  
7.3% – Other  
14.6% – I haven't figured it out yet

How tech savvy do you consider yourself?

**I'm always the first in line for the next iPhone**

Select

**There are some really cool gadgets in my backpack**

Select

**Other people are always asking me to fix things for them**

Select

**Google is the answer to everything**

Select

**I still have a flip phone**

Select

What is your biggest motivator to get through school?

**Family and/or children**

Select

**Better pay than current job**

Select

**Personal pride**

Select

**No more part-time jobs!**

Select

**Other**

Select

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