



Up-to-Speed

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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, students share about how they are helping to recruit the next generation of court reporting students, see how to enter our Mardi Gras Student Speed Contest, and read teacher tips about cleaning up your messy notes.

Student Spotlight



Sharing Her Enthusiasm and Her Realtime

Jessica Wills, a student at the College of Court Reporting in Valparaiso, Ind., volunteered to boost her school's recruiting efforts by putting on a realtime demonstration at a local high school career fair. She was nervous at first, especially when she found out her realtime was being projected on a large screen. But she soon won over her audience with her speed and accuracy.

[Read more.](#)

From Intern to Official

In theory, I couldn't wait to get to Realtime VI (200-225 wpm). In Realtime VI, I couldn't wait to intern. While I interned, I couldn't wait to work. Here I am six months later working my dream job in my dream city. I'm Callie Sajdera, an official reporter for the Second Judicial District of Denver, Colo. I graduated from Anoka Technical College in Anoka, Minn., in June of 2018. I have been an official reporter since October of 2018, and all I can say is that I truly love my job.

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Cleaning Up Messy Notes and Misstrokes

By Kay Moody

Many times when students are limited to taking super-fast dictation, they lose control and develop sloppy notes that cannot be read or correctly



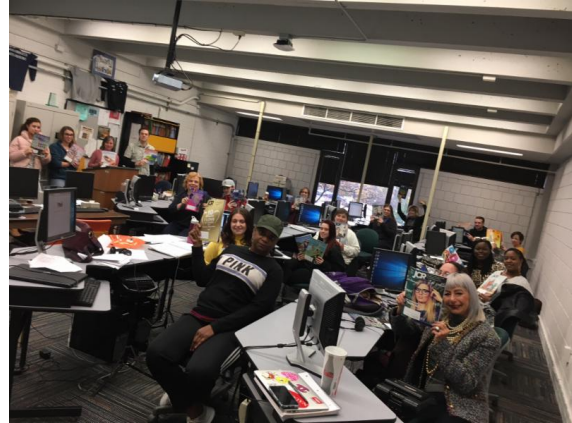
translated. There are a couple of ways students can eliminate this problem and clean up their messy notes.

[Read more.](#)

Students Receive Grant for NCRA Memberships

Kudos to Mary Beth Johnson, CRI, Court Reporting Program Coordinator at Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC) in Pittsburgh, Pa., for supporting her students and NCRA at the same time!

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



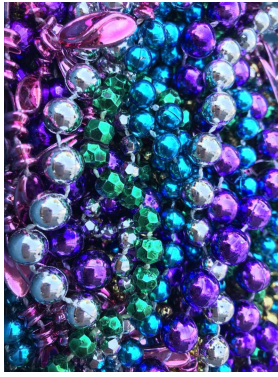
2019 Court Reporting & Captioning Week

Schools Ready For Court Reporting & Captioning Week

NCRA encourages all schools to get involved in Court Reporting & Captioning Week by highlighting the contributions of stenographic court reporters and captioners to society. Court Reporting & Captioning Week is a perfect opportunity for students to share with friends, family, and members of the community what their careers will involve and why they chose this field.



[Read more.](#)



Get Your Beads During NCRA's Mardi Gras Student Speed Contest!

In celebration of Court Reporting & Captioning Week, the NCRA Student/Teacher Committee is sponsoring a Mardi Gras-themed speed test that will be offered to all students at varying test speeds.

[Read more.](#)

How you can get involved?

JOIN NCRA with a student membership. Become a member to get discounts on testing, convention registration, study guides, and more.

CONTRIBUTE to *Up-to-Speed* by submitting articles, study tips, questions for reporters and instructors, and suggestions.

LEARN about upcoming scholarship and grant opportunities.

Grants and Scholarships



NCRA Announces the Opening of the CASE Scholarship

NCRA will issue a call for scholarship applications on Feb. 15. Students must currently be attending an NCRA-approved court reporting program and hold student membership in NCRA. The top award is \$1,500; second award, \$1,000; third award, \$750; fourth award, \$500; and fifth award, \$250.

[Learn more.](#)

NCRF Announces 2018 Recipients of the Frank Sarli Memorial Scholarship and Student Intern Scholarship

The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) has announced that Megan Baeten, a student from Lakeshore Technical College in Cleveland, Wis., was named recipient of the 2018 Frank Sarli Memorial Scholarship. The Foundation also announced that Mackenzie Allen and Tanner Kockler, both students from the Des Moines Area Community College in Newton, Iowa, are the recipients of the 2018 Student Intern





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.

Questions of the Month

What is your favorite way to practice?

47.6% – Practice taped dictation from class
21.4% – Work on drills (numbers, briefs, phrases, etc.)
7.7% – Work on straight copy (newspaper, textbook, magazine, etc.)
11.9% – Write from a TV program (talk shows, speeches)
11.9% – Access professionally dictated audio tapes

What is your favorite way to procrastinate?

33.3% – Take a nap
53.3% – Watch TV
3.3% – Open the fridge
3.3% – Go out with friends
6.7% – I never procrastinate

When it comes to my software:

I only use it to see how I'm writing.

Select

I am integrating features while editing.

Select

I am integrating features while writing.

Select

I am waiting to take a class.

Select

How often do you read your steno notes?

Only when my teacher tells me.

Select

A couple times during my practice session.

Select

Every time after going back for control from speed building.

Select

What? Read steno notes?

Select

Schools in the news

- [NCRA members recognized with teaching awards](#)

Testing center

- The next [RPR Written Knowledge Test registration](#) period is March 1-31
- [The first quarter for the Online skills tests opened Jan. 4.](#)
- [Read the online skills testing FAQs](#)
- [Read New Exam Retention Policy](#)

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