



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. In this issue, read about one student's challenge taking online classes across time zones in Ireland, anticipate the difficult questions you will likely get once you start working, and learn about a brand new scholarship opportunity that could net you \$5,000 and a steno machine.

Student Spotlight



Tackling court reporting school eight hours ahead of the class

When Melaina Bell started court reporting school at Green River Community College in Auburn, Wash., she couldn't have foreseen the circuitous route her education would take. After just two quarters of classes, Bell moved to Ireland with her new husband. Yet neither the eight-hour time difference nor her initial temporary housing issues are keeping her from her goal of finishing her court reporting degree.

[Read more.](#)

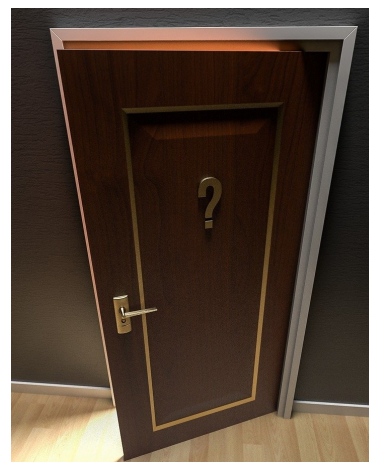
Do you know a student currently attending an NCRA-approved court reporting program who should be in the spotlight? [Let us know.](#)

You Need to Know

Professional pop quiz: The unwritten questions new stenographers need to answer

Once you finish school and find yourself on the job, you are likely to be flooded with all kinds of questions from attorneys, witnesses, and maybe even judges. You might be asked anything, from tactical issues to fee-related questions to logistics matters and even tough ethical issues.

WCRA President Elect Miranda L. Seitz, an official reporter from Black River Falls, Wisc. and president-elect of the Wisconsin Court Reporters Association, shares crucial insights and advice on handling these challenges.



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Des Moines Area Community College students visit Jasper County Courthouse

Hailey Scandridge, a 200 wpm student at Des Moines Area Community College, recently joined her class on a tour of the Jasper County Courthouse. She was able to learn directly from court reporters, attorneys, and judges about the challenges, experiences, and perceptions of her current career path. She shares her impressions with *Up-to-Speed*.

[Read more.](#)

How You Can Get Involved with NCRA

JOIN NCRA as a student member and get access to 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.



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Tuesday, December 3

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An NCRA student membership makes the perfect gift for any occasion

If you're shopping for or wishing for the perfect gift, consider a student membership in NCRA. For an annual fee of \$55, student memberships offer so much more than an affiliation. Students who join NCRA while in school enjoy special registration fees, access to networking opportunities, and more.



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Grants and Scholarships



Nominations for the Student Intern Scholarship are open from Oct. 1 to Dec. 6, 2019

A **\$1,000 award** given annually to two high-achieving court reporter students who have completed the internship portion of their education.



NCRF Student Intern \$1,000 Scholarship closes Dec. 6

The National Court Reporters Foundation will stop accepting applications for the Student Intern Scholarship on Dec. 6. The \$1,000 scholarship is given annually to two high-achieving court reporting students who have completed the internship portion of their education. Recipients are nominated by their schools.

[Read more.](#)

Stenograph partners with NCRF to sponsor new student scholarship

Nominations are now being solicited for Stenograph's Milton H. Wright Memorial Scholarship, a new scholarship in honor of Stenograph's founder. Students from NCRA-approved programs are encouraged to apply for the merit-based two-year award, which is worth up to \$5,000 per year and will include use of a student writer and software.

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Students, apply now!



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Scholarship worth up to \$5,000 per year!

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Questions of the Month

Are you currently a member of NCRA?

Which best describes your current role?

26.1% – Yes, I've been a member for a year or more.
34.8% – Yes, I just joined with the free student membership offer for 2019.
13.0% – No, I used to be a member but I haven't renewed.
21.7% – No, but I am interested in learning more about member benefits.
4.3% – No, I'm not interested in membership at this time.

71.4% – Student.
5.7% – Teacher.
7.1% – School Administrator.
4.3% – Reporter or Captioner.
11.4% – None of the Above.

What type of presentation or session would you be most interested in attending?

Punctuation and grammar.

Select

Steno briefs.

Select

Networking with various reporters.

Select

Networking with various software vendors.

Select

All of the above.

Select

What do you find most challenging about being a student?

Time management.

Select

No official “end date” or “graduation.”

Select

Financial burden.

Select

Practicing fundamentals.

Select

Envisioning yourself as a working reporter.

Select

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.

News for students

- [WCRA presents to University of Wisconsin-Madison law students](#)
- [Naegeli announces new scholarship](#)
- [Announcing a new NCRA certification for aspiring court reporters: Registered Skilled Reporter](#)
- [VCRA announces 2020 scholarship open to all court reporting students](#)

Testing center

- [Review 'How to Take an NCRA Skills Test'](#)
- [Learn all about testing for NCRA certifications](#)
- [Read NCRA Exam Retention Policy](#)

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