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Welcome to NCRA's student newsletter, *Up-to-Speed*, featuring insights and tips especially for court reporting students. In this issue, read about how one court reporting student switched from the U.S. Navy, learn about a new podcast, see how students celebrated Court Reporting & Captioning Week, and check out open scholarship applications!

Student Spotlight



Career switch from the Navy to court reporting

Student Tiffany Sipler talked to *Up-to-Speed* about her background and making the switch to court reporting school.

[Read more.](#)

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

Student Successes

Listen to 'Confessions of a Stenographer' now

By Heidi Renner

NCRA Member and student Shaunise Day from Oakland, Calif., has started a podcast, "Confessions of a Stenographer." The first episodes are out, and the show is a mix of information, fun, and encouragement for the steno community.

[Read more.](#)



Green River College motivates students with pins

Everyone who has been a court reporting student knows the effort that goes into achieving each new speed level. One school, Green River College in Auburn, Wash., recognizes that effort with pins commemorating each success.

[Read more.](#)

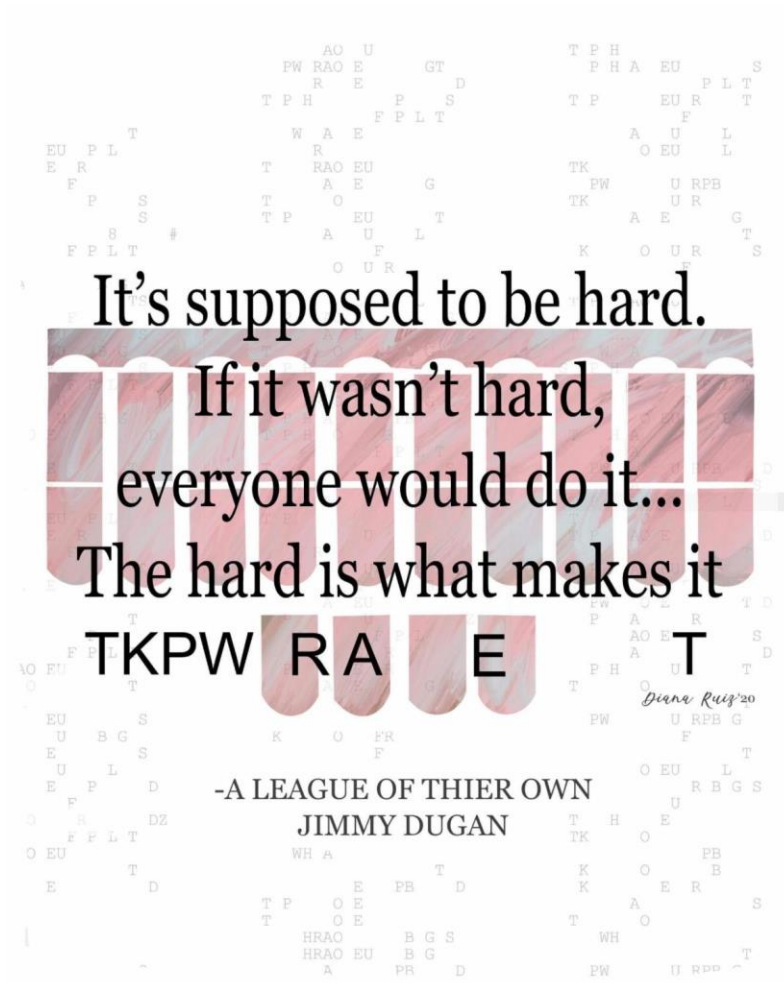
Seen on Social Media



NCRA student members Shelby Brown, Emily Deutsch, and Lisa Wurtinger, aka @stentrilogy on Instagram, are all students at Anoka Tech in Minnesota. They posted this recently: "Yesterday Lisa was surprised by a gift from her son: a writer made out of Popsicle sticks and hot glue! Sometimes we don't get the support we think we need but we do get support in the way people know how to give it."



NCRA Member Paige Hanson posted this recently in the Encouraging Court Reporting Students Facebook group with the comment, "When you have a newborn but are two 225 QA tests away from finishing CR school. Do what you have to do!" Hanson is a student at the College of Court Reporting and lives in Cooperstown, N.D.



From student Diana Ruiz.

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 other suggestions.

LEARN about upcoming scholarship and grant opportunities.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Apply for these now:

CASE Student Scholarships
NCRA A to Z® Scholarships



Applications due **April 1.**

Recognize Someone Special Nominations close April 1.

Nominate a
court reporting
instructor as
**CASE Educator
of the Year.**



Court Reporting & Captioning Week



Court reporting programs nationwide embrace *For the love of steno* campaign

NCRA's 2020 Court Reporting & Captioning Week celebrated the love of steno nationwide with official proclamations and an array of activities ranging from career days to Veterans History Project events to social hours and more. This year's theme, For the love of steno, marked the week that was observed Feb. 8-15 and embraced by students and faculty in court reporting programs across the country.

[Read more.](#)

2020 Student Speed Contest results

A record number of students took part in NCRA's Student Skills Contest last month. Twelve schools across the country celebrated 2020 Court Reporting & Captioning Week by participating in the contest. Of the 187 students who took tests, 45 passed either a Literary or Q&A, or both.

[Read more.](#)



Grants and Scholarships



NCRA A to Z Scholarship

The [NCRA A to Z Scholarships](#) are now open! Up to 10 students will receive a \$500 scholarship. Qualified applicants must have completed the NCRA A to Z® Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand program as well as passed a skills test writing between 60 and 100 wpm, among other eligibility requirements. Nominations close April 1. Please visit the [A to Z Scholarship](#) page for full submission details.

CASE Student Scholarship

The [CASE Student Scholarship](#) is now open! Five scholarships in the amounts of \$250, \$500, \$750, \$1000, and \$1500 are available. Qualified applicants must attend an [NCRA-approved court reporting program](#), hold student membership in NCRA, and have passed one skills test writing between 140 and 180 wpm, among other eligibility requirements. Nominations close April 1. Please visit the [CASE Student Scholarship](#) page for full submission details.





Stenograph scholarship winner announced

The National Court Reporters Foundation has announced the winner of Stenograph's Milton H. Wright Memorial Scholarship, a new scholarship that honors the memory of Milton H. Wright, Stenograph's founder. Lisa Wurtinger, a student at Anoka Technical College in Anoka, Minn., will receive the merit-based two-year award.

[Read more.](#)

Questions of the Month

Are you planning to attend the NCRA Conference & Expo in Orlando in August 2020?

11.8% – Yes, I cannot wait!
13.7% – I was not planning on it.
47.1% – I would love to, but I cannot afford it.
23.5% – I have not decided yet.
3.9% – Conference? What conference?

What are your career plans after you graduate?

30.8% – Official
25.6% – Freelance
7.7% – CART and/or broadcast captioning
30.8% – Some combination of the above
5.1% – Undecided

What is your favorite Q & A dictation topic?

Auto accident

[Select](#)

Personal injury

[Select](#)

Medical malpractice

[Select](#)

Drug possession charge

[Select](#)

Other

[Select](#)

What do you find most challenging in your steno dictation?

Q & A

[Select](#)

Literary

[Select](#)

Jury charge

[Select](#)

Male voice dictation

[Select](#)

Female voice dictation

[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

- [Stenography students in Queens battle for title](#)
- [Queens lawmaker honors Forest Hills Plaza College for renowned Court Reporting Program of fastest fingers](#)
- [NCRA members from Alabama promote Court Reporting and Captioning Week](#)

Testing center

- [Learn about NCRA's newest certification: The Registered Skilled Reporter \(RSR\)](#)
- [Block scheduling FAQs](#)