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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, a student shares the best advice she has received, students share their virtual experiences, and we meet new grant recipients.

Student Spotlight



What is the best advice you have ever received?

Up to Speed talked to Jonea Cassin, a student at Cuyahoga Community College in Parma, Ohio, about about the advice she has received as a court reporting student. "I have been given lots of great advice," says Cassin. "Never give up, and don't get down on yourself because tomorrow is a new day with more time to practice. Also, no matter how frustrated you get, don't throw your machine at the wall; you will regret it later."

[Read more.](#)

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

Coming Together During COVID-19

Zooming in about student internships

Over the summer, the Student Court Reporter Association at Des Moines Area Community College in Newton, Iowa, met over Zoom to connect, catch up, and celebrate successes. "Several second-year students took the internship class in the summer," said Patricia Ziegler, CRI, CPE, Court Reporting Department Chair, "and we all wanted to hear their stories of interning during the pandemic."



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Virtual lunch: Students edition

By Shaunise Day

On Saturday, Aug. 29, I decided to host a Lunch On Your Own with students. During NCRA's annual Conferences, all attendees are given a lunch break for an hour and a half and during this time, most attendees have planned lunch dates to catch up with old colleagues or meet up with a new connection.

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Virtual Connect



It's a wrap for students at Connect

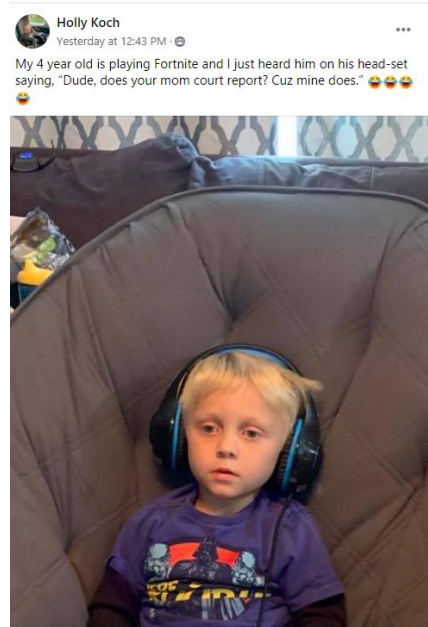
This year, NCRA's Virtual Connect event attracted the highest number of students we've seen in years: 124! Without the cost of travel, hotel, and food, the conference was more affordable than ever. The unique virtual format gave students the chance to not only attend every educational session but to pop into several different networking meet-ups as well.

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Seen on Social Media

'Does your mom court report?'

Student Holly Koch's son is helping to spread the word about court reporting. Koch, from New Lenox, Ill., heard about court reporting from her aunt when she was in high school. She attended MacCormac College in Chicago, Ill., until she got to her 180 speed. She then took a seven-year break to be home with children, but she didn't want to give up the hard work. So she started again online and has been practicing on her own.



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Testing Updates



Written Knowledge Tests move online

NCRA is excited to announce candidates will soon be able to take our Written Knowledge Tests from the location of your choice. Starting with our October 2020 Written Knowledge Tests, all WKTs will be given online through Pearson Vue four times a year (in January, April, July, and October).

[Read more.](#)

Online Skills Testing update – know before you test

NCRA recently received an update from its testing partner, ProctorU, on the impact that COVID-19 is having on the company's services. NCRA's Testing Department wants to share some key points from this update as you prepare to test online.

[Read more.](#)



Grants and Scholarships



NCRF announces 2020 New Professional Reporter Grant recipients

The National Court Reporters Foundation announced two recipients for the 2020 New Professional Reporters grant. "Since our former Frank Sarli and Robert H. Clark scholarships ended in 2019, we decided to award a first- and second-place recipient for this grant this year," said NCRF Chair Cathy Phillips, FAPR, RMR, CMRS, an official court reporter from Collierville, Tenn.

[Read more.](#)

NCRF Student Intern Scholarship opens Oct. 1

The NCRF Student Intern Scholarship opens Oct. 1. Two \$1000 awards will be given to qualified court reporting students who have completed their internship.

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Questions of the Month

In this COVID-19 period of time, what does your practice lifestyle most closely resemble?

3.5% – Pajamas in bed
17.5% – Leggings in front of TV
43.9% – Full dress in front of computer desk/laptop
28.1% – T-shirt at kitchen/dining room table
7% – Practice? What practice?

You are a fly on the wall. Which event would you like to witness?

15.8% – Woodstock
40.4% – Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech
22.8% – Moon landing
5.3% – A Super Bowl/World Series championship
15.8% – Signing of the U.S Constitution

You're at a kiosk shopping for a mandatory-wear facial mask. Are you going to buy one that:

Is a solid color

[Select](#)

Has cartoon characters

[Select](#)

Has a floral/pattern print

[Select](#)

Has text or slogans

[Select](#)

Has a sports logo

[Select](#)

If you are a student, what is your age range?

Under 22

[Select](#)

23-30

[Select](#)

31-40

[Select](#)

41-50

[Select](#)

Over 50

[Select](#)

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Schools in the news

- [South Bend woman finds her calling in the courthouse](#)
- [San Antonio students awarded court reporter scholarships](#)

Testing center

- [Online Skills Test registration opens Oct. 1](#)
- [Written Knowledge Test registration closes Sept. 30](#)
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