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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, find out how to lift off your career, work with a scopist, everything you missed at the NCRA Conference & Expo in Las Vegas, Nev., and meet our latest scholarship winners.

Student spotlight

From professional figure skater to court reporting student

Alisha Conley started skating at three years old, and by her early teens was competing in British figure skating championships. At 18, she auditioned for *Disney on Ice* and spent the next decade traveling the world as a professional skater. Now Conley is preparing for her next career as a court reporter. After attending the 2021 NCRA Conference & Expo in Las Vegas, Nev., she shared her story.

[Read more.](#)



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

School spotlight

NCRA SCHOOL Spotlight

South Coast College and Plaza College

In every issue we highlight NCRA-approved schools. The court reporter programs offered at these schools have met the General Requirements and Minimum Standards established by the Council on Approved Student Education of NCRA. This is a chance for members to get to know these programs and hear from their students and teachers. This time we feature two schools:

[South Coast College](#)

[Plaza College](#)

Planning your career



Career Launcher Program lifts off

After a 10-day social media countdown with four videos that attracted over 4,500 views, NCRF's new Career Launcher Program successfully lifted off with a webinar that drew over 100 participants eager to learn more about this innovative, self-paced, educational offering that consists of mock deposition modules with transcription assignments.

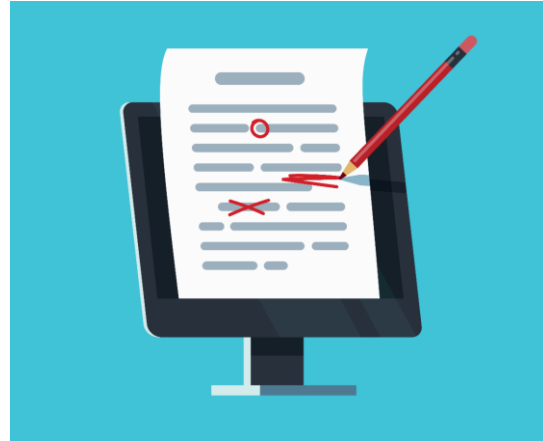
[Read more.](#)

What does a scopist do?

By Linda M. Lee

Lately I've noticed an uptick of queries in court reporting-related forums asking what, exactly, a scopist does in a transcript. And I respond that full-audio scopists like myself – which, as far as I'm concerned, is the only thing that qualifies as scoping — go line by line. As you might imagine, it takes time, and there's no cutting corners nor magic wand involved in this painstaking process.

[Read more.](#)



Students, be intentional and be successful

By Jen Krueger

School is gearing up around the county for students of all ages, grades, and adult education courses of study. Court reporting students looking forward to starting a new steno program, or continuing in their steno program, or finishing and moving into a job should adopt an attitude of intention.

[Read more.](#)

2021 NCRA Conference & Expo

NCRA President Debbie Dibble's message to students

NCRA President Debbie Dibble, RDR, CRR, CRC, has a message for students who attended the 2021 NCRA Conference & Expo in Las Vegas, Nev., last month. Actually, her message is for all students: "Get out of school so you can join the greatest profession on earth!"

[See full message.](#)





Hail, hail to our students

By Deborah Kriegshauser

Well, the 2021 NCRA Conference & Expo will go down in history like no other. The record was broken with the number of students in attendance – over 170. That's absolutely outstanding!

[Read more.](#)

How You Can Get Involved with NCRA

[JOIN](#) NCRA as a student member and get access to discounts on testing, Conference registration, study guides, and more.

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RPR, RDR, CRC, and CLVS

Registration open September 1–30

for testing October 7–21

NCRA Exam Retention Policy deadline is Dec. 15, 2021.

Grants and scholarships

NCRF gives New Professional Reporters Grants

The National Court Reporters Foundation announced two recipients for the 2021 New Professional Reporter Grant: Sawyer Cox and Jennifer Gale. The grant is awarded annually to a promising working court reporter in his or her first year out of school.

[Read more.](#)



Question of the Month

Are you planning to attend the NCRA Conference & Expo in Las Vegas, Nev., next month?

- 16.7% -Yes. I have already registered.
- 9.5% - Yes. I am planning to register.
- 59,5% - No. I will not be attending this year.
- 14.3% - I haven't decided yet.

If you are a student, have you started testing for an NCRA certification?

Yes. I have taken one or more legs of a test.

[Select](#)

Yes. I have scheduled a test.

[Select](#)

I am planning to test this year.

[Select](#)

I already have a certification.

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Not yet

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Other

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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 jcrfeedback@ncra.org.

Schools in the news

- [Lake Land College to host virtual Court Reporting Technology information session](#)
- [College of Court Reporting awarded five-year renewal grant](#)
- [Cuyahoga Community College student named to All-Ohio Academic Team](#)

Testing center

- [Written Knowledge Test registration Sep. 1-30 - last opportunity to test before Exam Retention Deadline](#)
- [Exam Retention Policy – Don't wait until it's too late!](#)