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Welcome to NCRA's student newsletter, *Up-to-Speed*, featuring insights and tips especially for court reporting and captioning students. In this issue, catch up on the best of the 2022 NCRA Conference & Expo, get a preview of upcoming scholarships and grants, and learn how to prepare for the NCRA Written Knowledge and Online Skills Tests.

Student Spotlight

"I fell in love with the machine, and the rest is history."

Haleema Saleh's original plan was to become a marriage and family therapist. But after getting married, traveling abroad, and having children, she began to think about other options. A flyer for the NCRA A to Z[®] Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand program led her to take the course, then enroll in the online court reporting program at Humphreys University in California. This past spring she graduated, earned her RSR, and is now just one leg away from earning her RPR.

[Read more.](#)



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

School Spotlight

NCRA SCHOOL Spotlight

Lakeshore Technical College

In every issue we highlight NCRA-approved schools. The court reporting 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.

[Read more about Lakeshore Technical College](#)



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Student Achievements



**Student
FASTLANE**
Congratulations on reaching your speed!

NCRA is proud to offer the Student Fast Lane program to recognize student speed accomplishments. NCRA reaches out to all court reporting programs asking for their assistance in recognizing student speed



**CONGRATULATIONS
GRADUATES!**
You did it!

accomplishments at the 150, 160, 180, 200, and 225 wpm speeds.

[Learn more.](#)

Up-to-Speed congratulates these students on completing their education!

[Learn more.](#)

2022 NCRA Conference & Expo

Student Session: Student Speed Dating



Dozens of students gathered around tables to pick the brains of seasoned professional court reporters, seeking tips for making it through school, what to expect when they graduate, insights into what the different career paths offer, and more during the ever-popular Student Speed Dating session held at the 2022 NCRA Conference & Expo this summer in Orlando, Fla.

[Read more.](#)

Conference Session: Behind the Scenes with Judge Judy

A large crowd squeezed into the room to hear Judge Judy's on-air court reporter share a story that started with disappointing her parents and landed her on national television. After high school, Whitney Kumar's mom cried when she told her that she wasn't going the traditional route. "Mom, Dad," Kumar recalled saying recently to her parents ... "Could you imagine if I had just gone to college and gotten some boring job? Now I'm working with Judge Judy and winning Emmys!"



[Read more.](#)



Full coverage of the 2022 NCRA Conference & Expo

Missed it? Get the full scoop on the 2022 NCRA Conference & Expo, including contest results, awards, news, photos, and more right [here](#).

Grants and Scholarships

NCRF Student Intern Scholarship offers two \$1,000 awards



NOMINATIONS FOR THE STUDENT INTERN SCHOLARSHIP are now being accepted

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

Deadline Dec. 9, 2022
noon Eastern

NCRF.org/Scholarships



The NCRF Student Intern Scholarship is now open for nominations. Two \$1,000 awards will be given to high-achieving court reporting students who have completed the internship portion of their education. Eligibility requirements include current NCRA student membership, speed test requirements, and a minimum 3.5 GPA. Applicants must be nominated by their court reporting programs and must also submit a letter of recommendation and an essay. The deadline to apply is Dec. 9, 2022.

[Learn more.](#)

Scholarships and Grants

Students	Opens	Closes	Award Amounts
NCRF Career Launcher Grants <i>(five to seven each quarter)</i>	Ongoing	Aug. 14, Dec. 14, 2022 Jan. 14, April 14, 2023	Career Launcher program <i>(10 modules)</i>
Student Intern Scholarships <i>(two)</i>	Sept. 1, 2022	Dec. 9, 2022	\$1,000 each
NCRA A to Z [®] Scholarships <i>(15)</i>	Feb. 1, 2023	Apr. 1, 2023	\$750 each
NCRA CASE Student Scholarships <i>(five)</i>	Feb. 1, 2023	Apr. 1, 2023	\$1,500, 1,000, \$750, \$500, \$250
New Professionals	Opens	Closes	Award Amounts
New Professional Reporter Grants <i>(two)</i>	April 1, 2023	June 2, 2023	\$2,000 and \$1,000
Monyeen Black Memorial Grant <i>(one)</i>	May 1, 2023	June 17, 2023	\$1,000
Professionals	Opens	Closes	Award Amounts
Carl Saucedo Grant	Jan. 16, 2023	March 30, 2023	\$1,000
Court to CART Grant	Coming soon!		

For detailed information, visit NCRF.org/Scholarships. Questions? Email jlansman@ncra.org.

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.

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.

Testing

What you need to know before you take the WKT

We often have candidates asking how to study for an NCRA Written Knowledge Test (WKT). We hope these pointers will be helpful as you prepare for whichever WKT you may be taking.

[Learn more.](#)



11 Tips for passing NCRA Online Skills Tests

If you are planning on taking an NCRA Online Skills Test, check out these 11 tips for passing.

[Read more.](#)

Testing Center

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- [Registration for Written Knowledge Tests closes Sept. 30 for testing Oct. 4-19](#)
- [Registration for Online Skills Tests open Oct 1-20 for testing Nov. 1-20](#)

Up-to-Speed Asks ...

Are you taking a vacation this summer?

- 40% - Yes. I'm flying somewhere.
- 6.7% - Yes. I'm driving somewhere.
- 13.3% - Does a staycation count?
- 40% - No. Not enough time/money.
- 0% - Something else.

Who do you turn to first for steno advice?

Peers

Select

Teachers

Select

A mentor or mentors

Select

Facebook/online steno group

Select

Someone else

Select

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