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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 accounting, learn about NCRA's new certification, Registered Skilled Reporter, and meet our Student Intern Scholarship winners.

Student Spotlight



From accounting to court reporting in Alabama

Student Savannah Ray started out as an accounting student, but she changed paths to court reporting thanks to encouragement from her mother.

She talked to *Up-to-Speed* about her education journey.

[Read more.](#)

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

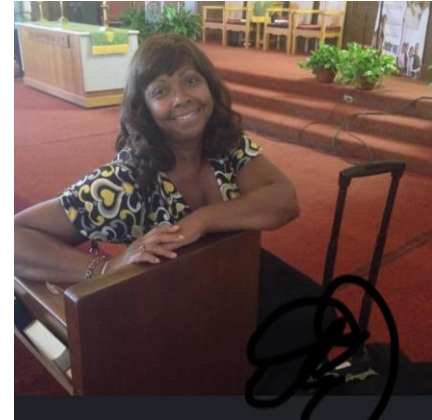
Planning your career

Which job is right for me?

By Teresa Russ, CRI

The wonderful world of court reporting. Way back when, these options to work were not available: freelance as a CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation) captioner, deposition reporter, or broadcast captioner. When I started court reporting school in the early 80s, I only knew about working in court or taking depositions.

[Read more.](#)



[Seen on social media](#)

Why I love court reporting: Jamie Booker

Jamie Booker, RPR, a freelance reporter in Tacoma, Wash., recently posted the following in the Facebook group Encouraging Court Reporting Students:

Why is court reporting an amazing profession? Maybe you'll see yourself in my story. I started court reporting school at 20 years old with a one-year-old baby. I had to do something to better our lives, and I'm thankful every day I found court reporting.

[Read more.](#)

Registered Skilled Reporter (RSR) Skills Test registration open Feb. 1-20

Registration is opening soon for aspiring court reporters to test in March 2020 for a new NCRA certification, the Registered Skilled Reporter (RSR). This new designation will recognize those stenographic professionals who are looking to validate their beginning level of competency.

[Read more.](#)



RSR REGISTERED SKILLED REPORTER

REGISTER FOR THE RSR ONLINE SKILLS TESTS

Registration opens **Feb. 1-20** for testing on March 1-20



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.



Students, apply now!



Stenograph
Milton H. Wright Memorial Scholarship
National Court Reporters Foundation Partnership

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

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO FEB. 14



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for testing March 1-20



ONLINE SKILLS TEST (SKT)
RSR, RPR, RMR, CRR, and CRC

Court Reporting & Captioning Week

Be a part of
Court Reporting & Captioning Week
February 8–15

FOR
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♥ LOVE
OF
STENO!



2020 Court Reporting
& Captioning Week



For the love of steno, celebrate 2020 Court Reporting & Captioning Week

For the love of steno is this year's Court Reporting & Captioning Week theme and one that can be touted year-round by court reporting schools and their students. The 2020 weeklong celebration designed to help showcase the benefits of a career in court reporting or captioning runs Feb. 8-15.

[Read more.](#)

It's that magical time of year again for the annual NCRA Student Skills Contest

In celebration of Court Reporting & Captioning Week being held Feb. 8–15, 2020, the NCRA Student/Teacher Committee is sponsoring a Walt Disney-themed skills contest that will be offered to all students at varying dictation speeds.

[Read more.](#)



Grants and Scholarships

SCHOLARSHIP



NCRA announces the opening of the CASE Scholarships

NCRA will issue a call for scholarship applications on Feb. 15. Students must currently be attending an NCRA-approved court reporting program and hold student membership in the Association. The top award is \$1,500; second award, \$1,000; third award, \$750; fourth award, \$500; and fifth

award, \$250.

[Learn more.](#)

Student Intern Scholarship winners

The National Court Reporters Foundation has announced two winners of the Student Intern Scholarship, a \$1,000 award given annually to two high-achieving court reporting students who have completed the internship portion of their education.

[Read more.](#)



Questions of the Month

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

22.1% – Punctuation and grammar.
23.5% – Steno briefs.
11.8% – Networking with various reporters.
4.4% – Networking with various software vendors.
38.2% – All of the above.

What do you find most challenging about being a student?

28.8% – Time management.
15.4% – No official “end date” or “graduation.”
21.2% – Financial burden.
15.4% – Practicing fundamentals.
19.2% – Envisioning yourself as a working reporter.

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

Yes. I cannot wait!

[Select](#)

I was not planning on it.

[Select](#)

I would love to, but I cannot afford it.

[Select](#)

I have not decided yet.

[Select](#)

Conference? What conference?

[Select](#)

What are your career plans after you graduate?

Official

[Select](#)

Freelance

[Select](#)

CART and/or broadcast captioning

[Select](#)

Some combination of the above

[Select](#)

Undecided

[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

- [OSU-OKC launches court reporting program to address crucial shortage in state](#)
- [Court Reporting Program Starting at Bloomfield College](#)

Testing center

- [Online Skills Test registration open Feb. 1-20 for testing March 1-20.](#)
- [Learn about NCRA's newest certification: The Registered Skilled Reporter \(RSR\)](#)
- [Review 'How to Take an NCRA Skills Test'](#)
- [Block scheduling FAQs](#)