

Welcome to NCRA's student newsletter, *Up-to-Speed*, featuring insights and tips especially for court reporting students. This month, we feature students who have excelled beyond their peers and wrap up a busy summer with the announcement of a few scholarship and grant winners, as well as a summary of the student session at the 2018 NCRA Convention & Expo.

Student Spotlight



A Love of Language Translates to Steno

Molly Cooper's background in linguistics was a definite plus in helping her relate to the stenographic theory. Molly started the court reporting program at South Coast College in Orange, Calif., in October 2017, and in less than a year has already passed her 200 wpm speed test.

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

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Looking Forward

Busy Mom – Stellar Student



by Nicky Rodriguez

"I have three daughters. My oldest two are 8 and 6, and my youngest was born in June 2017, right in the middle of my program. I found out I was pregnant a few months into school. I knew what was coming in the months ahead, so I really pushed myself as hard as I could to get my speed up as much as I could before she was born," says Kyra Kustin, a student at College of Court Reporting in Valparaiso, Ind.

[Read more.](#)

Interning Is a Window into the Real World

By Nicole Johnson

When I first began my internship journey, I was scared. I was stepping out of my cozy comfort zone of court reporting school and into the "real world" (school is real too!) of lawyers and judges. As a more introverted person, being around strangers every day is a bit stressful in itself. Then I realized I'm here to gain experience beyond what school has taught me and to put what I've been studying for the past six years to good use.



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You Will Never Work Again!

By Forrest Brown, FAPR, RDR (Ret.)

How would you like a job that you were in for 50 years and yet you never went to work? If we define *work* as a task one performs that is not enjoyable, then I can truthfully say that I never went to work.

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**Last opportunity to take the RPR,
RDR, CRC, and CLVS Written
Knowledge Tests in 2018**

**Registration open September 1-30
for October testing dates**

2018 NCRA Convention & Expo

A Glimpse of the Action

Last month's NCRA Convention & Expo in New Orleans, La., was a great success. Student attendees were treated not only to some fun and informative seminars, but also a meet-and-greet with the NCRA Board of Directors. Student sessions included "Student Steno Speed Dating," "Good Reporter/Bad Reporter," "Online Skills Testing," and "What I Didn't Learn in Court Reporting School."



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Firm Owners Donate Convention Swag

The NCRA Student/Teacher Committee is grateful to the many people who generously donated to the student swag bags at 2018 NCRA Convention & Expo in New Orleans, La. Last February, the Committee sent out a call to the NCRA Firm Owners email list, asking firms to donate a little something extra (or "lagniappe" in New Orleans-speak) for the bags.

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Grants and Scholarships

NCRA Announces Winners of the 2018 CASE Scholarships

The Council on Approved Student Education (CASE) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2018 CASE Scholarships. Ashley Stahl, a student at Gateway Community College in Phoenix, Ariz., has been awarded a \$1,500 scholarship for first place. Four other scholarships were awarded: Courtney Petros, MacCormac College, Chicago, Ill., \$1,000; Suzanne M. Stone, Bryan University, Tempe, Ariz., \$750; Robin Rieger, Brown College of Court

Reporting, Atlanta, Ga., \$500; and Ann Marie Gibson, College of Court Reporting, Valparaiso, Ind., \$250.

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New Professional Reporter Grant Awarded

NCRF presented the 2018 New Professional Reporter Grant to Sindee Baum, from North Massapequa, N.Y. Baum said that receiving the New Professional Grant means a lot to her and that she plans to use the funds toward paying off her school loan and to cover the expense of starting out with a professional machine and software.

[Read more.](#)

NCRF Announces Winner of Robert H. Clark Scholarship

Sydney Lundberg, a student from Des Moines Area Community College in Des Moines, Iowa, was named recipient of the 2018 Robert H. Clark Scholarship. The \$2,000 Robert H. Clark Scholarship is named for the late Robert H. (Bob) Clark, a court reporter from Los Angeles, Calif., who was dedicated to preserving the history of the profession. Lundberg is the fourth recipient of this scholarship.



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Schools in the news

- [Madison College court reporting teacher reported 9/11 transcripts at Guantanamo Bay](#)
- [VITAC becomes pre-approved captioning vendor for California community colleges](#)
- [Gubernatorial candidate visits DMACC court reporting program](#)
- [Long Island Business News profiles court reporting program owner](#)
- [LIBI, Plaza, and NYSCR are the key to lucrative court reporting careers](#)

Testing center

- The next [RPR Written Knowledge Test registration](#) period is Sept. 1-30
- The third quarter for the [online RPR and CRC Skills Test](#) closes Oct. 2
- [Read the online skills testing FAQs](#)
- [Read New Exam Retention Policy](#)

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.

Questions of the Month

How tech savvy do you consider yourself?

- 13.5% – I'm always the first in line for the next iPhone
- 5.4% – There are some really cool gadgets in my backpack
- 24.3% – Other people are always asking me to fix things for them
- 48.6% – Google is the answer to everything
- 8.1% – I still have a flip phone

What is your biggest motivator to get through school?

- 23.5% – Family and/or children
- 32.4% – Better pay than current job
- 20.6% – Personal pride
- 11.8% – No more part-time jobs!
- 11.8% – Other

What made you interested in this profession?

Family member or friend was in the profession

Select

Career fair

Select

Saw an ad or billboard for the profession

Select

Experience with the profession (i.e. previously a paralegal)

Select

Other

Select

Where do you see yourself in five years?

Owning my own business

Select

Working from home and/or freelancer

Select

Working as an official

Select

Working as a captioner

Select

Still in school

Select

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