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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, learn how to make the most of this summer's NCRA Conference & Expo in Orlando, Fla., and meet our student in the spotlight who already has her RSR and is getting involved and advocating for the profession. And be sure to check out all the great scholarships and grants we've got open for students and new professionals this spring.

Student Spotlight

Stenography is the key

Erin Blair, an online student from West Des Moines, Iowa, just passed her Registered Skilled Reporter (RSR) exam, and she has some advice for young people looking for a great career. "To me, a career in stenography is taking control of your life by working for yourself, taking breaks and vacations when you need to, and improving your skills to create your own upward mobility without having to rely on anyone else for it," she says. "I think a lot of high school kids want all of those things and just don't know that stenography is the key to that."

[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

Gadsden State Community College

This issue we highlight Gadsden State Community College. The court reporter programs offered in our School Spotlight 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.

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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 and graduates. This program was created at the suggestion of program administrators and teachers who were inspired by the large student turnout at the 2021 NCRA Conference & Expo. NCRA reaches out to all court reporting programs asking for their assistance in recognizing student speed accomplishments at the 150, 160, 180, 200, and 225 wpm speeds, as well as recent graduates.

[Read more.](#)

2022 NCRA Conference & Expo



The graphic features a tropical background with palm trees. At the top right is the NCRA logo with the tagline 'LEARN | NETWORK | CELEBRATE'. The main text reads 'Live the adventure' in a mix of green and blue script. Below that, it says 'Registration opens April 15.' in red, followed by '2022 NCRA Conference & Expo' in black, 'July 21-24' in bold black, and 'Hyatt Regency Orlando, Orlando, Florida' in black. At the bottom, it says 'Check out the Conference schedule and the exhibitors who have already signed up!' in a smaller black font.

We're going to Orlando!

Make your summer plans to be inspired by those already working in the field! The 2022 NCRA Conference & Expo is happening this summer at the Hyatt Regency in Orlando, Fla., July 21-24. Registration opens April 15, but you can book your NCRA group hotel rate and get a sneak peek of the event now.

[Learn more.](#)

Gearing up for the NCRA Conference as a student

Dana Spear, a student at San Antonio College in Texas, is on her way to her fourth NCRA Conference & Expo. Spear breaks down all the great reasons for students to attend a Conference — including meeting keynote speakers like entrepreneur Debbi Fields (pictured with Dana, right, from the 2021 event) — and offers tips such as the best way to network and make the most of your time.

[Learn 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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[LEARN](#) about upcoming scholarship and grant opportunities.



STUDENTS

NCRA A to Z® Scholarships
15 **\$750** awards

NCRA CASE Scholarships
\$1,500, \$1,000, \$750, \$500, and \$250 awards

NCRF Career Launcher Student Grant
Five to seven awards each quarter, up to **\$175** value

DEADLINE

April 1, 2022

April 1, 2022

April 14, 2022

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Register April 1-20
for testing
May 1-20



**Earn a new certification during
Celebrate Certification Month in May!**

Take and pass an Online Skills Test for the
RSR, RPR, RMR, CRR, and CRC certifications.

Grants and Scholarships

**Students, apply by April 14
for the next Career Launcher
Grant drawing.**

You could earn an award that covers your
10-module NCRF Career Launcher fees.



**Deadline to apply for
Career Launcher Student
Grants is April 14**

Students are encouraged to apply for the National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) quarterly Career Launcher Student Grants. The grants cover the cost to participate in the student program, which is \$100 for members and \$175 for nonmembers.

[Learn more.](#)

New Professional Reporter Grants open April 1

The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) encourages recent graduates to apply for its New Professionals Reporters Grant, which awards \$2,000 to help support start-up expenses for a new reporter working in any of three career paths: Judicial (official/freelance), CART, or captioning.

[Read more.](#)

ATTENTION

New Professionals!
Grants to help you fund your career.

New Professional Reporter Grants

\$2,000 first place • **\$1,000** second place

Apply April 1-June 3

Monyeen Black Memorial Grant

\$1,000 grant

Apply May 1-June 30



[Click to apply and for more information.](#)

SCHOLARSHIP



It's not too late to apply for CASE and NCRA A to Z[®] Scholarships

Procrastinators, take heed! There is still time to apply for these great scholarships and lighten the load of your educational finances. Students who have completed an NCRA A to Z[®] Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand program may be eligible for one of 15 NCRA A to Z[®] Scholarships. And students from NCRA-approved programs are encouraged to apply for one of five CASE scholarships. **The deadline to apply is April 1.**

[Learn more.](#)

NCRF announces new Stenograph Milton H. Wright Scholarship winner

The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) is pleased to announce that Carmen James, a student at the College of Court Reporting in Valparaiso, Ind., is the 2022 winner of the Stenograph Milton H. Wright Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is offered to students from NCRA-approved court reporter education programs who have completed the NCRA A to Z® Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand program.



[Read more.](#)

Up-to-Speed asks ...

What is your steno goal for 2022?

- 64.7% - Practice, practice, practice
- 32.4% - Work on my certification
- 2.9% - Transcribe every test
- 0% - Find a mentor through the NCRA Virtual Mentor Program
- 0% - Something else

Are you planning to attend the 2022 NCRA Conference & Expo in Orlando, Fla., July 21-24?

Yes. I can't wait to register!

[Select](#)

I'm thinking about it.

[Select](#)

I hope to if I can work it out.

[Select](#)

I haven't decided yet.

[Select](#)

No. I won't be attending this year.

[Select](#)



The 2022 NCRA Conference & Expo is taking place July 21-24 in Orlando, Fla. Find general information and a schedule at a glance [here](#). Registration opens April 15 but you can [book your hotel](#) now.

Testing center

- [Registration for Written Knowledge Tests closes March 31 for testing April 5-19](#)
- [Registration for Online Skills Tests open April 1-20 for testing May 1-20](#)

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