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# Up-to-Speed

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Student Newsletter

Welcome to NCRA's student newsletter, *Up-to-Speed*, featuring insights and tips especially for court reporting and captioning students. If you were not able to join us at the NCRA Conference & Expo in Houston this summer, we'll take you there with full coverage and get you hyped up for #NCRALouisville in 2024. In the meantime, join us for two upcoming events where new and veteran professionals share their expertise with students.

## Student Spotlight



### Contributing to something bigger

With a degree from the Culinary Institute of America, Alex Dunn was making the rounds of food service positions. But she was still searching for something more. "I want a career where I feel like I am contributing to something bigger than just a corporation, and I feel it here," she says of court reporting.

[Read more.](#)

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

## NCRA Conference & Expo

## The student Conference experience

*By Catalina Chiang Yuri*

For the speedbuilding student, there is nothing better than a little Conference magic. You will find that professionals and students alike are eager to help you, encourage you, and propel you forward.

[Read more.](#)



## Students make Every Connection Matter at Houston Conference



*By Amie First*

More than 120 students from across the country gathered in Houston, Texas, this summer for the NCRA Conference & Expo. For many new students, especially those studying online, this was their first opportunity to meet other students and reporters in person. For all of them, it was a chance to make connections.

[Read more.](#)

## Full coverage of the 2023 NCRA Conference & Expo



Get the full scoop on the 2023 NCRA Conference & Expo including contest results, awards, news, photos, and more right here.

[Read more.](#)

## Student Achievements



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

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

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OF 12!**



## Student Support

## Making Practice a Priority – new webinar for students

Join us Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. Eastern for "Making Practice a Priority," a free webinar (\$10 for nonmembers) presented by Bethany Morse, RSR; Chris DeGrazio; Amanda Doherty; and Amie First, RDR, CRR, CRC, CPE. Total CEU: 0.0.

[Read more.](#)



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NCRF helps students, new professionals, and reporters interested in starting or changing their career path gather information and ask their questions. Informational session only.

**TUES., SEPT. 26, 2023**

NCRF AMA Focus on Officials • 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**MON. OCT. 30, 2023**

NCRF AMA Focus on Freelancers

**TUES., NOV. 28, 2023**

NCRF AMA Focus on CART Captioners



## Ask Me Anything ZoomUp: Focus on Officials

The leaders of the National Court Reporters Foundation are bringing students educational opportunities with the new Ask Me Anything ZoomUp series. The next one offered is the AMA ZoomUp: Focus on Officials on Tues., Sept. 26, at 8 p.m. Eastern.

[Read more.](#)

## Grants and Scholarships

### NCRF Student Intern Scholarship now open

Nominations are now open for the NCRF Student Intern Scholarship. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to high-achieving court reporting or captioning students who have completed the internship portion of their education. Applicants are nominated by their school and must fulfill scholarship requirements, including writing a short essay.



**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. 8, 2023**  
noon Eastern

[NCRA.org/Scholarships](http://NCRA.org/Scholarships)

QUESTIONS? Email  
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## How You Can Get Involved with NCRA

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**[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 Center

### Upcoming testing

- [Registration for Written Knowledge Tests closes September 30 for testing in October](#)
- [Registration for Online Skills Tests opens October 1 for testing in November](#)

## Up-to-Speed asks ...

**Responses to last issue's question:** If you are a court reporting student, when did you start your program?

- 0% — Right out of high school
- 5.9% — After transferring from a different degree program
- 17.6% — After completing a different degree first
- 58.8% — After switching from a different career
- 17.6% — Something else

How did you first learn about the profession of court reporting?

From a family member/friend

[Select](#)

Through social media

[Select](#)

An online search or ad

[Select](#)

School counselor/teacher

[Select](#)

Something else

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