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Student Newsletter

Welcome to NCRA's student newsletter. We are coming down the home stretch to the NCRA Conference & Expo next week. Read about one lucky student who won a free student registration and travel scholarship and is on her way to Louisville. Registration is still open. Join us!

## Student Spotlight



### On her way to Louisville

Nasren Miah, a student at Plaza College in Queens, N.Y., is headed to the NCRA Conference & Expo this month thanks to a free registration from the NCRA Student/Teacher Committee and a Christine Phipps Family Foundation student scholarship. "I know I'm going to be coming back from the Conference with so much more knowledge and motivation to help me finish school and get my career started," she says.

[Read more.](#)

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

## 2024 NCRA Conference & Expo

## Coming down the stretch. Things to know before you go!

By Amie First

The 2024 NCRA Conference & Expo in Louisville, Ky., is going to be a fun-filled learning and networking experience for students that will put you on the “fast-track to success.” Registration is still open.

[Read more.](#)



**REGISTER NOW!**  
**CONFERENCE STARTS AUGUST 1**

 **NCRA**  
**Conference & Expo**  
LEARN | NETWORK | CELEBRATE

*Run for the Roses!*  
**The 2024 NCRA Conference & Expo**  
August 1-3  
The Galt House Hotel  
Louisville, Ky.



## Talk Derby to me: Ask Me Anything attendees learn about the NCRA Conference in LU-a-VIL



By Jill Parker Landsman

Attendees at the Ask Me Anything ZoomUp: Focus on Louisville gathered to hear details about the 2024 NCRA Conference & Expo location featuring world-renowned restaurants, distilleries, museums, and places to see and be seen bundled with an action-packed Conference agenda.

[Read more.](#)

## NCRF to raffle off Stenograph NexGen writer and bling Gedebe evening bag

A just-released Stenograph NexGen writer and an embellished Gedebe evening bag will be raffled off at the NCRA Conference and Expo. Winners do not need to be present to win. Proceeds help support National Court Reporter Foundation (NCRF) programs.

[Read more.](#)

## NCRF FUNDRAISER

**WILL YOU BE THE LUCKY ONE TO WIN?**

**Stenograph NEXGEN Writer**

*Generously donated by Stenograph*

Purchase tickets at the NCRF booth at Conference, or text to keyword **nexgen2024** to **41444**. \$50 for one ticket, \$125 for three tickets, and \$250 for six tickets. The winner will be selected at the Conference Gala on Sat., August 3.

*Winners do not need to be present to win.*



Finding a quality mentor is one of the most important things you can do in court reporting school.

[Learn about becoming a mentor or finding a mentor.](#)



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## 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.

[Read more.](#)



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

[Read more.](#)

## Student Pathways



### Which job is right for me?

*By Teresa Russ*

The wonderful world of court reporting. Way back when, these options to work were not available: freelance as a CART captioner, deposition reporter, or broadcast captioner. Which one will *you* choose?

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A graphic featuring a network diagram with various icons (person, Wi-Fi, speech bubble, etc.) connected by lines. The NCRA logo is prominently displayed in the foreground. The background shows a city skyline.

**NETWORKING** is a major benefit of NCRA Membership. Make connections at the 2024 NCRA Conference & Expo with your peers. To find out more about the benefits of NCRA Membership, visit [NCRA.org/Membership](https://www.ncra.org/membership)

## Grants and Scholarships

**STUDENTS apply by SEPT. 12  
for the next Career Launcher  
Scholarship drawing**

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



**June Career Launcher  
winners announced —  
next deadline Sept. 12**

NCRF is pleased to announce the latest winners of its Career Launcher Student Scholarships. Students are encouraged to apply for the next round of scholarships before the deadline of Sept 12.

[Read 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.

[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

**Save the date:**

[Written Knowledge Tests](#) | Registration opens Sept. 1 for testing in October.

[Online Skills Tests](#) | Registration opens Oct. 1 for testing in November.

## *Up-to-Speed* asks ...

**Responses to last issue's question:** Are you planning to join us for the 2024 NCRA Conference & Expo in Louisville, Ky.?

- 11.3% — Yes! I have already registered.
- 5.7% — Yes! I won a free conference registration.
- 18.9% — I am hoping to win a free conference registration.
- 17% — I am planning to register.
- 17% — I haven't decided yet.

- 30.2% — I won't be able to make it this year.

What has been the highest heat index ("feels-like" temp) you've experienced this summer?

95-100 degrees

Select

100-105 degrees

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105-110 degrees

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110-115 degrees

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115-120 degrees

Select

Over 120 degrees

Select

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