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Up-to-Speed



Student Newsletter



Welcome to NCRA's student newsletter! Fall is scholarship season, and whether you're in your 60s or already in your internship, we've got an opportunity for you. Need a different kind of help? Check out next week's Ask Me Anything: *Graduation 101*. And four is a magic number in this issue. Read on to find out why!

Student Spotlight

Making a course correction

We've profiled many students recently who came to the career of stenography through a family member. But we've also profiled students who learned about the profession from already having jobs in the legal field (or in one case, jury duty). Jona Martin started work as a paralegal more than six years ago, and that experience led her to change course from applying to law school to enrolling in the court reporting program at the Arlington Career Institute in Arlington, Texas.

[Read more.](#)



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

Student Milestones



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



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

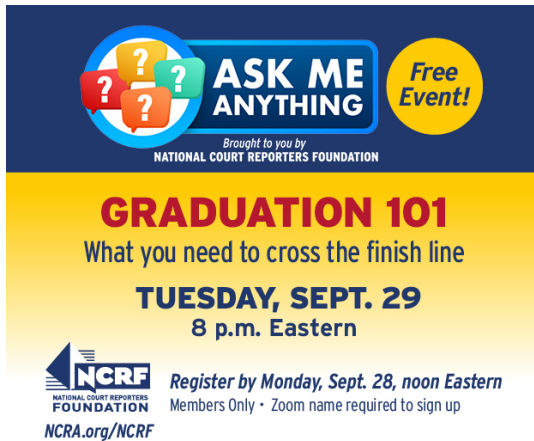
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speed accomplishments at the 150, 160, 180, 200, and 225 wpm speeds.

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Student Success

Ask Me Anything ZoomUp: Getting to graduation with strategies, support, and inspiration!



The poster features a blue header with a circular logo containing three question marks in red, yellow, and green. To the right of the logo, the text 'ASK ME ANYTHING' is in white, with 'Free Event!' in a yellow circle. Below this, it says 'Brought to you by NATIONAL COURT REPORTERS FOUNDATION'. The main body is yellow with the text 'GRADUATION 101' in red, 'What you need to cross the finish line' in blue, and 'TUESDAY, SEPT. 29 8 p.m. Eastern' in blue. At the bottom left is the NCRF logo and the text 'NCRF NATIONAL COURT REPORTERS FOUNDATION NCRA.org/NCRF'. To the right of the logo, it says 'Register by Monday, Sept. 28, noon Eastern Members Only • Zoom name required to sign up'.

Join NCRF's next Ask Me Anything ZoomUp, *Graduation 101: What you need to cross the finish line*, specifically tailored for students! We'll dive into the real talk of getting through school, from developing an effective practice routine and overcoming speed test plateaus to managing frustration.

[Read more.](#)

Four NCRA student membership benefits you might not know about

By Vanessa Johns

You're probably familiar with some of what your NCRA Student Membership can do for you: NCRF Career Launcher discounts and scholarship opportunities, discounts on certification tests, free student-specific webinars and online events throughout the year

But did you know there's more below the surface?

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Harness the four H's as you head back to school



Health | Hands | Homework | Help

By Margary Rogers

I am honored to serve as your 2026-2027 Chair of the NCRA Student/Teacher Committee. After more than 25 years in the stenographic profession, I have learned that becoming a successful stenographer requires much more than learning a theory, passing a speed test, or memorizing thousands of briefs. It requires resilience, discipline, community, and sometimes it simply requires getting up the next day and trying again.

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Full coverage of the 2026 NCRA Conference & Expo

Get the full scoop on the 2026 NCRA Conference & Expo, including contest results, awards, news, highlights, the photo album, and more!

[Read more.](#)



NCRF Conference Registration Scholarship recipients gain connections, insight in Bellevue



This summer the National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) Conference Registration Scholarship helped 15 students attend the 2026 NCRA Conference & Expo in Bellevue, Wash. For recipients, the experience proved to be more than just attending educational sessions.

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Student Scholarships

Scholarships worth \$15,000+ closing next week

Just a quick reminder that the clock is ticking! If you are a court reporting or captioning student testing at 60 wpm and above, you only have until Sept. 30 to apply for more than \$15,000 in available scholarship money. Applications for both the CASE Student Scholarships and the NCRF A to Z[®] Scholarships close at the end of the month.

[Read more.](#)



Ready to write your future? NCRF's \$5K Stenograph Milton H. Wright Memorial Scholarship now open



Together with NCRA and generous industry partners, the Foundation offers a variety of scholarship opportunities designed to support students as they prepare for careers in court reporting and captioning. Among those opportunities is the Stenograph Milton H. Wright Memorial Scholarship, NCRF's most generous student scholarship, which returns this fall with another \$5,000 tuition award.

[Read more.](#)

Nominations now open for the 2026 NCRF Student Intern Scholarship – four \$2,000 awards!

The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) is accepting nominations for its 2026 Student Intern Scholarship, recognizing high-achieving court reporting and captioning students who have completed an internship and are preparing to take the next step in their professional careers. Four students will receive a \$2,000 award to help ease the costs of launching their careers.

[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 opportunities.

TELL US how we're doing. NCRA welcomes your feedback.

Testing Center

Online Skills Tests | Registration opens Oct. 1 for testing in November.

Written Knowledge Tests | Registration opens Dec. 1 for testing in January.

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