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Student Newsletter

Welcome to NCRA's student newsletter! Opening day for registration for the NCRA Conference & Expo is almost here! April 1 is the first day to register, but you can apply right now to win a \$1,000 travel award or a free student registration. We've also got lots of scholarship news and tips on how to start small and finish big in your career.

Student Spotlight



Michelle Dominique: In her own words

In this month's issue, our student in the spotlight tells her own story. Michelle Dominique, a former journalist from the Virgin Islands now studying court reporting at Plaza College in Forest Hills, N.Y., is NCRA's 2025 winner of the Sue Shelton White Scholarship.

[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

Let us help you get to Bellevue: Conference scholarships and awards are here!

Registration for the NCRA Conference & Expo doesn't open until April 1, but the National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) wants to help you get there. If you are planning to attend the 2026 Conference in Bellevue, Wash., this July 16-18, apply now for these two high-value opportunities!

[Read more.](#)



NCRA
Conference & Expo
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July 16-18, 2026
The Hyatt Regency
Bellevue, Washington

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**The Christine Phipps Family
Foundation Travel Award**
Ten \$1,000 awards

**The NCRF Student Conference
Registration Scholarship**
Ten scholarships (\$320 value)

**Apply by
April 24!**

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A first look at sessions for the 2026 NCRA Conference & Expo



NCRA is hard at work planning the 2026 NCRA Conference & Expo, and we're excited to offer a first look at several sessions already on the schedule. Read on for some of the sessions in store. And be sure to mark your calendars for April 1 and bookmark our Conference registration page.

[Read more.](#)



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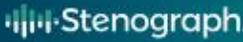
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150, 160, 180, 200, and 225 wpm speeds and recent graduates.

[Read more.](#)

Student Success

The power of small wins: Building confidence one stroke at a time

By Bridget Roorda

We often hear about the “big goals” like getting to 225 wpm, passing the RPR or CSR, or finding your dream job. But what if the real key to success lies in the small wins that happen along the way?

[Read more.](#)





The essential role of proofreading: Excellence for reporters

By Grace Pirozzi

Whether you are a student preparing to enter the profession or an experienced reporter entrusted with the official record, proofreading is the craft that elevates good work into exceptional work.

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**JOIN NCRA'S
VIRTUAL MENTOR PROGRAM**

*Career coaching
Skills support
Professional advice*

The graphic features a teal background with a world map. In the center is a laptop displaying the NCRA Virtual Mentor Program logo and a man's profile. To the left is a speech bubble icon, and to the right is a smartphone icon. Above the laptop is a circular profile icon of a woman.

**Spring forward
in your career!**

TAKE THE RPR/RDR/CRC/CLVS WKT!

APRIL WKT
Register March 1-31
Testing Period April 2-20

The graphic features a woman with long dark hair, wearing a black blazer, holding a smartphone. The background is a blurred outdoor scene with pink blossoms. The text is overlaid on the image.

Student Scholarships

**Honoring a legacy: The NCRF Kim Dore-Hackbarth
Memorial Student Scholarship**

Her Passion Your Path

The new NCRF Kim Dore-Hackbarth
Memorial Student Intern Scholarship

The NCRF Kim Dore-Hackbarth Memorial Student
Intern Scholarship is awarded annually to two court
reporting or captioning students who demonstrate
excellence, passion, and need.



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generation of professionals. To donate,
please text key word LOVEKIM to 41444.

The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) is proud to introduce the opening of the NCRF Kim Dore-Hackbarth Memorial Student Intern Scholarship, a tribute to a remarkable professional whose life and career left an enduring imprint on the court reporting community. Applicants must have completed an internship within the past year.

[Read more.](#)

Launch your career: Apply for the NCRF Career Launcher Scholarship

Ready to bridge the gap between graduation and your first deposition? The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) is offering the quarterly Career Launcher Student Scholarship to help dedicated steno students get ahead. The next deadline to apply is June 12.



[Read more.](#)



Three students named NCRF Student Intern Scholarship winners

This year NCRF is proud to announce three recipients of the 2025 NCRF Student Intern Scholarship. Chosen through a competitive application process, each recipient demonstrated focus, determination, and a strong commitment to building a career in court reporting. Congratulations to these NCRF scholarship recipients — we look forward to

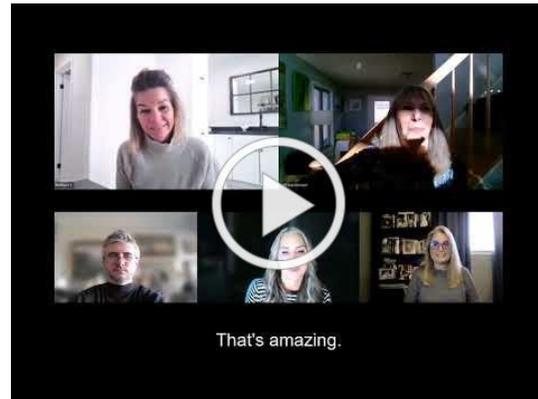
watching their careers take shape.

[Read more.](#)

NCRF and Stenograph honor excellence with the Stenograph Milton H. Wright Memorial Scholarship

Following a competitive selection process that attracted applications from talented court reporting student candidates, Stenograph and the National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) are proud to announce Bridget Roorda of Fairport, N.Y., a student at Alfred State College, as the Fall 2025 recipient of the Stenograph Milton H. Wright Memorial Scholarship.

[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

Written Knowledge Tests | Registration closes March 31 for testing in April.

Online Skills Tests | Registration opens April 1 for testing in May.

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