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Student Newsletter

Welcome to NCRA's student newsletter! What did you want to be when you grew up? Was it a court reporter? Check out our student in the spotlight who followed in her mother's footsteps to do just that. And don't miss our insider's guide to the NCRA Conference & Expo in Bellevue, Wash., this week.

Student Spotlight

She grew up to be a court reporter (just like her mom)

As the daughter of a court reporter, Samantha Veare of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, knew that her mother worked in the courts, but not much else. Now that she is about to graduate from the College of Court Reporting and test for the RSR and RPR in the coming months, Veare says that court reporting has become her biggest passion. She's excited to travel with her mother this week to her first NCRA Conference & Expo in Bellevue, Wash.

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NCRA Conference & Expo

Conference Insider: A student's guide to getting the most out of every moment



Congratulations — you’ve signed up for the NCRA Conference & Expo! Now it’s time to get excited, because this isn’t just another event on your calendar. It’s your chance to connect with the people, ideas, and opportunities that can shape your future career in court reporting and captioning. Whether this is your first Conference or you’re a returning attendee, there’s plenty waiting for you in Bellevue.

[Read more.](#)

Students: Claim your free gift at the 2026 NCRA Conference & Expo!

By Chris DeGrazio

On four different occasions, I’ve hosted giveaways, mostly for students, at the NCRA Conference & Expo. It started in 2021 and I’m proud to report the tradition is going strong and that I’m able to continue it in my capacity as Co-Chair of the Membership, Marketing, & Outreach Committee. The small giveaway I started when I was a brand-new reporter has bloomed into a cherished part of the Conference for students.



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Student Success

Maximize your momentum: The inside scoop on Dual Skills Testing



By Diana Costa

If you're working hard toward your next skills certification — whether it's nailing your RSR or pushing through your RPR legs — there's a testing option designed to save you both time and money: Dual Skills Testing Registration.

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Save the Date: \$15,000+ in scholarships opening Aug. 1



Several scholarship opportunities for court reporting and captioning students will open Aug. 1. Students who have completed an NCRA A to Z® Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand program may be eligible for one of 15 [NCRF A to Z Scholarships](#). And students enrolled at NCRA-approved education programs are encouraged to apply for one of five [CASE Student Scholarships](#).

[See all scholarships.](#)

NCRF announces inaugural winners of the Kim Dore-Hackbarth Memorial Student Scholarship

The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) announces that Crimson Elizondo of Uvalde, Texas, and Samantha Brown of Garden Grove, Calif., are the inaugural recipients of the Kim Dore-Hackbarth Memorial Student Scholarship. Each recipient will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to support their court reporting education and professional development.

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NCRF announces recipients of 2026 Christine Phipps Family Foundation Conference Travel Awards



The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) announces the recipients of the 2026 Christine Phipps Family Foundation Conference Travel Awards. These awards of \$1,000 each help awardees attend the NCRA Conference & Expo to take advantage of valuable educational and networking opportunities.

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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 Aug. 1 for testing in September.

Written Knowledge Tests | Registration opens Sept. 1 for testing in October.

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