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Local Court Reporter Awarded First Carl Sauceda Grant Margary Rogers from Washington, D.C., recipient of first \$1,000 memorial grant

**RESTON, Va., July 23, 2022** — The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF), the philanthropic arm of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), presented the inaugural Carl Sauceda Grant in the amount of \$1,000 to Margary Rogers, RRP, CRI, a court reporter and CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation) provider from Washington, D.C. NCRA is the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers. The announcement was made at a special awards luncheon at NCRA's Conference & Expo held July 21-July 24 in Orlando, Fla.

NCRF announced the launch of the first <u>NCRF Carl Sauceda Grant</u> on Monday, Jan. 17, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, also known as a day of service. The grant's original promoters, the African American Court Reporters, chose the date since the award goes to a court reporter or captioner who elevates the profession by impacting and teaching others.

The grant honors Sauceda, FAPR, RMR (Ret.), of Hayward, Calif., who served as NCRA President from 1999 to 2000 and continues a legacy of giving back to others. The grant was awarded to Rogers in a unanimous vote by NCRF Trustees in recognition of her promoting the profession to others, the influence she has had in the lives of rising court reporters, and her continuous commitment to supporting the stenographic court reporting and captioning professions.

Rogers has been a court reporter for 21 years and is a graduate of Johnson & Wales University. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in court reporting and an Associate of Science degree as a legal assistant with a concentration in psychology. She also holds the nationally recognized professional certifications of Registered Professional Reporter (RPR) and Certified Reporting Instructor (CRI). She is also a graduate of the Management Training Program at the Washington, D.C., Superior Court.



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At the national level, Rogers serves as Chair of NCRA's Membership Committee, is active in the Association's student mentoring program, and is a contributor to the *Journal of Court Reporting* (*JCR*), the official publication of NCRA. She is a past member of the Association's Peers Helping Peers Committee and is credited with creating the Facebook group "Stenographers Leveling up with Certification," to encourage and promote court reporters nationwide to obtain court reporting certifications. She has presented numerous times at the national and state levels. She is also a student sponsor, a National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) donor, and a member of the NCRF Angels Gatherer Committee.

Rogers has served in numerous leadership positions for the Maryland Court Reporters Association, including as current President. She has also taught court reporting at Anne Arundel Community College in Hanover, Md., Howard University Continuing Education Department in Silver Spring, Md., and in Northern Virginia.

In addition to showcasing the stenographic court reporting and captioning profession at local career fairs, she has hosted and organized numerous other events including a "High Tea for High Achievers" for court reporting students attending the 2019 NCRA Conference held in Denver. Colo., a variety of marketing events to mark national Court Reporting & Captioning Week, including a virtual transcribe-a-thon in 2022 in conjunction with the <u>Smithsonian Transcription</u> <u>Center</u> and staff from the <u>National Museum of African American History and Culture</u> in Washington, D.C., to help in the ongoing effort to transcribe more than 1.5 million original documents from the post–Civil War era that are housed in the <u>Freedmen's Bureau Records</u>. The documents include letters from slaves from centuries ago. Rogers also helped organize a second transcribe-a-thon during NCRA's 2020 Conference & Expo held in Orlando, Fla.

She is also credited with organizing volunteers to write Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech in steno in honor of Black History Month, spearheading the launch of a month-long membership campaign as chair of NCRA's Membership Committee, and starting the "Steno Fitness Challenge," which challenges members to exercise at least 15 minutes per day to get fit before NCRA's annual Conference & Expo.

Rogers is committed to attending every annual conference at the national and state level and regularly participates in the NCRA Annual Business Meetings. She also holds membership in the Values Change Team at Washington, D.C. Superior Court, where she helps to organize and facilitate meetings, seminars, and workshops to promote the values, mission, and goals of the Court as a whole.

Rogers, a proud mother of seven-year-old Ava, has been called by her peers a "one-woman publicity machine for the profession" and is recognized for her ability to inspire, unite, and empower others to serve.



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Court reporters and captioners rely on the latest in technology to use stenographic machines to capture the spoken word and translate it into written text in real time. These professionals work both in and out of the courtroom recording legal cases and depositions, providing live captioning of events, and assisting members of the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities with gaining access to information, entertainment, educational opportunities, and more.

If you're looking for a career that is on the cutting edge of technology and offers the opportunity to work at home or abroad, or if you like to write, enjoy helping others, and are fast with your fingers, then the fields of court reporting and captioning are careers you can explore at *NCRA/discoversteno.org*.

To arrange an interview with a working court reporter, captioner, legal videographer, or a current court reporting student, or to learn more about the lucrative and flexible court reporting or captioning professions and the many job opportunities currently available, contact *pr@ncra.org*.

For information about the <u>NCRF Carl Sauceda Grant</u>, contact NCRF Manager Jill Parker Landsman at <u>*jlandsman@ncra.org*</u>.

## About NCRF

As a charitable organization, the Foundation relies almost solely on tax-deductible donations, the majority of which come from NCRA members and associated businesses. To donate or for information on NCRF's programs, visit <u>NCRA/Foundation.org</u>, or call 800/272-6272, ext. 126.

## About NCRA

The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) has been internationally recognized for promoting excellence among those who capture and convert the spoken word to text for more than 100 years. NCRA is committed to supporting its more than 13,000 members in achieving the highest level of professional expertise with educational opportunities and industry-recognized court reporting, educator, and videographer certification programs. NCRA impacts legislative issues and the global marketplace through its actively involved membership.

Forbes has named court reporting as one of the best career options that do not require a traditional four-year degree. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the court reporting field is expected to be one of the fastest areas of projected employment growth across all occupations. According to 247/WallSt.com, the court reporting profession ranks sixth out of 25 careers with the lowest unemployment rate, just 0.7 percent. Career information about the court reporting profession—one of the leading career options that do not require a traditional four-year degree—can be found at NCRA DiscoverSteno.org.