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Local Court Reporting Student Awarded Scholarship
Luisa Vertucci, from Hackensack, N.J., awarded a \$500 scholarship

RESTON, Va., July 6, 2022 — The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), the country’s leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers, has announced that Luisa Vertucci, from Hackensack, N.J., a student at Plaza College in Queens, N.Y., has been awarded a \$500 scholarship by the Association’s Council on Approved Student Education (CASE).

Vertucci, who is currently writing at between 180 and 200 words per minute, expects to graduate later this year and plans to pursue a career as a freelance court reporter. She plans to use the scholarship funds to help purchase a professional steno machine.

“Right after high school in Italy, my county offered a free program in stenography/court reporting, and I became a court reporter in Italy for 20 years. I then decided to return to the United States to become an American court reporter,” Vertucci said. “What I would say to others referring to this profession is that court reporting is one of the most rewarding careers a person could pursue in a relatively timely manner, bringing into your life an indescribable amount of knowledge, prestige, and, of course, money,” she added.

NCRA’s CASE awards five scholarships annually in the amounts of \$1,500, \$1,000, \$750, \$500, and \$250. The winners are chosen based on a weighted combination of speed, GPA, recommendations, and a written essay.

Notification that applications are being accepted for the [CASE student scholarships](#) is sent each February to all [NCRA-approved court reporting programs](#). For more information on the [CASE Student Scholarship](#), please contact the Education Department at schools@ncra.org.

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



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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.

[NCRA's A to Z[®] Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand](#) program, a free online six-to-eight-week introductory course, lets participants see if a career in court reporting or captioning would be for them. The program is an introductory course in stenographic theory and provides participants with the opportunity to learn the basics of writing on a steno machine. There is no charge to take the course, but participants are required to have access to a steno machine or an iPad they can use to download the [iStenoPad app](#).

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.

[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](#).