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Local court reporting student selected for inaugural scholarship ***Raquel Abalos from Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., to attend NCRA Leadership & Legislative Boot Camp in Washington, D.C.***

RESTON, Va., Dec. 8, 2025 - The National Court Reporters Foundation ([NCRF](http://NCRF.org)) announced that Raquel Abalos from Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., a court reporting student at South Coast College, is the recipient of the inaugural NCRF [Linda Breech Memorial Advocacy Scholarship](#), which provides full registration to attend the 2026 [NCRA Leadership & Legislative Boot Camp](#). The program will take place March 1-3, 2026, in Alexandria, Va., and will culminate with a whirlwind day in Washington, D.C. NCRF is the philanthropic arm of the National Court Reporters Association ([NCRA](http://NCRA.org)), the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers.

NCRA's Leadership & Legislative Boot Camp is a unique opportunity offered by the Association to teach attendees how to advocate for the court reporting, captioning, legal videography, scopist, and associated legal professions. This training is invaluable when it comes to ensuring the efforts of NCRA members at the grassroots, state, or national level are successful when meeting with their legislators, and it prepares them to be skillful in the promotion and protection of the value stenographic court reporters and captioners bring to accurately capturing the record.

NCRA Boot Camp attendees have the opportunity to participate in concentrated sessions and training that teaches them the skills and strategies necessary to effectively advocate for their profession in their state legislatures and in Congress, as well as participate in real-life scenarios where they can put their newly learned advocacy skills into practice and network with other NCRA members who are passionate about their profession.



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"I'm looking forward to learning more about effective advocacy and gaining a deeper understanding of how to represent the court reporting profession at the professional level. I'm excited for the opportunity to meet with lawmakers, their staff, and fellow NCRA members to advocate on Capitol Hill for the issues that matter most to our field," Abalos said.

"This experience will be an invaluable chance to grow as both a student and a future professional dedicated to the advancement of court reporting," she added.

Following 48 hours of intensive training focused on developing advocacy skills, Abalos will have the opportunity to meet with California lawmakers and their staff on Capitol Hill. This hands-on experience is designed to empower future leaders in the court reporting, professional captioning, and legal videography professions to become effective advocates for their industry.

"On behalf of the National Court Reporters Association, I extend our heartfelt congratulations to Raquel on her remarkable achievement and aspiring dedication to advancing the profession we all hold dear," said NCRA President Cindy Isaacsen, RPR, an official court reporter from Shawnee, Kan. "We eagerly anticipate connecting with her in our nation's capital."

The scholarship honors the legacy of Linda Breech, RPR, (Ret.), a passionate advocate and longtime NCRA member whose legacy will inspire the next generation of reporters' advocacy efforts. Breech served as an official court reporter for the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Los Angeles, Calif., for nearly two decades before freelancing in the Denver, Colo., metro area. A respected reporter, business owner, and NCRA member for nearly four decades, Breech was a passionate advocate for court reporting, captioning, and legal videography. Her commitment to service and professional excellence continues to inspire the next generation of advocates.

"We extend our gratitude to the generous trustees of the National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) and those who contributed to this scholarship," said NCRA's State Government Relations Manager Colin Brehm. "Their generosity ensures that Linda Breech's commitment to effective advocacy ensures judicial integrity."

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.



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If you're looking for a career that is on the cutting-edge of technology, offers the opportunity for work at home or abroad, 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. The NCRA A to Z® Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand program, a free online six-week introductory course, lets participants see if a career in court reporting or captioning would be a good choice for them. The program is an introduction to 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 [!\[\]\(cbe80b694ebd74fcfe136a095b608235_img.jpg\) StenoPad app](#).

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 125 years. NCRA is committed to supporting its more than 10,000 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.

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. 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.

About NCRF

National Court Reporters Foundation is the philanthropic arm of NCRA. As a charitable organization, the NCRF 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 NCRA/Foundation.org.