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**NCRA Executive Director receives honorary doctorate from Keene State College**  
*A legacy of leadership and philanthropy*

**RESTON, Va., March 6, 2025** — The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), the country’s leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers, has announced that Executive Director Dave Wenhold, CAE, PLC, has been selected to receive an honorary doctorate from his alma mater, Keene State College (KSC), in Keene, N.H. The prestigious award is set to be conferred on May 10 and recognizes Wenhold’s extensive philanthropic efforts and dedication to creating positive change in the world of government relations and lobbying.

“I am deeply grateful to receive news from my alma mater, Keene State College, that I was selected to receive an honorary doctorate. KSC awarded this due to my philanthropic efforts in creating charities and my advocacy work in positively helping others in this world,” Wenhold said in a Facebook post.

The recognition, which came as a surprise, was orchestrated by nominators who worked behind the scenes along with the selection committee and KSC President Dr. Melinda Treadwell.

“This is one of the greatest moments in the world to me,” Wenhold said, and emphasized the personal significance of the accolade from an institution that shaped his life’s trajectory.

KSC, founded in 1909, has a storied tradition of honoring exceptional individuals with honorary degrees. The institution has awarded only 83 in its history — 23 of which have gone to alumni.



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“I am proud to join those individuals as part of that club. I will represent KSC well and continue to help others for the rest of my life,” Wenhold said.

Wenhold’s journey is a powerful narrative of determination. As a first-generation college student, he credits KSC with instilling values that propelled him to success.

“KSC helped make me who I am today. It gave me the confidence to go to Washington, D.C., with no job in place, make positive changes, and even take on former President Barack Obama (and win) on a constitutional issue that would have changed democracy in the worst way,” he said.

“As a first-generation college student whose parents struggled on the economic scale but knew their sons would go to college whatever it took from them, this is proof that, with the support of friends and family and a killer work ethic, anything is possible in this world,” Wenhold added.

“To be acknowledged by this incredible community is both humbling and inspiring,” he shared. “Thank you to Keene State for this meaningful distinction. I am forever proud to be an Owl!”

The court reporting and captioning professions offer viable career choices that do not require a four-year college degree and yet offer good salaries, flexible schedules, and interesting venues. There is currently an increasing demand for more reporters and captioners to meet the growing number of employment opportunities available nationwide and abroad. 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.

To arrange an interview with a working court reporter or captioner, 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](mailto: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 125 years. NCRA is committed to supporting its more than 12,000 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.*



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*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](http://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](http://NCRA DiscoverSteno.org).*