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Welcome to NCRA's student newsletter. The 2024 NCRA Conference & Expo is happening this summer in Louisville, Ky., and you could be the lucky winner of a free student registration. We'll see you there!

Student Spotlight



Aloha

Carlene Sasaki, of Honolulu, Hawaii, is a lifelong gamer who finds inspiration in *Star Trek* and a welcoming community in her home state. "The court reporting and captioning community in Hawaii is small, but they are resilient and supportive," she says. "There is a feeling of acceptance and support that can only be summed up in one word, *Aloha*."

Read more.

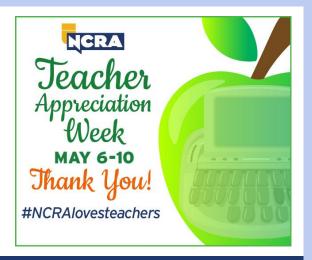
Do you know a student currently attending a court reporting or captioning program who should be in the spotlight? **Let us know.**

Celebrate teachers! #NCRAlovesteachers

By Amie First

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10. Join us in celebrating our teachers and you could win a free test leg! We offer some creative ideas for every day of the week. Show your love and share it at #NCRAlovesteachers.

Read more.



2024 NCRA Conference & Expo



Win a **FREE** registration valued at **\$305**!



NCRA Conference & Expo student registration giveaways

Students wanting to attend the <u>2024 NCRA</u> <u>Conference & Expo</u> can now apply for free registrations.

Read more.

Conference preview: A look at Louisville

Add this to your summer schedule: The 2024 NCRA Conference & Expo is taking place at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Ky., from Aug. 1-3. Registration opens in early April, but you can start planning your trip now.

Read more.







The NCRA Virtual Mentor Program is a great way for today's court reporters to offer students the guidance and encouragement they need.

Learn about becoming a mentor or finding a mentor.

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Student Achievements



NCRA is proud to offer the Student Fast Lane program to recognize student speed accomplishments. NCRA reaches out to all court reporting programs asking for their assistance in recognizing student speed accomplishments at the 150, 160, 180, 200, and 225 wpm speeds.

Read more.



Up-to-Speed congratulates these students on completing their education!

Read more.

Student Success

"The rest was history": An A to Z story

A background in linguistics and phonetics led Michelle Soto, of Boise, Idaho, to the NCRA A to Z[®] Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand program and then to enroll in school for court reporting. "I was driven by my own potential," says Soto.

Read more.





Networking is essential for a successful career, panelists say

The value of cultivating strong networking channels can never be underestimated for court reporters and captioners who want to achieve professional success. No question: Networking paves the way for better career opportunities.

Read more.

Learn how the power of practice can take you everywhere you want to go

Join us for motivation and the tips and tricks to practicing, graduating, and earning certifications. NCRF's Ask Me Anything Task Force is offering its next ZoomUp on Tuesday, March 26, at 8 p.m. Eastern.

Read more.



NCRF helps students, new professionals, and reporters interested in starting or changing their career path gather information and ask their questions. Informational session only.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 8 PM Eastern Practice and Certifications





NCRA.org/home/events/ncrf-ask-me-anything





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Grants and Scholarships

STUDENTS, apply by JUNE 14 for the next Career Launcher Scholarship drawing.

You could earn an award that covers your 10-module NCRF Career Launcher fees.



June 14 deadline for Career Launcher Scholarships

Students are encouraged to apply for the National Court Reporters Foundation quarterly Career Launcher Student Scholarships. The awards cover the cost to participate in the student program, which is \$100 for members and \$175 for nonmembers

Read more.

Two students tapped as NCRF Student Intern Scholarship winners

One consistent goal for National Court Reporter Foundation leaders is to motivate and nurture court reporter students. Sophia Critelli, of West Des Moines, Iowa, and Krista Bishop, of Fairfield Township, Ohio, were recently awarded NCRF student intern scholarships.



Read more

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 and grant opportunities.

Testing Center

Upcoming testing

- Registration for Written Knowledge Tests closes March 31 for testing in April
- Registration for Online Skills Tests opens April 1 for testing in May

Save the date:

In-person Skills Tests (RSR, RPR, CRR, CRC) | Aug. 4 on site at the 2024 NCRA Conference & Expo in Louisville, Ky. Registration opens in April.

Up-to-Speed asks ...

Responses to last issue's question: How many hours per day do you practice outside of school?

- 0% Never
- 11.1% Less than an hour
- 44.4% 1-2 hours
- 11.1% 3-4 hours
- 22.2% 5 or more hours
- 11.1% I never stop practicing

What are your career plans for after graduation?



