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Welcome to NCRA's student newsletter, *Up-to-Speed*, featuring insights and tips especially for court reporting and captioning students. In this issue, we offer several ways for you to get support as you work your way through school and beyond, and remind you of some quickly approaching deadlines for grants and scholarships. Happy Holidays!

Student Spotlight

Google search: Careers in the courtroom

With an interest in criminal court, but not enough time or money for law school after earning her BA, Alexa Diaz-Polanco, of New York, N.Y., set about finding a career that would allow her to follow her passion. A Google search on "careers in the courtroom" led her to court reporting. "[A]nd voilà!" she says.

[Read more.](#)



Do you know a student currently attending a court reporting or captioning program who should be in the spotlight? [Let us know.](#)

School Spotlight

NCRA SCHOOL Spotlight

Generations College/MacCormac School of Court Reporting

In every issue we highlight an NCRA-approved school. The court reporting programs offered at these schools have met the General Requirements and Minimum Standards established by the Council on Approved Student Education of NCRA. This is a chance for members to get to know these programs and hear from their students and teachers.

[Read more about Generations College/MacCormac School of Court Reporting](#)

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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.](#)

Building communities



Gentle reminders for the days we feel stuck

By Catalina Chiang Yuri

There's a chance you've seen it by now, the viral performance art piece that features Yoann Bourgeois making multiple unsuccessful attempts to climb a staircase. Each time he reaches a new height, he finds himself floating back down to a trampoline that propels him back up, often to the steps prior to the ones he fell from. "[Success Isn't Linear](#)" resonates with us because its message is universal. And for court reporting students, while there is value in considering how we define success and the path by which to achieve it, we should put equal or more emphasis on the ways to build and maintain our safety nets for the days when we are tired of falling.

[Read more.](#)

Facebook groups for student support

By Debbie Kriegshauser

As reporting students, we all have/had so many questions spinning in our heads. There are Facebook pages you might be interested in joining. Many of the forums have interesting threads that just might answer that question you've been pondering forever. Maybe you'll even pick up a great tip or two. Maybe you'll discover some great steno briefs to utilize during your speedbuilding. We all know those briefs increase our speed!

[Read more.](#)



Grants and Scholarships



**NOMINATIONS FOR THE
STUDENT INTERN
SCHOLARSHIP
are now being accepted**

\$1,000 awards given annually to **TWO** high-achieving court reporter students who have completed the internship portion of their education.

Deadline Dec. 9, 2022
noon Eastern

NCRA.org/Scholarships



Dec. 9 deadline for two \$1,000 Student Intern Scholarships

The deadline to apply for the NCRF Student Intern Scholarship is Dec. 9. Two \$1,000 awards will be given to high-achieving court reporting students who have completed the internship portion of their education. Judicial, CART, and captioning students are encouraged to apply.

[Learn more.](#)

Apply by Dec. 14 for Career Launcher Student Grants

Now is the time to apply for the National Court Reporters Foundation quarterly Career Launcher Student Grants. The grants cover the cost to participate in the student program, which is \$100 for members and \$175 for nonmembers. The deadline to apply is Dec. 14.

[Read more.](#)

STUDENTS, apply now for the Career Launcher Grant.

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



DEADLINE: DECEMBER 14, 2022



Scholarships and Grants

Students	Opens	Closes	Award Amounts
NCRF Career Launcher Grants <i>(five to seven each quarter)</i>	Ongoing	Aug. 14, Dec. 14, 2022 Jan. 14, April 14, 2023	Career Launcher program <i>(10 modules)</i>
Student Intern Scholarships <i>(two)</i>	Sept. 1, 2022	Dec. 9, 2022	\$1,000 each
NCRA A to Z [®] Scholarships <i>(75)</i>	Feb. 1, 2023	Apr. 1, 2023	\$750 each
NCRA CASE Student Scholarships <i>(five)</i>	Feb. 1, 2023	Apr. 1, 2023	\$1,500, 1,000, \$750, \$500, \$250
New Professionals	Opens	Closes	Award Amounts
New Professional Reporter Grants <i>(two)</i>	April 1, 2023	June 2, 2023	\$2,000 and \$1,000
Monyeen Black Memorial Grant <i>(one)</i>	May 1, 2023	June 17, 2023	\$1,000
Michelle Grimes Memorial Grant <i>(one)</i>	May 1, 2023	June 17, 2023	\$1,000
Professionals	Opens	Closes	Award Amounts
Carl Saucedo Grant	Jan. 16, 2023	March 30, 2023	\$1,000
Court to CART Grant	Coming soon!		

For detailed information, visit [NCRA.org/Scholarships](https://ncra.org/Scholarships). Questions? Email jlandsman@ncra.org.

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.

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2023 NCRA Student Membership?
25 MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE
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Deadline extended to Dec. 15, 2022

Free student memberships are still available

Reliance, a proactive group of firm owners and individual court reporters who have joined together to ensure the continued success of NCRA and the court reporting industry, are offering 25 free NCRA student memberships for 2023. The application deadline has been extended to Dec. 15.

[Learn more.](#)

Testing Center

Upcoming testing

- [Registration for Written Knowledge Tests opens Dec. 1 for testing in January.](#)
- [Registration for Online Skills Tests opens Dec. 1 for testing in January.](#)

Coming Soon

REGISTRATION FOR THE JANUARY 2023 SKT AND WKT

ONLINE SKILLS TESTS
RSR, RPR, RMR, CRR, and CRC
Register Dec. 1-20, 2022,
for testing Jan. 1-20, 2023

WRITTEN KNOWLEDGE TESTS
RPR, RDR, CRC, and CLVS
Register Dec. 1-31, 2022,
for testing Jan. 4-19, 2023

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Up-to-Speed asks ...

Responses to last issue's question: Who do you turn to first for steno advice?

- 41.2% — Peers
- 11.8% — Teachers
- 23.5% — Mentor/s
- 23.5% — Facebook/online steno group
- 0% — Someone/somewhere else

Where is your favorite place to practice?

Classroom or somewhere else in school

Select

Kitchen table/counter

Select

Study/home office

[Select](#)

My bedroom

[Select](#)

Coffee shop

[Select](#)

Somewhere else

[Select](#)

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