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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, hear why a student and a teacher love coming back to the NCRA Conference & Expo, learn how to master the art of persistence, and meet our student in the spotlight, a music copyrighter and piano player.

Student Spotlight

The music man

So many of the students we highlight in *Up-to-Speed* are career changers, and Taylor Hertz is no exception. Hertz has a bachelor's degree in music and works in the California music industry, but once the pandemic started, he felt that he needed a change. Now Hertz is juggling a full-time job and the online court reporting program at the Community College of Allegheny County in Pittsburgh, Pa. His busy life still leaves him time to play, though. "I'm also in a band," he says, "which gives me an amazing outlet to compose and orchestrate."

[Read more.](#)



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

School Spotlight

NCRA SCHOOL Spotlight

Community College of Allegheny County and Long Island Business Institute

In every issue we highlight NCRA-approved schools. 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.

[Community College of Allegheny County](#)

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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.

[Learn more.](#)



Up-to-Speed congratulates these students on their amazing accomplishments!

[Learn more.](#)

2022 NCRA Conference & Expo



"I just love coming back." - Dana Spear – Student at Tulsa Community College

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: JIM DAVIDSON
Resilience expert, expedition leader, and *New York Times* best-selling author Jim Davidson will share stories of his past and how they can help you navigate uncertainty with resilience.

NCRA Conference offers students four new sessions (and one old favorite)

Come join your fellow students at the 2022 NCRA Conference & Expo in Orlando, Fla. Check out these special sessions just for students, as well as networking opportunities, the Expo Hall, and more!



- Meanwhile, In the Real World
- Ready, Set, Practice
- Student Fast Pass to Your New Profession
- Ships Ahoy!
- Steno Speed Dating

"When you look at the faces of the people in the room, you see we learned something, we became motivated." - *Mary Beth Johnson, CRI – Instructor at Community College of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, Pa.*

[See full schedule.](#)



The [2022 NCRA Conference & Expo](#) is taking place July 21-24 in Orlando, Fla. See the full schedule of sessions [here](#). [Register now!](#)

Feature



Mastering persistence: Finding patience and hope while you struggle with steno

By Lee Leigh "Lili"

When I was in court reporting school, I was told to think of something that inspired me before sitting down at my machine. For 20 years now every time I start a realtime file I write: "Do or do not. There is no try."

[Learn 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.



Finding a quality mentor is one of the most important things you can do in court reporting school.
Learn about becoming a mentor or finding a mentor.

IMPORTANT DATES

RSR, RPR, RMR, CRR, and CRC
ONLINE SKILLS TESTS

Registration open June 1-20
for testing July 1-20

RPR, RDR, CRC, and CLVS
WRITTEN KNOWLEDGE TESTS

Registration open June 1-30
for testing July 5-19



Grants and Scholarships



Career Launcher Student Grants recipients announced

Cynthia R. Bruce, Senior Director of Education and Certification for NCRA, and NCRF Manager Jill Parker Landsman announced the latest recipients of the Career Launcher Student Grants. Winners were selected in a random drawing at the NCRA headquarters in Reston, Va. Interested students can apply for the next drawing, which will be held on Aug. 14.

[Learn more.](#)

Open now: Grants for new professionals

Several grants are now open in support of new professionals. Recent graduates who are in their first year of working out of school are encouraged to apply for one of two New Professional Reporter Grants. New professionals who hold the RSR or the RPR and who are in their first two years of reporting are encouraged to apply for the Moneyeen Black Memorial Grant. The application windows close June 3 and June 30, respectively.

[Read more.](#)

ATTENTION **New Professionals!** **Grants to help you fund your career.**

New Professional Reporter Grants

\$2,000 first place • **\$1,000** second place

Apply April 1-June 3

Moneyeen Black Memorial Grant

\$1,000 grant

Apply May 1-June 30



Click to apply and for more information.

Testing center

- [Registration for Written Knowledge Tests opens June 1 for testing July 5-19](#)
- [Registration for Online Skills Tests open June 1 for testing July 1-20](#)

Up-to-Speed asks ...

Are you planning to attend the 2022 NCRA Conference & Expo in Orlando, Fla., July 21-24?

- 15.4% - Yes. I can't wait to register!
- 15.4% - I'm thinking about it.
- 26.9% - I hope to if I can work it out.
- 7.7% - I haven't decided yet.
- 34.6% - No. I won't be attending this year.

How many hours of sleep do you get per night?

Eight or more

[Select](#)

Seven to eight

[Select](#)

Six to seven

[Select](#)

Five to six

[Select](#)

Fewer than five

[Select](#)

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