



Up-to-Speed



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Student Newsletter



Welcome to NCRA's student quarterly, *Up-to-Speed*, featuring insights and tips especially for court reporting students. In this issue, students and pros offer their advice on how to prepare for life beyond the classroom.

Student Spotlight

Making a few adjustments

Long nights of practice and endless speed tests are familiar challenges for court reporting students. But Kayde Rieken, a student at the College of Court Reporting in Valparaiso, Ind., has experienced one that is unique. She was the first student to take the RPR Written Knowledge Test in Braille.

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In this issue, *Up-to-Speed* highlights a recent grad who understands the link between confidence and practice. Do you know a student or students who should be in the spotlight? [Let us know](#). Students in the spotlight must currently attend an NCRA-approved court reporting program.

Ready to Launch



Always go the extra mile — it's never crowded up there

Practicing, staying motivated, meeting target speeds. Networking, handing out résumés, taking skills tests. Court reporting students have a lot on their minds. And getting ready to graduate adds another whole dimension to school life.

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How to make a smooth transition from student to reporter

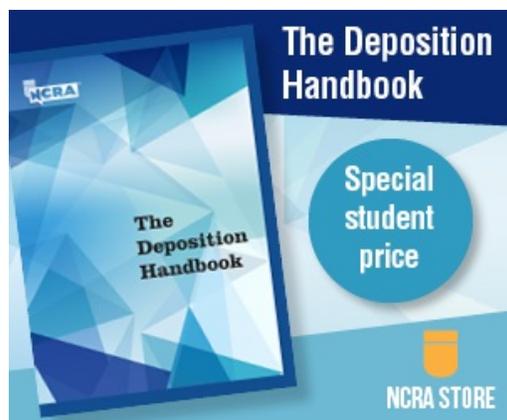
By Jacqueline Timmons – I have trained many new reporters over the years, so I have had a firsthand view of the transition from student to working reporter. This is my advice on what students should know as they prepare to start their careers in reporting.

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Students ... do you have a mentor? How did you find your mentor? Let us know how your mentoring experience is working out. Fill out our short questionnaire, and we may feature you in our October issue.

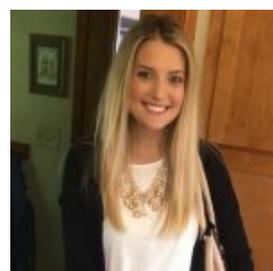
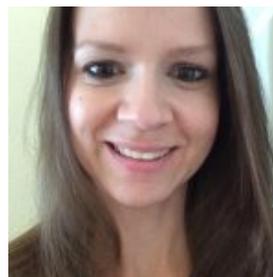
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Grants and Scholarships

NCRA announces the winners of the 2017 CASE scholarships

The Council on Approved Student Education (CASE) has selected the essay scholarship winners, pictured top to bottom. Lisa Erickson, a student at Prince Institute in Elmhurst, Ill., is the first-place winner; Maggie DeRocher, of Des Moines Area Community College in Newton, Ia., earned second place; and Meredith Seymour of Lakeshore Technical College, in Cleveland, Wis. earned third place. The first-place winner will receive \$1,500; second



place, \$1,000, and third place, \$500.

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NCRF announces 2017 scholarship and grant recipients

The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) has announced that Valerie Melkus, RPR, Charleston, S.C., was named recipient of the 2017 New Professional Reporter Grant. The Foundation also announced that Laurel Stalnaker, a student from Sumner College in Portland, Ore., is the recipient of the 2017 Robert H. Clark Scholarship.

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2017 NCRA Convention & Expo



A free pen? How about Las Vegas swag?

Students attending the 2017 NCRA Convention & Expo in Las Vegas, Nev., are in for a treat. Firm owners have come together to donate some exciting swag. Doreen Sutton, FAPR, RPR, Chair of NCRA's Student Committee, says, "There are all sorts of fun goodies in the bag that I hope the students will have fun with."

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- [Tri-C annual open house boosts summer enrollment](#)
- [NCCC to add court reporting certificate](#)
- [Lakeshore Technical College receives grant](#)
- [Clark State Community College and Stark State College join forces](#)

Testing center

- Good luck to everyone taking the RPR Written Knowledge Test in July!
- The next [RPR Written Knowledge Test registration](#) period is Sept 1-30.
- The third quarter for the [online RPR Skills Test](#) opened July 6 with new testing opportunities.

Want to see your school in the news? *Up-to-Speed* is looking for news from court reporting programs to feature in our newsletter. Send ideas and information to schools@ncra.org.

Questions of the Quarter

How important is it to you to graduate from court reporting school quickly?

16.9% – I'm in no rush. It will come when it comes.
31.2% – I've got people depending on me to graduate as soon as possible!
33.8% – I set a goal to graduate by a certain date, but things might change.
18.2% – I'm graduating by a certain date no matter what!

My court reporting classmates are ...

36.2% – ... a great source of inspiration!
15.5% – ... a constant distraction/downer!
25.9% – ... some friendly competition!
22.4% – What classmates?

What is your writing style?

Type. Every. Thing. Out.

Select

Brief short or go home!

Select

Shh. I'm developing my own style, thank you very much.

Select

I don't have a style.

Select

What do you wish you knew that you weren't taught in school?

Practice swearing in a witness before your first job.

Select

Jeans are not appropriate legal attire.

Select

Never leave your machine in your car.

Select

Always eat a big breakfast before work.

Select

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