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Student Newsletter



Welcome to NCRA's revived student quarterly, *Up-to-Speed*. This newsletter features insights and tips especially for court reporting students. Check out our "schools in the news" section, the scholarship announcement, and upcoming testing dates at the bottom of the page. Enjoy!

Student Spotlight

It takes drive to commit to court reporting school

Court reporting students are much like the professionals in the business they are destined to enter: determined, hardworking, dedicated, and devoted. As with any profession, it can often be a long, hard ride to the big time. But in the case of Kaitlyn Spurgeon and Rachel Otto, students at MacCormac College of Court Reporting in Chicago, Ill., the ride each day may be long, but the support they have for each other in conquering school isn't very hard to come by.



[Read more.](#)

In this issue, *Up-to-Speed* highlights students who are "going the distance" at MacCormac College of Court Reporting. 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.



Stepping over speed plateaus

While the standard dictionary definition of plateau is "to have something remain at a stable level or on an even keel," the word plateau has a completely different meaning to court reporting students.

[Read more.](#)

The next issue of *Up-to-Speed* will include features dedicated to the 2017 NCRA Convention & Expo in Las Vegas, Nev., being held Aug. 10-13. Did you attend last year's convention? Share your experience and submit a 500-700 word article to <mailto:schools@ncra.org>. Have another idea for an article? Send that along as well.

NEW!

ONLINE SKILLS TESTING

- ✓ Test from anywhere!
- ✓ Start when you're ready!

NCRA 2017 Court Reporting & Captioning Week

February 11-18

LEARN HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED!

How are you celebrating Court Reporting & Captioning Week?

NCRA has declared Feb. 11-18, 2017, National Court Reporting & Captioning Week, an event designed to encourage members and students of the court reporting and captioning professions to celebrate their careers by hosting special events within the community and more. *Up-to-Speed* reached out to members of the Association's Board of Directors and to students to find out how they plan to mark this year's event.

[Read more.](#)

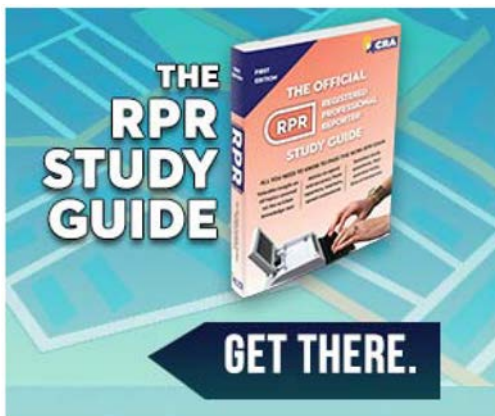




Here is your opportunity to win a prize while working on your skills!

During the 2017 Court Reporting & Captioning Week, Feb. 11-18, transcribe as many tests as possible. You do *not* need to pass them; simply transcribe the tests. Prizes include a copy of the *RPR Study Guide*, a student membership, and a leg of the RPR Skills Test.

[Read more.](#)



NCRA announces the opening of the CASE Scholarship

NCRA will issue a call for applications on Feb.1. Students must currently be attending an NCRA-approved court reporting program and hold student membership in **NCRA**. The top award is \$1,500; second award, \$1,000 and third award, \$500.

[Read more.](#)





Why should I belong to my state and national associations?

When I was a new reporter, or even when I was a student for that matter, I knew very little about my profession. I had many questions I wanted to ask but was too scared to show my ignorance. Fortunately, I had an amazing instructor who was a past court reporter. This instructor was adamant about us joining the national association as student members and encouraged us to join our state association as well.

[Read more.](#)

Schools in the news

- [Court reporting schools and state associations across country honor veterans through the Veterans History Project](#)
- [South Suburban College announces open house to showcase profession](#)
- [Huntington Junior College turns 80](#)
- [Clark State teams up with college for first-of-its-kind partnership](#)

Testing center

- Good luck to everyone taking the RPR Written Knowledge Test in January!
- The next [RPR Written Knowledge Test registration](#) period is March 1- 31.
- The first quarter for the [online RPR Skills Test](#) ends March 31.

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

Questions of the Quarter

What do you do when you don't feel like practicing anymore?

I push myself to practice anyway!

Select

I might do a few finger drills and then call it a day.

Select

I step away from the machine and come back to it when I'm motivated again.

Select

I throw that !@#\$\$% machine out the window!

Select

How would you describe court reporting school to an interested friend?

Challenging, but totally worth it.

Select

What doesn't kill you makes you stronger!

Select

We're all mad here.

Select

KRAOL

Select

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