



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Be open to the amazing changes which are occurring in the fields that interest you.”

-Leigh Steinberg



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I Write the Stanley Cup Every Day

By Connie Lee

I love hockey. I especially love the Pittsburgh Penguins. They are *my* team. I have been providing in-stadium captioning for the Pittsburgh Penguins for five seasons now. Lucky me!

I had the distinct pleasure of writing game five of the 2016 Stanley Cup final. The Penguins were winning the series 3-1, and game five was going to be the night that Pittsburgh won a championship at home for the first time in 60 years. I was completely giddy to get to the arena from the time game four was in the books. I woke and dressed in my most professional version of black and gold that day. I had a short deposition in the morning before heading to the Consol Energy Center arena, strategically parking near the exit that would lead to the quickest way home. After all, 60,000 people, both inside and outside, were expected that night.



As I passed through the security gate and waved hello to my colleagues, just as I have done for the last five seasons, it dawned on me how very ordinary it was that day. The same aroma of pizza and hot sausage filled the air. A billion more TV people and trucks blocked my path, but everyone was calm.

When I arrived at media level, I expected pandemonium, people running from emergency to emergency. I expected high levels of anxiety. I got none of it. Until, that is, it was time for rehearsal. Routinely, everyone involved in game-night production meets in the director's room, which is the size of about three large conference rooms. It's about 30 people. When the game director, Billy Wareham, started to speak, I knew it was time to get serious. Billy is pretty jovial and cracks a lot of jokes. But when he

Students of the Month

Donna Alexander

Donna was nominated as student of the month by one of her instructors who had this to say about her, “She is a pleasure to have in class and works hard to achieve her goals. She has a ‘can do’ attitude and sets a great example for the power of perseverance.”

Great job, Donna!



Stacey Haines

Stacey’s instructors say that she always stays on top of her work and gets great grades. She is a dedicated and hard worker.

Keep up the great work, Stacey!

started the meeting with, “I need to give you all some instructions,” I gulped.

What was so amazing to me was that Billy started his instructions by saying, “The people that are here in this room are here because I trust you. You are the best of the best.” That’s what made me realize, I write the Stanley Cup every day. Like the hockey players, I practice and hone my craft. I invest a minimum of 40 hours a week to my career. I don’t waste my time doing it half-way. Everything counts: every stroke, every interaction with my clients, every conversation with my support staff, every time I speak with the subcontractors – *everything counts every day.*

I get tired, sure, and sometimes I think of walking away, but what I do is important to more than just me. My team is counting on me: my family, my office manager, my scopists, my proofreader. More than anyone, the people who hire me and trust me with their work are counting on me.

When I write for the lawyers, I may not be the superstar on the ice, but I most equate myself with the equipment manager, making sure their skates are sharp, so that the litigators can go out and win. When I write for the Penguins, an entire fan base of people is counting on me to be their ears and to give them the full game-night experience. I pride myself on being the one both groups can rely on to do my absolute best every day.

My sweet Penguins did not win game five. It broke all of our hearts. The responses to the interviews after the game were not of the team giving up. They were of each player filled with resolve to get the job done, to come back next game and win the Stanley Cup in game 6. I’ll be there with them. Let’s go, Pens!

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Jim and Kay Moody Lead Hobart Parade as Grand Marshals

Jim Moody and Kay Moody, College of Court Reporting founder, participated in Hobart, Indiana’s 4th of July parade as the Grand Marshals.

They led the parade in a white Ford Mustang convertible. We’re so proud to see our school’s founder and her husband recognized by the City of Hobart! College of Court Reporting’s onsite location is currently located in Hobart, Indiana.



Word Tripper By: Barbara McNichol

Precipitate, precipitous – As a verb, “precipitate” means to plunge into something abruptly or bring about prematurely. The noun “precipitate” refers to moisture condensed in the form of rain, snow, etc.

As adjectives, both words relate to plunging over the brink of a cliff or dealing with a perilous situation. However, “precipitate” stresses the abruptness of the plunge while “precipitous” emphasizes its steepness. If you make a *precipitate* decision, it’s hasty and probably unwise. If the stock market makes a *precipitous* decline, it goes down sharply.

“The mother’s sudden death *precipitated* a family crisis, as she was the glue that held everyone together.”

May Evaluations Passed

These students have all passed one or more SAP evaluations during the month of May.

<u>19 SAPs</u>	Tim V	Alexandra Wiater	Christine Angel	Corree Brooks
Lori Sanders	<u>5 SAPs</u>	Carolyn Collins	Debra Selsavage	Dacaree Jacobson
<u>13 SAPs</u>	Brittany Moore	Erica Jenkins	Holly Granquist	Deborah Pascal
Shana Jones	Carol Casstevens	Erin Claybrook	Jennifer Hall	Holly McKay
<u>12 SAPs</u>	Clara Brooks	Katelyn Berch	Jessica Frizzell	Jamie Dorgan
Gabrielle Mosher	Katherine Evangelou	Kathleen Gravedoni	Kathleen Stempeck	Jessica Bustos
<u>10 SAPs</u>	Kendall Willis	Kirstie Anderson	Kolby Garrison	Kathleen Steadman
Jamie Johnson	Kristi Hendrick	Kristen Stegeman	Linda Day	Kayde Rieken
<u>9 SAPs</u>	Sara Vaughn	Kristine Rebar	Morgan Goodman	Keely Nelson
Lexi Klasing	Sarah Hamilton	Lisa Major	Nicole Miller	Kimberly Murphy
<u>8 SAPs</u>	Shannon Gallo	Madeleine Lauer	Nicole Wicks	Lindsay Heaton
Cheyenne Smith	<u>4 SAPs</u>	Martha Obstalecki	Onni Beene	Melanie Segalla
Donna Alexander	Alisa Church	Priscilla Romans	Rachel Quinn	Melissa Hickling
Jennifer MacDonald	Amanda Vernon	Berarducci	Rob Leifer	Michael Roberts
Marialaina Rintone	Ashley Wilson	Stella Vaks	Taylor Behnke	Najah Danner
Nicole Burns	Cassi Knight	Victoria Huntley	Tonia Benas	Sindee Baum
<u>7 SAPs</u>	Karina Hannah	<u>2 SAPs</u>	Veronica Stewart	Summer Vaughan
Taisha Herr	Kathy Bruner	Allison Allen	<u>1 SAP</u>	Tammy Burk
<u>6 SAPs</u>	Kiana Luke	Allison Oosterhous	Amy Powers	Tyler Adkins
Geneva Wildcat	Rachel Schmidt	Amanda Olivares	Angela Viray	Valerie Melkus
Jamie Bleicher	Rhonda Wentzell	Ashley Guillermo	Ashly Richter	
Jessica Williams	Sheila Sinclair	Ashley Kramer	Casey Cunningham	
Oanh Dang	Stephanie McGinnis	Brett Schatzle	Casi De La Torre	
Patrice Lee	<u>3 SAPs</u>	Brian Nelson	Christine Obermeyer	

Visit from the President of NCRA



NCRA President Stephen A. Zinone, RPR, spoke to our onsite and online students on Friday, June 10, about the future of the court reporting profession, his own struggles and achievements in obtaining his RMR certification, and left our students with a renewed motivation to get out there and start working! Mr. Zinone will also be speaking at our graduation ceremony in August!





Position: Official court reporter

Location: Marion Superior Court, Indianapolis, IN

Interested candidates should email their resumes to Candida Sanders at:

Candida.sanders@indy.gov by Wednesday, July 13, 2016.



Position: Official court reporter

Location: First Judicial Circuit, Minnesota

Salary: \$21.59-\$34.77
Hourly

If you would like more information about any of these positions, please contact

Natalie.Kijurna@ccr.edu

Graduate Spotlight: Megan Reeves

When did you graduate?

I passed my last test in March, but my diploma wasn't signed until May 27, 2016.

What led you to pursue court reporting as a career?

I previously worked in the Clerk of Courts here in Sioux Falls, SD. I worked closely with lawyers, judges, and court reporters. I went and sat down with one of the reporters here and said "I want to try this. What do you think?" She told me to go for it. I really didn't need any other urging. I signed up later that day.

What made you choose CCR?

The reporter I mentioned above, who later turned into my mentor, went to CCR. It was the only school I had been looking at, and I knew it was the school for me once she said she went there and voiced how much she loved the school, the instructors, and the program.

Do you have any certifications? If not, do you plan on getting any?

I do not currently have any certifications. I do plan on getting certified at some point. I would like to start with my RPR and work my way up from there.

Are you currently working? If not, what are your future plans?

I am working!! I'm working right now! I'm waiting for the judge to walk in as I type this. I am freelancing right now for the State of South Dakota and I love it! I have also applied for a full-time position that my fingers are crossed for.

What were your strengths in school?

My fingers are fast and I'm a very self-motivated person for the most part. I picked up on theory quite quickly and started tweaking and perfecting my writing from the very beginning. I also am excellent at reading my sloppy notes. But in all seriousness, I think my biggest strength is that I believe in myself. I know what I am capable of, and I know that I can and will do anything I set my mind on. There will be days that you lose all faith in yourself and your ability to do well in this program, but you can NEVER stop believing in yourself. Be willing to step away from your machine and give yourself a chance to regroup before you sit back down and start writing again.

What were your weaknesses in school?

Time management! I am a single mother of two little girls who are used to having my undivided attention when we're at home. I also worked full-time and went to school full-time almost the entire time. There were many days that the sun outside stole every ounce of motivation I had to sit inside and study, and it's very hard to say no when you have two beautiful little faces looking up at you begging you to take them somewhere or play a game with them. If you have kids, make up a reward system. If they let you study for 30 minutes, you'll give them 30 minutes of your time or something along those lines.



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Birthdays are in bold print! Happy birthday, CCR students and faculty!

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10 Daniella Savidge	11 Midterm Prep Mock Deposition	12 Midterm Prep Holly Harris Granquist Kendall Willis	13 Kiana Luke	14 Midterm Prep Deborah Pascal Courtney Randolph	15 Midterm Prep	16 Eileen Beltz Anna Long-Middleton Katherine Evangelou
17 Alice Skoro Stephanie Faulkner	18 Linda Day I-Class Midterms Day & Evening	19	20	21 I-Class Midterms Day & Evening	22	23 Margaret Abernathy Ericka Jenkins
24 Kay Moody	25 Amanda Vernon 140-160 Multivoice	26	27	28	29 Camille Montgomery	30 Summer Break Begins 31