



## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Accept the challenges so that you can feel the exhilaration of victory.”

-George S. Patton



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## CCR student, Jessica Frizzell, wins CASE scholarship at NCRA's 2016 Annual Convention!



Leadership can be defined in many ways because respectable leaders demonstrate a vast variety of qualities. In countless cases, leadership can be associated with power or a high rank in employment or social status. However, just because an individual has a sense of power or an impressive job title does not necessarily mean they make a good leader. Several of the countless qualities that may be demonstrated by a reputable leader are strong work ethic, time management, intuition, and punctuality. However, there are so many more traits that are included in the recipe for a good leader. The world of court reporting is full of individuals exhibiting leadership in their careers. Some of the finest court reporters display

important leadership attributes, such as acting a positive influence for others, determination, and passion.

A very important quality of admirable leaders is the ability to positively influence those around them. According to Forbes, “Leadership is a process of social influence which maximizes efforts of others towards achievement of a goal” (Kruse 2). Leadership is exemplified by leading by example and working with peers in order to collectively reach the target at hand. By demonstrating exemplary work ethic, a leader’s peers are more likely to follow and attempt to achieve similar stamina. As respectable members of the professional world, court reporters are generally treated with much respect and are expected to treat their peers in the same way. Experienced court reporters make excellent leaders as they positively influence students and new reporters, benefitting the entire profession of court reporting. Court reporters are highly influential to their peers and continue to better the world of court reporting.

Determination is an essential skill that a leader must possess in order to be successful. The most influential leaders have a positive attitude and strive to improve themselves through self-discipline. “Leadership cannot be taught,” and it is a trait that must be earned (Business Dictionary). A person becomes a leader by showing perseverance and a desire to better themselves, as well as the goal they are trying to attain.

## Students of the Month

### Jamie Johnson

Jamie's instructors have nothing but good things to say about her! She is a hard worker and is very faithful about her work and assignments. One instructor said, "There's no doubt that she'll be a fine reporter."

Great job, Jamie! Your work ethic will make you a fantastic reporter!



### Gabrielle Mosher

Gabrielle Mosher started with CCR in the F15 semester. She is a very dedicated, motivated, and hard-working student. In her first semester of speedbuilding, she is finishing up her 140 wpm evaluations in all three categories. Gabrielle, you are doing amazing!

Keep up the great work!

Court reporters require determination from the beginning of their careers, starting with their schooling. Becoming a court reporter is, although rewarding, a very taxing process. It requires a massive amount of grit and desire to become a certified court reporter and working professional. A court reporter's strong determination to create an accurate record is an exemplary showcase of their leadership.

Lastly, a leader must show a great deal of passion for what they do. Leaders must have a genuine passion for their work, as well as the individuals they are leading. "Leadership is about having a selfless heart and always being willing to reach out and lend a helping hand" (Reina). An effective leader typically loves what they do to the extent that they want to share it with others. Court reporters are genuinely passionate about their work and truly enjoy involving those around them. The job of a court reporter is extremely interesting, and it varies on a daily basis. They become so passionate about their work that the more experienced they are, the more likely they are to become mentors to court reporting students and beginning court reporters. The world of court reporting is bursting with people who love what they do and want to lead others to becoming successful in their field.

Leadership and court reporting serve as reflections of each other. Both of these designations require positive influence, determination, and passion in their respective areas. Without successful and resolute leaders, the field of court reporting would not function properly. Court reporters are extremely knowledgeable and insightful in their skill, but they also want the industry to continue to grow and flourish. Court reporters are determined to do their work well and with diligence, but they are also very passionate about their careers and informing their communities on this noble profession. Court reporters shed a positive light in the legal world, and their leadership remains on display for both students and fellow court reporters.

"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall."  
-- F. Scott Fitzgerald

It's time for a fresh start!

Our fall semester starts on October 3rd!

Registration deadline is September 15!

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## Groundbreaking Free Class Successfully Recruits New Reporters

*College of Court Reporting meets or exceeds all requirements of the National Court Reporters Association. And we were the first online program to be NCRA certified!*



We are offering a **FREE** five week course called Hooked on Court Reporting to introduce people to the field of court reporting. We have launched a campaign called #PlusOne designed to get working professionals to recruit people into this wonderful profession. But we can't do it without your help! Ask us how you can help promote this profession and get people *hooked* on court reporting!

In an effort to promote the field of court reporting and educate the public on this great skill with multiple career opportunities, College of Court Reporting has held two FREE courses this summer, allowing potential students to learn a bit of history about court reporting and to learn the basics of the theory. Hooked on Court Reporting has been met with great success! We have had over 100 people participate in this course, and we believe they will become just as Hooked on Court Reporting as we are!

## July Evaluations Passed

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

<p><b><u>15 SAPs</u></b> Gabrielle Mosher</p> <p><b><u>12 SAPs</u></b> Dacaree Jacobson</p> <p><b><u>11 SAPs</u></b> Donna Alexander Lori Sanders</p> <p><b><u>9 SAPs</u></b> Martha Obstalecki Morgan Goodman</p> <p><b><u>8 SAPs</u></b> Jamie Bleicher Jennifer MacDonald Oanh Dang Taisha Herr</p> <p><b><u>7 SAPs</u></b> Brian Nelson Carol Casstevens Cassi Knight Erin Claybrook Jamie Johnson Kathleen Steadman</p>	<p><b><u>6 SAPs</u></b> Barbara Ufer Clara Brooks Kristina Meseck Lisa Major Michael Roberts</p> <p><b><u>5 SAPs</u></b> Ashley Guillermo Baley Sargent Cheyenne Lenear Christil Mcallister Christine Angel Darby Valle Geneva Wildcat Jessica Williams Kate Bush-McKee Kathleen Gravedoni Madeline Lauer Tammy Burk Valerie Lies</p> <p><b><u>4 SAPs</u></b> Daisy Tamez Jennifer Hall Kristine Rebar</p>	<p>Nicole Miller Shannon Gallo Tracie Blocker</p> <p><b><u>3 SAPs</u></b> Amanda Vernon Ashley Davis Ashley Wilson Debra Selsavage Holly McKay Jessica Vanatta Katherine Evangelou Kathy Bruner Nicole Wicks Rob Leifer Robin Willey Sara Vaughn Shana Jones Susanne Gorman Valerie Melkus</p> <p><b><u>2 SAPs</u></b> Alisa Church Ashly Richter Carolyn Collins Erica Jenkins</p>	<p>Francis Andrade Jessica Bustos Jessica Frizzell Jessica Wills Karen Copeland Kendall Willis Kolby Garrison Kristi Hendrick Linda Day Lucetta Robertson Onni Beene Rachel Schmidt Rhonda Wentzell</p> <p><b><u>1 SAP</u></b> Brittany Moore Casi De La Torre Deborah Pascal Jamie Dorgan Karina Hannah Katelyn Berch Kiana Luke Kimberly Wilkerson Linda Hawkins Brown</p>	<p>Makeba Flanigan Melissa Hicking Najah Danner Natalie Sandi Nicole Burns Sarah Hamilton Stephanie McGinnis Tyler Adkins Veronica Stewart Yvette Granados</p>
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## Tips for Students from the Professionals

**Mary Kay Howe:** “Practice, practice, practice. I put my pedal to the metal and got out in 16 months, passing the state certification test on the first try. We had a tape lab at the school that you found me at a lot of times. I was the oddity of practicing all the time when many of my friends were going out partying.”

**Vesta York:** “Keep your eye on the prize. Do not let discouragement get you down. Meaningful practice and writing shorter (brief forms) are paramount. I decided early on that all this means less time editing transcripts.”

**Miranda Cummings:** “Practice, practice, practice, and don’t give up. They’ve heard it all before, but court reporters know that is the key to success in this field.”

**Deanne Besen:** “Determination, determination, determination, and persistence, persistence, persistence. Hang in there and keep on going. It will come, and before you know it, you will be done with school. One of my motivations to get through school was my oldest daughter and the fact that I didn’t want a minimum-wage job the rest of my life. I wanted a good paying career!”

Deanne added that she well remembers the frustration of hitting a speed plateau: “I can remember sitting and crying and wanting to give up. But then comes the sense of accomplishment when you finally make it over a hump, continue on, and graduate.”

### How to Keep Work/Life Balance

**Miranda Cummings:** “When I’m not working, I - Wait, I’m never not working. But when I do come for a breath of air, I love to travel with my family, friends, and extended family, mostly to the Caribbean. We work hard to play hard!” She added, “If you work too hard all the time, it will wear you down so much faster than you think. You have to take some ‘me time’ every now and then to make it work.”

**Vesta York:** “Find something that you enjoy doing, then make sure you make some time to do that thing or things that give you pleasure. You will find you are more productive if you take some time for yourself in the midst of the chaos of court reporting.” Vesta has tried to do creative things such as oil painting, crafts, cooking, and baking. “I have taken many cooking classes to hone my culinary skills and love sharing them with family and friends.”

**Deanne Besen:** “Don’t let work consume you. Make time for yourself and your family. Treat yourself once in a while to de-stress! It’s hard not to let the things you hear in court influence your thinking because it does. Let go of the bad things you hear, and do not keep reliving it. There are bad people in this world, but there are so many more good people! Focus on that. It’s also a very rewarding job, and every day is different.

**What's New at CCR?**



**Position:** Official court reporter

**Location:** Third Judicial District, Waukesha County, WI



**CCR hosted their Graduation Ceremony in Chicago!**

**Congratulations, Grads!**



**Position:** CART provider/captionist

**Location:** University of Alabama, Birmingham



If you would like more information about any of these positions, please contact [Natalie.Kijurna@ccr.edu](mailto:Natalie.Kijurna@ccr.edu)



CCR attended NCRA's Annual Convention! We had a great time!

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

*Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday*

				1 <b>Ashley Davis</b> <b>Hollie Stevens</b>	2 <b>Jami Naughle</b>	3 <b>Kelsi McAllister</b>
4	5 CCR Closed  Labor Day	6	7 Guest Speaker: Mike Miller (DepoMan)	8 Faculty Meeting  Finals Prep	9	10 <b>Veronica Stewart</b>
11 <b>Holly Reese</b>	12 <b>Christine Angel</b> <b>Victoria Huntley</b> Finals Prep	13 <b>Shannon Gallo</b>	14 <b>Susanne Gorman</b>	15  Finals Day & Evening	16  Finals	17
18	19  Finals Day & Evening	20  Finals	21 <b>Stephanie Garcia</b>  SAPs close 11:59 p.m.	22	23  Coursesites close 11:59 p.m.	24 <b>Sindee Baum</b>  Semester Break Begins
25 <b>Rhea Baldwin</b>  Semester Break	26	27	28 <b>Milana Amos</b>	29	30	