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HONORING COURT REPORTING AND CAPTIONING WEEK 2013
BY: NICK TROTTIER

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.

—Warren Buffett

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Sharing the same efforts as NCRA, court reporting schools, agencies, students, and professionals all across the country, College of Court Reporting sought to increase awareness and appreciation for the fields of court reporting and broadcast captioning during the week of February 18-22. To bring an extra dose of energy to the awareness campaign, CCR asked its students to participate in Spirit Week.

The request was successful. CCR students and faculty members showed up for school each day in themed attire. To recap the Spirit Week themes: Monday was "Red, White, and Blue Day," Tuesday was "Dress as Your Favorite Instructor Day," Thursday was "Pajama Day," and Friday was "Professional Day." Pictures can be found on pages two and three.

CCR included online students and faculty members in the festivities as well. Online participants took pictures of their school spirit and posted them to CCR's Facebook page. The student that received the most "likes" for his or her spirited costume would win a prize for his or her efforts.

To cap off the week, CCR also held an Open House/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at their brick and mortar location. The event attendees were given a tour of the building and its new renovations, an overview of the school's history and court reporting's significance, and a meet and greet session with sandwiches and refreshments.

And lastly, Jeff Moody, President of the College of Court Reporting, posted this challenge to our Facebook followers:



"If this picture receives 500 likes and/or shares, CCR will donate \$500 to the National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF)."

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!



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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Onsite:

Angela McCullough

Angela is an onsite 140-160 student. Lois Schoenbeck praises Angela's positive attitude while speedbuilding. "There are no complaints when the dictation gets difficult; she just writes." Angela took court reporting during her senior year of high school and enrolled with CCR after graduation. Her drive and work ethic has served her well in school and will certainly do so in her career as a court reporter.

Online:

Debora Mann

Debora is "one of CCR's finest students," her instructor states. She creates excellent time-management plans and often puts in 30 or more hours per week into her skill development. After successfully passing her mentor exams, Debora has now moved up to the SH220 level. You are an inspiration to all with your positive outlook and hardworking attitude. Keep up the great work, Debora!

Jeff's picture not only met its goal within 24 hours—it was seen by over 21,000 Facebook users, liked by more than 800 users, and shared by over 200 users.

Jay Vettickal, Executive Director at CCR, was ecstatic about the campaign's results.

"We are proud of our students and staff for their efforts to increase

awareness of court reporting and captioning. We met our goal, had a great time with Spirit Week, and accomplished what we set out to do for the first annual National Court Reporting and Captioning Week."

For more pictures, please visit our College of Court Reporting Facebook page.



Bonnie Shuttleworth, Christine Obermeyer, and Thomas Bohrman (bottom) participating in Red, White, and Blue Day!



Great job, Rachel Brockett! Dress Like Your Instructor Day (above) and Professional Day (left).



Bonnie Shuttleworth, Shameeka Williams, Natalie Kijurna, Kathy Lazart, Janet Noel, and Katie Vettickal on Pajama Day



Mia Mezzeti (above) on Pajama Day and Josh Foley (right) on Professional Day.





Kay Moody, founder of College of Court Reporting, inviting the group to dig in!



Nick Trottier (below) running with scissors. Tsk tsk.



JANUARY EVALUATIONS PASSED

These students have all passed one or more SAP evaluations during the month of January.
Students who have passed an exit speed have been bolded.

<p>14 SAPs Elise Townes</p> <p>12 SAPs Madison Pacana</p> <p>11 SAPs Sarah Horn</p> <p>10 SAPs Kym Kenney</p> <p>9 SAPs Amy Schlein Marie Moore</p> <p>8 SAPs Daniella Savidge Toni Coombs</p> <p>7 SAPs Erika Darnold Sarah Vogel Timothea Brewer</p> <p>6 SAPs Angel McCullough Heidi Hammond Holly Goodwin Jennifer King Lisa Lewis Lynn Bannon</p> <p>5 SAPs Brittany Beaver Diane Martin Gina Keener</p>	<p>Laci Chelette Patrice Graper Sue Harrison</p> <p>4 SAPs Heather Rosenbrook Judy Urbanick</p> <p>Kevin Whalen Natasha McCall Nicole Throne</p> <p>Pamela Filewood Rachael Brockett Rasheeda Grant Yolanda Roth</p> <p>3 SAPs Alicia Deitas Amy Glowniak Amy Quintana Bonny Roggenbauer Carrie Harville Dacaree Jacobson Debora Mann Deborah Pascal Francesca Buonpastore</p> <p>Hannah Kwiatkowski Jade Ledbetter Jennifer Fraser Jessica Bruce Kimberly Taylor Kimberly Dundas Lan Le</p>	<p>Lauren Pflum Lisa Jay Lisa Major Melissa Milligan Nicole Johnson Nina Rose</p> <p>Rachel Brantley Sarah Fitzgibbon Season Young</p> <p>2 SAPs Alexandra Wiater Bob Strohl Chana Zundell Cheryl McMullan Christine Koczur Cindy Forrister Deborah Sekan Elizabeth Haarmann-Bailey</p> <p>Erica Murphy Jamie Bracher Jennifer Milikan</p> <p>Justine Keichel Kari Rients Kelli McGarvie Kelly Custard Leigh Ann Dewease Lisa Litchfield Lorna Halbert Marie Tibaldi Marissa Veith</p>	<p>Martinique Warren Rachel Dandinidis Renee Rodriguez Ronald Pacana Sandy Phelps Serena White Stacy Coonfield Tammy Garber Tanya Powers Thomas Bohrman Tya Clemetson</p> <p>1 SAP Aimee Edwards-Altadonna Andrea Dalsing Angela Macias Angela Shaw Barbara Fusco</p> <p>Bonnie Lutrick BreeAnna Hansen Carolyn Oakley Dalisa Ruiz Danielle Simpson Darci Corbett Dave Persaud Debra Hjelm Emily Garris Evyn Flanell Gaynelle Peacock Icah Petersen Jeff Little</p>	<p>Jennifer Cormican Jennifer Wesner Jonathan Abrams Juliane Petersen Kathy Horn Kim Chambers Kim Grapenthien Kimberly Glassner Lisa St. John Marcia McMullen</p> <p>Meredith Thompson Michelle Dziubla Mitzi Boardman Morgan Gronquist Nicole Simchak Paula Barclay Robin Davis</p> <p>Shannon Barnes Shannon Eubanks Shelley Duhon Susan Kempf</p>
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JOB OPENINGS

1. Freelance Reporters, Circle City Reporting, Indianapolis, IN

As seen on Facebook:

Sherry Reckas

Freelance Court Reporters Wanted !!

We are in need of a reporter or two or... If you have your RPR, CSR or CRR, along with previous experience, we have the ability to put you to work now. Or are you an ambitious beginner who is interested in spending the time it takes to learn all there is to know about the "real world" of freelance reporting? We are interested in speaking with you and will train serious new graduates. Just email us and attach your resume.

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2. Online Course Captioning Transcriber, Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA

<http://jobs.academyart.edu/job-listings.html>

3. Closed Caption, WRNN-TV, Rye Brook, NY

<http://www.rnntv.com/content/closed-caption>

**4. Transcriptionist, Bisk Education, Tampa, FL**

<http://www.bisk.com/careers/job-details?id=7781>

5. Temporary Official Court Reporter, First Judicial Circuit, Carver County, MN

<http://agency.governmentjobs.com/mncourts/default.cfm?action=viewJob&jobID=599180>

For more information or assistance in your job search, contact natalie.kijurna@ccr.edu

Word Trippers by Barbara McNichol

Financial, fiscal – Both of these adjectives refer to money matters. “Financial” is typically used when talking about monetary receipts, expenditures, credit, transactions, or operations. “Fiscal” pertains to the public treasury, government revenues or debt, or to the monetary policies of an organization.

EXAMPLE: “The financial wizard, as he was known, offered to help the company with their fiscal needs.”

Impetuous, impulsive – Both words refer to people who are hasty or precipitate in their actions. The difference comes from the intention, or lack thereof, behind the action.

“Impetuous” suggests eagerness, impatience, recklessness or rashness, while “impulsive” emphasizes spontaneity and a lack of reflection or forethought. Think of the word impatient when you think of “impetuous.” By comparison, “impulsive” actions tend to be motivated by emotion rather than thought; they are often sudden and sometimes ill-advised.

COURT REPORTER SHORTAGE SLOWS SYSTEM

By Ariel Cheung, acheung@register-mail.com



GALESBURG, IL— Aside from the dearth of public defenders, there is also a shortage of court reporters in the Ninth Judicial Circuit, which includes Knox County, and officials are hoping a nationwide effort to showcase career opportunity will spur interest in the field.

The outlook on the shortage in coming years is not encouraging; in the next 15 years, 75 percent of official court reporters are expected to retire, said circuit Chief Judge James Stewart.

“This is potentially a really big long-term problem for the state,” Stewart said. “The judicial system relies on court reporters to make accurate records of everything that goes on in courtrooms.

Official court reporters are employed by circuits to record court proceedings and, when requested, prepare transcripts of the hearings.

A large benefit of the career is that it doesn’t require a four-year degree, said Jim Cudahy, executive director of the National Court Reporters Association.

In order to work in Illinois as an official court reporter, the Illinois Shorthand Reporters Act of 1984 requires applicants to pass a state examination and proficiency test to obtain a certified license.

“Court reporting is consistently ranked as one of the top career options, as it offers both flexibility and significant income potential,” Cudahy said. “These highly trained professionals experience the continuous professional growth associated with an in-demand career.”

Starting salaries for Illinois court reporters range from \$37,440 to \$42,440, except in Cook County, according to the Illinois Official Court Reporters website.

The state employs approximately 600 court reporters, said Tammy Bumgarner, program coordinator of Court Reporting Services.

“People don’t realize that court reporting is still a viable

profession,” Bumgarner said.

“People have an antiquated view of what court reporters are and what they do, but it can be a very interesting profession to go into, and there’s a large technology component.”

The Ninth Judicial Circuit, which encompasses Knox, Fulton, Hancock, Henderson, McDonough and Warren counties, normally employs 11 official court reporters. After two reporters retired in 2012, however, the circuit has had to band together in order to work through the shortage.

“We’re managing the problem right now,” Stewart said. “But within the next three to five years, I expect there will be more people retiring, and the circuit will have a real problem if we have another couple of court reporters retire.”

The shortage has the potential to clog the circuit’s courthouse operations, when, for example, transcripts are required for proceedings like sentencing hearings or severe cases like Nicholas Sheeley’s 2011 trial in Knox County.

After a jury found Sterling Nicholson guilty of aggravated domestic battery and aggravated battery in October 2012, his sentencing was delayed, as public defender Jim Harrell was still awaiting the 1,200-page transcript of the trial.

“Really, the due process system can be affected,” Bumgarner said. “If you get to a boiling point where no amount of scheduling can help cases move along, it gets to be a problem.”

In the Ninth Circuit, officials are hopeful the NCRA’s National Court Reporting and Captioning Week, Feb. 17-23, will encourage young professionals to consider applying for the two open court reporting positions.

“There’s potential for up to \$90,000 in salary in the Ninth Circuit, and those are really good salaries,” Stewart said. “I’m a little surprised there aren’t more young people interested, but no one has applied.”

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POLL OF THE MONTH:

Which section of *The Guardian* do you check first each month?

- A. Front page article
- B. Students of the Month
- C. SAPs Passed
- D. Monthly calendar

Vote for your choice on the left side of the screen when you log into ev360!

Your results will appear in the next issue along with a new Poll of the Month!

March

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 	26 	27 	28 	29 	1 JULIE BALOG DEAF HISTORY MONTH OPTIMISM MONTH	2 Gina Keener DR. SEUSS DAY
3	4 Melissa Milligan MOCK DEPOSITION	5 Kim Chambers Pamela Filewood	6 Noraima Ruiz	7 NAMETAG DAY 	8 MIDDLE NAME PRIDE DAY	9
10 Ronald Lynn Andrea McDowd GIRL SCOUT WEEK	11 	12	13 Kari Rients Cheyenne Chasko	14 Becky Colwell PI DAY	15 BEWARE THE IDES OF MARCH!	16 WEEKEND SPEEDBUILDING
17 WEEKEND SPEEDBUILDING ST. PATRICK'S DAY 	18 DAY AND EVENING MIDTERMS	19 NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY	20 Heather Rosenbrook Renee Rodriguez Melinda Andryski	21 DAY AND EVENING MIDTERMS	22 Shannon Eubanks	23 Erica Murphy SPRING BREAK BEGINS
24 NATIONAL CLEANING WEEK	25 Bonny Roggenbauer	26 MAKE UP YOUR OWN HOLIDAY DAY ?	27 	28	29 Samantha Coday	30 NATIONAL DAY OF UNPLUGGING
31 CLASSES RESUME EASTER	1 	1	2	3	4	5 



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