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Project Steno Welcomes Ohio's Clark State College and Stark State College as Partner Programs

Project Steno has added another significant court reporting program to its roster of partner programs. Clark State College (Springfield, OH) and Stark State College (North Canton, OH) have offered a joint Judicial Court Reporting program since June of 2016. The online program is overseen by Robyn M. Hennigan, RPR, CRI, Assistant Professor/Program Coordinator at Clark State, and René Eneix, M.A., CRI, Department Chair/Associate Professor at Stark.

Project Steno promotes the stenographic court reporting/captioning profession through social media and community outreach, with the goal of building a robust pipeline of students into school and graduating them in two years.

Programs which achieve Partner Program status have agreed to performance metrics set forth by Project Steno, the purpose of which is to graduate students 24 months after enrollment. To achieve that goal, a Partner Program must:

- Adhere to a curriculum designed to graduate students in two years;
- Incorporate a speed-building and online practice regimen that makes use of Realtime Coach;
- Permit regular monitoring of Project Steno students by means of built-in Realtime Coach analytics; and
- Confirm student progress to Project Steno on a regular basis, to assure that students are achieving performance milestones and not falling behind.

Project Steno President DeCrescenzo explains: "Our goal is straightforward. We want to repopulate the dwindling ranks of stenographic reporters and captioners in our field. To do that, we need to get motivated students into school and graduate them in two years. The Clark State/Stark State program shares our goals."

"The boom in captioning and CART careers, plus the aging of the court reporter professional population has created a shortage of court reporters throughout the country," said Hennigan. "These well-paid, professional careers with excellent job security are abundant. The demand is far greater than the supply."

In a joint statement, Hennigan and Eneix indicated, "The Project Steno tuition assistance program offers additional motivation for students and lends support to those students by adding an external means of accountability."

Project Steno offers tuition assistance (not a scholarship) to students who attend a Partner Program, with funds being paid directly to the student's school, not the student, on an ongoing basis. To be

eligible for tuition assistance, prospective students first must complete Project Steno's Basic Training course or NCRA's A-to-Z Program, available online or locally throughout the United States. These introduction-to-steno programs are designed specifically to be a screening mechanism to identify students most likely to succeed. Candidates who complete them and choose to enroll in court reporting school are the students most likely to succeed.

About Project Steno

Founded in 2017, Project Steno is an independent, non-affiliated organization that relies entirely on financial support from the court reporting community. Its goals are to:

- Promote the stenographic reporting profession and recruit promising students;
- Partner with stenographic reporting schools and programs to graduate students in two years;
- Defray education costs by awarding tuition assistance to qualifying students in schools and programs across the country.

Project Steno holds 501(c)3 status as a charitable organization. It operates entirely on a not-for-profit basis. In January 2018 Project Steno launched its program of tuition assistance and placed its first students in court reporting school. With the manifest enthusiasm of court reporters everywhere, Project Steno will continue to raise funds to promote widespread awareness of our unique profession and create a robust pipeline of students into court reporting schools and graduates into the field. Learn more at <http://ProjectSteno.org>.

We invite stenographic reporting schools and programs to apply to our Partner Program at <http://ProjectSteno.org/court-reporting-schools/>.

*Project Steno is the trade name of Project to Advance Stenographic Reporting, Inc. Project Steno's purpose is to provide tuition assistance to select students who wish to learn stenographic reporting. Not all applicants will be received into the Project Steno tuition assistance program.