

## U.S. Legal, ProCAT and Bryan University Support Project Steno's High School Initiative with Donation of Steno Machines

U.S. Legal Support, ProCAT, and Bryan University have facilitated the donation of a total of sixty steno machines to Project Steno. These machines will be used in high school programs across the country.

"On behalf of the board at Project Steno, I would like to thank U.S. Legal, ProCAT, and Bryan University for their donations," said Nancy Varallo, Executive Director. "High schools are clamoring to add Basic Training, Project Steno's intro-to-steno program, to their course offerings. We had volunteers lined up to teach, but were worried we wouldn't have enough machines. Thanks to these donations, we were able to get started."

Basic Training was delivered to two Massachusetts High School this past year (26 students), and there are four high schools in the queue for the coming school year (over 100 students have expressed interest).

Through the tireless efforts of Project Steno co-founder Glyn Poage, his son Chris Poage, and Realtime Coach's Mary Beth Everhart, Fox Tech High School in Texas completed its inaugural stenographic reporting program in May (ten students). Poage said on the first day of class, "Today is an awesome day – in fact, one of the best in my memory for a good while. Today the efforts of many volunteers and entities came together to launch what I believe will be one of the shining stars in the future of court reporter training."

"Everyone played a huge role to move mountains to get this done," said principal Jennifer Benavides. "I'm so grateful for the opportunity that our kids have and am more proud to have such great people to work with in this process."

In furtherance of its commitment to the community of stenographers nationwide and the stenographic profession, U.S. Legal Support has facilitated the contribution of 30 Stenograph Wave machines to Project Steno and its students.

U.S. Legal Support's President and Chief Strategy Officer, and fellow Certified Shorthand Reporter, Pete Giammanco, shared: "As a company we are passionate about the reporting profession and continue to seek out additional ways we can bring awareness and new students to this remarkable community. It is our hope that with this contribution to Project Steno's noble efforts, we help students further their studies in pursuit of successful careers as stenographers."

"We have been serving the legal transcription market for nearly three decades," said president Bob Bakva, "and our support doesn't end here. We will be hosting a six-week Basic Training session next month. We wish to provide a quality training experience to recruit as many

students as possible, and to continue to support them in their schooling and in their future careers." ProCAT is a privately held company based in Calabasas, California.

## **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 and captioning professions;
- Recruit promising students;
- Partner with stenographic reporting 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 is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. It operates entirely on a not-for-profit basis. 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 [www.ProjectSteno.org](http://www.ProjectSteno.org).

\*Project Steno is the tradename 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.