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Project Steno Welcomes Two Colleges as Partner Programs

Project Steno has added Del Mar College (Corpus Christie, TX) and Plaza College (Forest Hills, NY) to its roster of partner programs. The programs are overseen by Suzette R. Weis, CSR, RPR, CRR, Court Reporting Instructor at Del Mar, and Charles E. Callahan, President at Plaza.

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. Both Del Mar and Plaza Colleges share our goals."

"We are trying to create a better future for our students at Del Mar College," said Weiss. "We feel by partnering with Project Steno they have a better chance of succeeding. Project Steno has a clear path with timelines to follow which will help Del Mar College students understand exactly what they must do to achieve their goals and become successful certified reporters."

"We're excited to partner with Project Steno to provide qualified students with an additional layer of support throughout their education and training," said Callahan. "It is our goal at Plaza College to spread the word about the field of court reporting, and in turn, enroll students that not only have the potential to succeed in their careers but will have the same passion about educating others of the importance of the profession as well."

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.