



Project Steno
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2022 Annual Report

MORE STUDENTS - MORE GRADUATES - MORE DATA

We're making a difference.

Enjoy this sample of several unsolicited notes we receive.

"I appreciate the opportunity you have given me to apply (for the 140-in-1 Merit Award). Going for this award definitely pushed me in ways I will forever be grateful for; so thank you for the difference you have made in my life. I am grateful, also, for organizations like this that care so much about students and the future of court reporting. God bless you all!"

Miriam Maneely

MORE STUDENTS

The growth in our free six-week Basic Training program continues. In our 2021 Annual Report we proudly announced 1353 folks contacted us about Basic Training. That number grew by 20.1% to 1625 in 2022. Even more encouraging, after the first quarter of 2023 the number of people contacting us to inquire about Basic Training is projected to be 2632, a stunning 62% increase over 2022. Our outreach to the public is working!

BY THE NUMBERS

BASIC TRAINING

Sixty-one percent of Basic Training students complete the six-week program.

Of the 61% who complete Basic Training, 40% enroll in stenographic court reporting schools.

Those numbers have held steady for years and mean that approximately 25% of Basic Training students will enroll in court reporting schools. This year's Basic Training classes are projected to yield 658 new students.

If Project Steno is able to continue a more modest 45% growth of Basic Training students, we expect to enroll 1,000 students per year within the next two years.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN

Basic Training is delivered to students by 78 volunteer instructors, three dedicated Project Steno leaders, and dozens of court reporters serving as guest speakers. As our numbers increase, we need more helpers and more donated machines. Will you help us?

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM CONTINUES TO GROW

We have demonstrated how to set up and run our Basic Training classes in high schools in 20 states, and many teach Basic Training regularly. Our efforts will continue in this important area.

MERIT AWARDS

Five hundred enrolled court reporting students have registered for our 140-in-1 and 225-in-2 Merit Awards program. In 2022 we awarded \$27,000 in grants to exceptional students who achieved those goals. Visit the Project Steno YouTube Channel or our website to watch some of the videos these students have made [Student Videos - Project Steno](#).

SURVEY RESULTS

We sent a survey to 400 students who registered for our Merit Awards program. We learned the encouraging results that of the 172 who responded, 128 are still enrolled, and only 19 dropped out, mostly at or before the 140 level. Four left school before graduation to enter the profession, two as officials, one as a captioner, and one as a freelancer.

WE ASK FOR YOUR HELP

Please consider helping us in our mission to bring more stenographic court reporting students into the profession.

To become a volunteer instructor, contact Tiva @ ProjectSteno.org

To donate a machine, contact BasicTraining@ProjectSteno.org

To make a monetary donation, click here [Project Steno](#)

Project Steno is the tradename of Project to Advance Stenographic Reporting, Inc., a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

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