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Project Steno's "Partner Program" Now Includes Three More Stenographic Reporting Programs

Realtime Center for Learning, Oklahoma College of Court Reporting, and San Antonio College join the ranks at Project Steno.

Worcester, MA – Project Steno, newly incorporated in 2017 to create a robust pipeline of court reporting school graduates into the profession, today announced the selection of three more stenographic reporting programs as Partner Programs. They are the Realtime Center for Learning (Garden City, NY), Oklahoma College of Court Reporting (Oklahoma City), and San Antonio College (TX).

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 utilizes Realtime Coach;
- Permit regular monitoring of Project Steno students by means of built-in Realtime Coach analytics;
- Confirm student progress to Project Steno on a regular basis, to assure that students are achieving performance milestones and not falling behind.

"Our goal is straightforward," explained Project Steno President DeCrescenzo. "We want to repopulate the ranks of stenographic reporters and captioners, to address the declining numbers in our field. To do that, we need to get motivated students into school and graduate them in two years."

"We are delighted to be able to participate in Project Steno's ground-breaking program," said Harriet Brenner-Gettleman, President of the Realtime Center for Learning, Inc. "Their philosophy of recruiting promising students blends with our mission to provide students with the skills of realtime technology. Our status as Partner Program will expand our ability to provide future reporters to fill the growing need in our profession."

Oklahoma College of Court Reporting President Larry Narvaez says it plainly. "Tuition payments are an enormous hurdle for students. I welcome the opportunity to work with Project Steno in helping our students with financial challenges."

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 NCRA's A-to-Z Program available online or locally throughout the United States. The A-to-Z Program is designed to be a screening mechanism to identify 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; and
- 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 www.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.