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Pictured: First-place winner SSC's Angela Patla

SSC COURT REPORTING STUDENT WINS 1ST PLACE IN NCRA CONTEST

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL – In honor of 2017 Court Reporting & Captioning Week, the National Court Reporting Association's (NCRA) Student Committee challenged court reporting students to transcribe as many tests as possible during the week to qualify for a prize. First place was awarded to Angela Patla, a student at South Suburban College, Oak Forest, IL. Robyn Broyles a student at GateWay Community College, Phoenix, Ariz., earned second place, and Evie Morris, a student at the Court Reporting Institute of St. Louis, Mo., earned third place.

Under the contest's rules, participants did not have to pass the tests, simply transcribe them. The first place winner Patla will be awarded a copy of NCRA's RPR Study Guide, Broyles will have one leg of the RPR Skills Test covered, and Morris will receive a \$25 Starbucks gift card.

Students who participated in the challenge were also required to submit a test verification form signed by both the student and a teacher.

"When I heard of the contest, I was debating on whether or not I should go for it. Winning the RPR Study Guide book was definitely something that pushed me in doing the contest," said Patla, who won top honors by transcribing 31 tests during the competition.

"Although court reporting and transcribing came fairly easy to me since I started the program, I think participating in this contest helped a lot with my transcribing skills. It gave me a chance to feel what it was like to have a deadline on something like I would if I was on a job out reporting."

Patla, who is almost through with 190 Testimony, is done with Jury Charge and is working on her 180 Literary. She plans to either freelance or work as an official court reporter when she graduates. She attributes her choice of court reporting as a career to her mother.

“My mom actually helped me choose court reporting my junior year of high school. I had no idea what I wanted to do. She mentioned to me a few different ladies in the area that we know who are court reporters. Right away I was interested, and I went to South Suburban’s open house. I couldn’t wait to graduate school and get started with the program,” said Patla.

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