UPDATE ON THE CSR EXAMINATION

The Certified Shorthand Reporter’s Examination will be held on October 16, 2009, in Sacramento at the Red Lion Inn.

The machine portion of the examination consists of dictation by four live readers of a court case or a deposition at 200 wpm for 12 or 13 minutes. Candidates are required to transcribe 10 minutes of dictation with a 97.5 percent level of accuracy.

Cypress College will be sending one candidate to the October examination: Amber Jensen.

Students may now opt to take the written portion – the English and Professional Practice – at a designated test site in the Southern or Northern California area.
Spotlight on 2009 CSR Candidate Amber Jensen

By Jackie Littlefield

Amber Jensen has lived on the Newport Peninsula with her boyfriend, Josh, for the past three years. She was born and raised in Orange County and is a big fan of the Anaheim Angels. Her hobbies include going to Angel games, going on cruises, cooking, and dining out. Amber has two miniature pinschers, Bentley (3) and Cooper (2), whom she loves as if they were her children!

Amber graduated from Pacifica High School with the class of 2005. She has worked as a server at The Cheesecake Factory for the past three and a half years. At the close of the semester, Amber will have earned her AA in Court Reporting. Her career goal is to become an Official Reporter for the Orange County court system. Amber is currently writing at 200-230 words per minute. Her favorite academic class was American History.

Amber's favorite novel is Nights in Rodanthe by author Nicholas Sparks, and her all-time favorite food is chili cheese fries. After she completes school, Amber plans to start working as a reporter, get married in the next few years, and eventually start a family. She would also like to be an Angels season ticket holder!

Congratulations on all your hard work, Amber! We wish you the best of luck on the CSR!

CCRA CONVENTION UPDATE

By Kelvin Do

The CCRA Convention was a great experience. Although I wish I had a few of my fellow Cypress students with me. It was, nonetheless, a good time. There was good food, lots of information, and great people.

Aside from the convention's exhibit booths and supplementary educational classes, I think the greatest thing about attending the convention was the genuine cordiality and camaraderie I received from the veteran court reporters. People who have been CSRs and RPRs for decades warmed up and introduced themselves to the me just because they noticed my student name tag. I received business cards and warm welcomes to contact each of them directly for any guidance and advice in the future. Nice people!

It was a great learning experience to see and be a part of the court reporting industry.
LET’S MEET THE THEORY STUDENTS

The theory students were posed the following question. What made you decide to pursue Court Reporting as a career? Here are some of their answers.

Christina Buchanan - “I wanted a career that would be different every day and challenging.”

Rachel Pearlman - “I chose Court Reporting because I love the law and legal procedures, but did not want the lifestyle and career of an attorney or to do an attorney's job for a paralegal's salary.”

Sarah Hong - “I decided to join this program because I like working with my hands and learning about the American legal system.”

Wailea Casilan - “Court Reporting is actually my minor. However, I pursued it because it has a more comprehensive program compared to my major, Photojournalism, and my mom was in the program years ago.”

Stephanie Jolliff - “I am studying Court Reporting so that I can learn a useful skill that will open up a new and exciting career field for my future.”

Erica Andrews - “I was taking my General Ed at FJC and nothing interested me. I heard about Court Reporting and looked into it more, and it really caught my eye.”

Amanda Fry - “I was encouraged and influenced to do it by a lady that told us about it in high school. I love to text and I do it quickly, so what's a better career than court reporting?!?”

Liana Turner - “I have many people around me that are Court Reporters or in school for Court Reporting (sister, boyfriend, niece, close friend). Seemed destined!”

Eugene Lin - “I chose the Court Reporting program because it is a stable career field that is always in demand and because it is a challenging skill that not everyone can do.”

Darlene Villa - “The reason I decided to go with Court Reporting is because I wanted something that would give me the flexibility I needed and at the same time good pay.”
**Angela Brown** - “I chose Court Reporting to make a better life for myself. After I lost my son last semester during the program, it added more fuel to the fire and made me want to come back and complete the program.”

**Jaimie Nguyen** - “I went into Court Reporting because it is a stable career and pays well.”

**Penny Gunn** - “I don't know. Why am I here? Actually, I started when I was 18, quit after 3 months, got married, had family, and I'm back.”

**Kelvin Do** - “To find a great career in something I could be good in; stable, secure, good-paying government job.”

**Kaila Reedy** - “I decided to start the Court Reporting program because I have a family member that is a Court Reporter, and she told me what a great job it is. So far it has been very interesting and seems like it will be a fun career.”

**Travis Winnie** - “A friend of my family is a Court Reporter, and she seemed to really enjoy it, so I decided to check it out.”

**Brittney Quintana** - “My mom did the Court Reporting program through Cypress College, and I've always thought what she did was really cool. So I'm trying it out.”

**Kumari Brooks** - “Court Reporting will give me the flexibility of doing different things and not just one job.”

**Lindsey Morck** - “I like the fast-paced work environment and thought it was a very interesting and special career of choice.”

**Jamie Brunatti** - “Change in careers. Potential earnings.”

**Teresa Lee Lankford** - “I couldn't get a job with my major, so I looked for a more practical career path.”

**Jessica Tompkins** - “A lot of my customers are Court Reporters and love their job and encouraged me to try it.”

**Liz Valdez** - “I love words and a challenge. As a Court Reporter, I can do something I enjoy and make money.”

**Felicity Lucero** - “I chose Court Reporting because I love words and never got a magic decoder ring, so now I can write in a PHAPBLG/KAEL/ way!”
Opening: The regular meeting of the Cypress College Court Reporting Club was called to order at 9:30 am at Dalton’s Café by Melissa Glidewell.

Present: Mrs. Freer, Melissa Glidewell, Alice Chang, Shannon Kelly, Lloyd Anderson, Georgea Carpenter, Crista Yokoyama and Jackie Littlefield.

A. Call to order

Melissa Glidewell called the meeting to order.

B. Open issues

New student welcome will be September 16th at 11:30. Jog-a-thon fundraiser will be take place sometime in October; exact date to be decided. Spell-a-thon fundraiser will be held sometime in November; exact date to be decided.

C. Old business

Recruitment. There will be a job fair held by the Dean in October and Senior Day, date to be announcement.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. by Melissa Glidewell.

Minutes submitted by: Crista Yokoyama

STENO PAPER ON SALE ON OCTOBER 21
STUDENT STORE 307 AT 12:35.
CYPRESS COLLEGE COURT REPORTING CLUB

Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2009

Opening: The regular meeting of the Cypress College Court Reporting Club was called to order at 12:35 pm in room 304 by Melissa Glidewell.

Present: Mrs. Freer, Melissa Glidewell, Alice Chang, Shannon Kelly, Lloyd Anderson, Lalia Dominguez and Crista Yokoyama.

A. Call to order

Melissa Glidewell called the meeting to order.

B. Open issues

Jog-a-thon fundraiser will take place on October 20 at 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. There will be prizes for first, second and third place.

The Spell-a-thon fundraiser will be held on November 17 or 18 from 10am-11:30am. Amber Jensen’s CSR breakfast will be held at Daltons Café on Wednesday, October 14 at 9:00 a.m.

The annual Holiday party potluck brunch will be held December 10 from 9:30-11:30am.

C. Old business

Recruitment. There will be an event held at Cypress and coordinated by Dean Wassenaar on October 23, from 3-7pm with food, wine tasting, and bands.

Senior Day, date to be announced. Reunion banquet in the spring, March 5, 2010.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm by Melissa Glidewell.

Minutes submitted by: Crista Yokoyama
CYPRESS COLLEGE COURT REPORTING CLUB

Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2009

Opening: The regular meeting of the Cypress College Court Reporting Club was called to order at 12:35 pm in room 304 by Melissa Glidewell.

Present: Mrs. Freer, Melissa Glidewell, Alice Chang, Shannon Kelly, Lloyd Anderson, Jackie Littlefield, Bo Kim and Crista Yokoyama.

A. Call to order

Melissa Glidewell called the meeting to order.

B. Open issues

Jog-a-thon fundraiser will take place on October 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. There will be prizes for first, second and third place.

Spell-a-thon fundraiser will be held on November 17 or 18 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Amber Jensen’s CSR breakfast will be held at Daltons Café on Wednesday, October 14 at 9:15 a.m.

The annual Holiday party potluck brunch will be held December 10 from 9:30-11:30am.

The Club will sponsor Kelvin Do’s attendance at the CCRA Convention.

The first day in court this semester will be on October 28.

C. Old business

Recruitment. There will be a promotional event held by the Dean on October 23, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the quad area adjacent to the Business Ed. Building. There will be food, wine tasting, and bands. The Cost will be $10.

Senior Day, date to be announced. Reunion banquet in the spring, March 5, 2010.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m. by Melissa Glidewell.

Minutes submitted by: Crista Yokoyama