

Spring has sprung! Message from the President

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Spring has sprung at CCVS!

We hope everyone had a relaxing March Break. Things have been very busy for CCVS and we are thrilled to share all of the exciting events that have taken place over the past few months.

Open House

Our March 30th Open House was our most successful to date, with over 60 people attending to see a real time court reporter in action and to meet all of our former and current students! Many thanks to everyone who volunteered their time: Alexandra, Caly, Cynthia, Elisa, Eugene, Katty Ann, Kim, Lindsay, Marion, Michael, Palma, Rachel, Rene, Stephanie, Teresa and Victoria for making the event such a resounding success. Special thanks to Teresa, a real time court reporter, who took time out of her busy schedule to provide a demonstration and to Victoria, a CCVS veteran, who impressed us all by doing two live demos back-to-back. Thank you, Teresa and Victoria!

Ottawa Open House

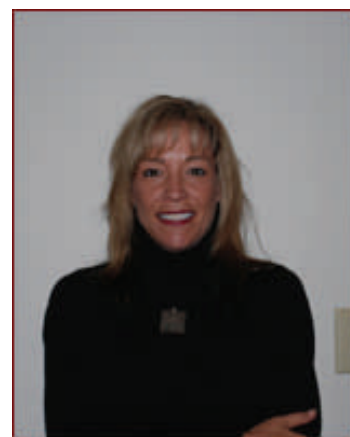
CCVS is hosting an Open House in **Ottawa at the Lord Elgin on Thursday June 10th from 7:00-9:00pm.** We look forward to seeing you there!

Student Updates

In other exciting news, ASAP has taken on more students from CCVS - thus far we have 7 students who are currently working for or interning with ASAP. Congratulations to all of our former students, keep up the phenomenal work. We are also happy to announce that more of our students are heading into Speed building from all three of our programs. Congratulations to those students who are transitioning at great speeds!

CCVS Welcomes a new addition to our team

Alice Cooley joins the English Department at CCVS. Alice received her PhD from the University of Toronto and is busily preparing exciting new additions to the CCVS curriculum. Welcome Alice!



**CCVS President
Kim Stewart**



Alice Cooley—CCVS' newest addition!

Upcoming Events

April 21-23:

OACC Conference

May 10 :

Spring Intake

Ottawa Open House:

June 10

Guest Speakers: TBA

Travel the world as a court reporter!



Suzanne at the Pyramids

Suzanne Hubbard, a court reporter for ASAP Reporting Services enjoyed some time off from her busy schedule to see the pyramids at Giza. Suzanne was in Egypt last month, on assignment for ASAP.

Suzanne's travels as a court reporter have taken her to many exciting destinations, including: Nassau, Bahamas; every province of Canada and two of the three territories; the Ukraine; Chandigarh, India; Velika Kladuša & Zgon,

Bosnia; Glasgow, Scotland; Carmel, California and Sun Valley, Idaho; Osaka, Japan and Cairo Egypt.

If this isn't exciting enough, for 2008 & 2009 Suzanne was in a top secret location working on suspected terrorist security certificate hearings!

Thank you Suzanne for providing us with this picture. For more on Suzanne's adventures abroad please join the CCVS facebook group!

A Day in the Life of a new Court Reporter

For two years, my reporting reality existed on the 5th floor of CCVS. In this bubble I learned the language of Phoenix Theory, exercised in Blackboard Boot camp and trained to master the ways of Case CATalyst, punctuation and court reporting customs. When my two years came to an end, I was sent into the world. Outside of CCVS I was a foreigner. Nobody read vertical notes and stenography could only be explained in a long-winded explanation with the aid of Law & Order. Fortunately, I was invited to intern at ASAP Reporting Services. Finally, I could once again discuss topics such as shorts

and briefs without any misconceptions. The main difference in this reality is that it is no longer only about practice, but performing. I discovered very early on five minute takes, blue jeans, robotic speakers and Country Style were things of the past. Endurance, pressed trousers, regular incoherency and dormant hunger pangs have become my norm. Throw on a pair of three inch heels, knapsack and rolling bag and you have an accurate representation of a reporting warrior.

Every aspect of my reporting is still laced with obstacles and anxiety. Did I pack my

dongle? Where am I going? How do you spell that proper noun? He is speaking so slowly. Why isn't she taking a breath? My wrists and brain can't handle this. The funny thing is, despite subjecting myself to a cerebral apocalypse on every job, somehow I find my way to the certification page. I like to claim that I have a healthy relationship with transcripts, but that would be a lie. The truth is: I'm addicted. And my drug of choice? Certification and title pages. The sense of satisfaction and accomplishment of signing yourself into history is a natural high everyone should experience. Some-

times we lose sight of our purpose in the daily chaos of reporting, but that is why I am grateful that the last ritual of every transcript is a reminder of the significance of our role. **Christal Chan is now Madame Court Reporter, working for ASAP.**

Open House Event A Resounding Success



CCVS is happy to announce that the Open House on March 30th, 2010 was a resounding success. This was an excellent opportunity for prospective students to come in and see the campus, meet the staff and students and really learn what the career is all about.

Attendees had the opportu-

nity to try a steno machine and get a brief introduction to Phoenix Theory, the steno theory that we teach at CCVS. There was also professional Court Reporters in attendance which gave the prospective students the opportunity to view a live demonstration of Real time reporting, where writing speeds exceed 225 WPM! If you have

any questions about the program or would like to book a consultation please email lisamarie@verbatimstudies.com. **Remember our next intake is May 10th, 2010!**

In other news...

Conference Updates

At the NCRA Mid-Year Conference, Alexandra, one of CCVS's English Instructors, attended a day-long seminar that focused on punctuation in a court-reporting context. The seminar explained how to apply and adapt the rules of punctuation, which are based on written texts, to court reporting transcripts, which are based on spoken words. After this intensive seminar, Alexandra also attended panel sessions on methodologies and tools for making online learning more interactive and effective, especially for those aspiring towards the court reporting profession. The seminars focused not only on software tools and steno teaching techniques, but also on ways of building communities for

long-distance students and providing these students with support in the court reporting community. Our other CCVS Representative at the NCRA conference was Nancy. Nancy attended the following seminars: You Can Work Pain Free, How to Pass Skills Tests, Social Media. Teacher's Workshop, Google, Online Panel Discussion, Associating Machine Shorthand Practice with Test Readiness and Predictive Progress.

Online Studies

For those people who do not reside in the GTA, keep in mind that we offer online studies as well. There is no need to live in Toronto to become a CCVS student. Online studies are only increasing in demand—you can become a real time court

reporter from the comfort of your own home.

Financial Assistance

CCVS offers a student line of credit through the Bank of Montreal. For incoming students, please note that there are two scholarships available, our Entrance Scholarship and our Academic Scholarship, sponsored by ASAP Reporting Services. If you would like more information about the qualifications, please check our website at www.verbatimstudies.com. For more information about how to register for any of our programs, please call us at 1-877-337-CCVS.



The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, where the NCRA Conference took place this year.



The famous prison of Alcatraz in San Francisco.



The Bay Bridge at night.

Guest Speakers Spring 2010

Christal Chan, a CCVS veteran, came to speak with the students to share her experiences as a new court reporter in the field. Christal is now working at ASAP Reporting Services. Christal's advice to students, "pay attention in your Court Reporting Procedures class so that you are confident when you step into the courtroom."

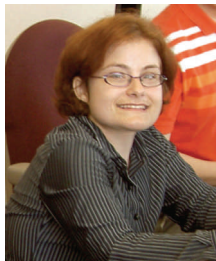
Lorraine Cipparrone, CGA helped navigate tax issues for the small business owner.

Lorraine provided invaluable tips as to what expenses could be written off, when to remit GST and explained the details of the new HST.

"...ensuring that your equipment is insured once you are a reporter in the field is a necessity..."

Finger Forum

Kim Brown is a regular contributor to the Finger Forum.



Reading steno is great practice for mental development. What is your level?

Beginner: /KP-PB/WAOE/PH*US/KAEUR/TPR-/AOEFP/UGT/-R/PHOER/-RBGS/SKW-/TABGS/AOEFP/UGT/-R/HRESZ/-FPLT

Intermediate: /KP-PB/KWR*PL/THAFL/TPR*T/TABGS/-Z/KWR-/PAEU/PWAUZ/T-/PHAOEPBZ/THAT/

KWR-PL/R-R/EPL/PHROEU/D/-FPLT

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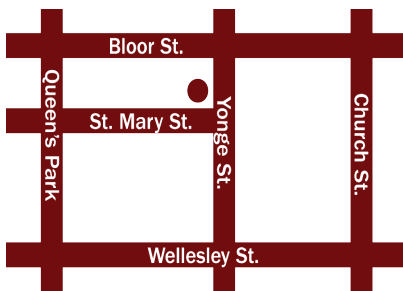
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The Canadian Centre for Verbatim Studies aims to respond to a growing need for Realtime Court Reporters and Broadcast Captioners in Canada by providing much needed training.

Opened in January 2008, CCVS foresees the re-development of a profession that has long been neglected, although it provides an essential service to the Canadian legal process as well as the growing hearing impaired and English as a Second Language communities.

For more information about CCVS, contact info@verbatimstudies.com.

Have ideas for the newsletter? Interested in making a contribution? Send your ideas or comments to lisamarie@verbatimstudies.com



Finger Forum Solutions

Beginner:

We must care for each other more, and tax each other less. Bill Archer

Intermediate:

I am thankful for the taxes I pay because it means that I'm employed.

Nancie J. Carmody

Advanced:

Taxes, after all, are dues that we pay for the privileges of membership in an organized society. Benjamin Franklin

The above picture is taken from the Government of Canada.