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Courting Careers

Blueprint for Success program offers youngsters a glimpse at potential jobs By: Clayton Over

BELLEFONTE — Most of the time, when a judge gets questions by people sitting in the jury box, it's for further directions regarding jury instruction.

Judge Pamela A. Ruest fielded different kinds of questions on the bench Tuesday morning. A group of adolescents seated in the box and elsewhere in Courtroom 1 cross-examined the jurist on being a judge and choosing a career. The youth were part of a program for 12 through 16-year-olds called "Blueprint for Success," designed to provide a glimpse at various jobs available in Centre County.

"It's a career exploration program," said Holly Stoltzfus, a career consultant with the Private Industry Council of the Central Corridor in State College and one of the program's organizers. "For two weeks, we expose them to different careers and industries to help them make career choices."

The group takes trips to various businesses and locations around the county, like Metzger Animal Hospital, Ferguson Township Police Station, and WHVL-TV, to see what different types of jobs entail. The group also takes classes on leadership, teamwork, and public speaking and are visited by people from various professions. Guests include Rep. Kerry Benninghoff, R-Bellefonte, who will talk to the students



about government later in the week, and a local musician.

The trip to the courthouse was one the group had taken during previous years of the program that had been very popular, Stoltzfus said.

Ruest answered questions on her job and what led her to that position. One thing Ruest told the children was that it was OK to change their minds when deciding on a career, and cited herself as an example. She got a degree in biology from the University of Connecticut in her native state and thought she'd go to medical school.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Your future is created by what you do <u>TODAY</u> not tomorrow!

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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Kolby Garrison

Kolby transferred to
CCR in October of last
year and has been an
exceptional student! She
received honors last
semester and has been
pushing to get out of
120! Keep up the great
work, Kolby!



Megan Reeves

Megan is an SH240
student who has been
determinedly working
on passing her 225s.
Megan also received
honors for last semester!
Keep pushing, Megan!
We know you will be a
successful working
reporter soon!



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She then got a master's degree in statistics before deciding to go to law school.

"There's a lot of different pathways to becoming an attorney, then a judge," Ruest said.

The participants also heard from other court personnel about their jobs and things they like about working at the courthouse during the visit, which lasted a little over an hour.

Brittany DeGirolano, Ruest's court reporter, showed off the special keyboard she uses to record court proceedings and talked about some of the requirements and training that goes into being a court reporter. DeGirolano told the children the job allows her to do something she likes while providing a variety of experiences.

"I hear all kinds of interesting things," DeGirolano said. "I can listen to that and also get the chance to type."

Juvenile probation officers also talked to the youth about what they do and showed off things they use for their job, like GPS bracelets used for electronic monitoring.

Some of the children said programs like Blueprint for Success have already helped in steering them toward a career.

Bryce Herman, 15, of Bellefonte, said he had thought about a career in law enforcement or criminal justice, but after going

through the program before, decided it wasn't for him because of some of the negativity associated with working around crime. Instead, he said he would like to pursue a career in either kinesiology or finance.

Megan Stoltzfus, 13, of State College, agreed with Herman. She said that learning about the law was cool and informative, but she didn't think a career in law enforcement or as a judge would be something she would be interested in.

Making choices involving children, like Ruest and other judges have to make during custody and family court proceedings, would be tough, she said. She said she is thinking about another career involving kids: teaching. She said she thought she would like DeGirolano's job, though.

"You could listen to the cases, but you wouldn't be involved in making all the decisions," she said, while still playing an important part.

The group's next stop is at PMG Pennsylvania Corp. in Philipsburg on Wednesday, where they'll learn about manufacturing. The program wraps up at the end of next week at a presentation when the students show off the speech skills and talk about what they learned. U.S. Rep. Glenn Thompson, R-Howard Township, will be in attendance as keynote speaker.

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Question of the Week from the JCR Weekly

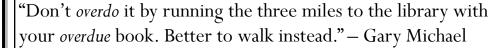
Last week's question: What is the most important question you have asked a mentor and what was his or her response?

"What do I do if someone is talking too fast or two people are talking at the same time? Answer: Don't ever be afraid to stop anyone. It's about the integrity of the record, which is the most important thing to remember in our profession."

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Word Trippers By: Barabara McNichol

Overdo, overdue - "Overdo," a verb, means to do something in an excessive or extreme way or to use too much of something. "Overdue," an adjective, means not being paid on time; not appearing, presented, or responded to by a required time. It indicates something should have been done already.



Najah Danner

5 SAPs

Allison Allen



PASSED O C T O B E R EVALUATIONS

These students have all passed one or more SAP evaluations during the month of October. Jessica Vanatta

| <u> 24 SAPs</u> |
|-----------------|
| Nicole Miller |
| <u>12 SAPs</u> |
| Darby Valle |
| Jamie Johnson |
| Taylor Behnke |
| 9 SAPs |
| Geneva Wildcat |
| Jamie Bleicher |
| Kiana Luke |
| Jennifer Hall |
| 8 SAPs |
| Lindsay Heaton |
| 7 SAPs |
| Ashley Wilson |
| Madeline Lauer |
| Valerie Melkus |
| Yvette Granados |
| <u>6 SAPs</u> |
| Amanda Vernon |
| 1 |

Ashley Privett

Barbara Ufer

Debra Selsavage

Elise Townes

Julie Domanico

| Erica Jenkins | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Kathy Bruner | | | | | | | |
| Nicoline | | | | | | | |
| Dominguez | | | | | | | |
| Tracie Blocker | | | | | | | |
| 4 SAPs | | | | | | | |
| Carol Casstevens | | | | | | | |
| Daisy Tamez | | | | | | | |
| Jessica Frizzell | | | | | | | |
| Julia Haven | | | | | | | |
| Karina Hannah | | | | | | | |
| Kathleen Steadman | | | | | | | |
| Kristine Rebar | | | | | | | |
| Lucetta Robertson | | | | | | | |
| Megan Reeves | | | | | | | |
| Natalie Sandi | | | | | | | |
| Paulina Alanis | | | | | | | |
| Sarah Hamilton | | | | | | | |
| 3 SAPs | | | | | | | |
| Ashley Guillermo | | | | | | | |
| Brandi Smith | | | | | | | |
| Casi De La Torre | | | | | | | |

Katelyn Berch Kelsey Kerwell Kimberly Murphy Nicole Wicks Robin Willey Sheila Sinclair Taifa Stephenson 2 SAPs Brette Dardeau Erin Claybrook Heidi Masters Holly Harris Kelly Garland Kristen Stegeman Laura Beasley Lexi Klasing Lisa Major Martha Obstalecki Mary Margaret Hurst Sara Galante Shivone Latortue Taisha Herr

1 SAP Adam Marcus Alisa Church Amanda Olivares Angela Viray Cassidy Johnson Christil Mcallister Christine Angel Christine VanDam Corree Brooks Dawn Molina Deborah Pascal Denise Kurdziel Haley Both Holly McKay Holly Reese Kathy Stempeck Katie Jaraczewski Keely Nelsen Kirstie Anderson Kirstine Mowery Kristine Edland Lindsey Young Melanie Segalla Onni Beene

Rob Leifer Season Young Sindee Baum Sue Harrison Tami Taylor Thomas Herman Tyler Adkins Veronica Stewart Victoria Huntley

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JOB OPENINGS

Position: Realtime Captioner Salary Range: \$15.63-\$17.31 Job Location: Minneapolis, MN Position Type: Full-time

Education Level: 2 year degree

Job Category: Media - Journalism– Newspaper

GENERAL SUMMARY: Under the direction of the Realtime Captioning Manager, individual will be responsible for the preparation and creation of closed captions on live and post-production programming using voice recognition software. Individual must possess excellent English grammar comprehension and spelling skills. Individual must be able to perform under pressure with strict timelines. A training program averaging four months will be provided for software and procedure specifics.



KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES: Must have a clear speaking voice with excellent enunciation skills and be comfortable speaking for long durations at a time. Must possess excellent English grammar comprehension and spelling skills. Must be able to adapt to the demands of different clients. Be able to self-direct workflow and work independently. Requires an ability to handle multiple tasks while focusing on a high amount of attention to detail. Requires thorough knowledge of Microsoft Windows-based software. Individual must be familiar with computer hardware and terminology.

CCR would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and a



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Veterans History Project

The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) and the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) have partnered with the United States Library of Congress Veterans History Project in an effort to protect and preserve the rich and extensive history of American wartime veterans. Through a project sponsored by the Library of Congress, men and women who have served the United States in a time of war have recorded their amazing personal histories of their military experiences. Oral history projects offer a great way to "do good" while raising the stature of the profession to the general public. Currently, the cumulative number of transcriptions completed by our court

reporters and students for the Library of Congress (LOC) and other program partners has reached almost 3,800.

Staff members and students at College of Court Reporting took part in the Veterans History Project in November and had an incredible experience. They reached out to veterans at the Maria Reiner Senior Center in the city of Hobart, IN. There they had the opportunity to interview four war veterans and our court reporting students recorded the entire interview. They were all grateful and humbled by the experience, and it gave the veterans a chance to share their experiences and have it forever.

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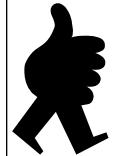
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ANY SUGGESTIONS?

Your CCR newsletter is always changing. Contact Jen at jen.lewis@ccr.edu with any ideas that you may have for the next one. It is much appreciated!

Birthdays are in bold print! Happy birthday, CCR students and faculty!

| Sunday | ™ Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Holly Goodwin | 180-200 MULTIVOICE | Thomas Herman | Kolby Garrison | | Benn Brooks Marion Van Horn | Joan Yeatts Barbara Ufer Casey Cunningham |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| | 140-160 MULTIVOICE | Tanya Friedhoff | Nicole Peterson Matthew Dove | Shery Skeen | Christmas Potluck Luncheon | Winter Break |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
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