

# THE GUARDIAN

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## *Courting Careers*

*Blueprint for Success program offers youngsters a glimpse at potential jobs*

By: Clayton Over

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*Your future is created by what you do **TODAY** not tomorrow!*

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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.

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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."

## 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.



"Don't *overdo* it by running the three miles to the library with your *overdue* book. Better to walk instead." – Gary Michael

### OCTOBER EVALUATIONS PASSED

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

#### 24 SAPs

Nicole Miller

#### 12 SAPs

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

#### 6 SAPs

Amanda Vernon  
Ashley Privett  
Barbara Ufer  
Debra Selsavage  
Elise Townes  
Julie Domanico

Najah Danner

#### 5 SAPs

Allison Allen  
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

Jessica Vanatta

Katelyn Berch

Kelsey Kerwell

Kimberly Murphy

Nicole Wicks

Robin Willey Shei-  
la 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

## 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**





## 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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**DECEMBER**



**ANY SUGGESTIONS?**

*Your CCR newsletter is always changing. Contact Jen at [jen.lewis@ccr.edu](mailto: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
		1	2 <b>Jen Lewis</b> Kelly Lovelace	3 Carmen Salas	4	5 <b>Jennifer MacDonald</b>
6 <b>Holly Goodwin</b>	7 180-200 MULTIVOICE	8 <b>Thomas Herman</b>	9 <b>Kolby Garrison</b>	10	11 <b>Benn Brooks</b> Marion Van Horn	12 <b>Joan Yeatts</b> Barbara Ufer Casey Cunningham
13	14 140-160 MULTIVOICE	15 <b>Tanya Friedhoff</b>	16 Nicole Peterson <b>Matthew Dove</b>	17 <b>Shery Skeen</b>	18 Christmas Potluck Luncheon 	19 <b>Winter Break</b> 
20 <b>Alexis Klasing</b> 	21 <b>Christil McAllister</b> <b>Ashley Wilson</b> 	22 	23 <b>Brette Dardeau</b> 	24 	25  <b>Christmas</b> 	26 <b>Chris Crosgrove</b> 
27 <b>Brandi Smith</b> 	28 <b>Ashley Privett</b> 	29 <b>Cheryl Hoover</b> <b>Onni Beene</b> <b>Tim Moody</b> <b>Elise Townes</b> 	30 <b>Lynette Eggers</b> 	31 <b>Taisha Herr</b> 	1 	2 <b>Winter Break Ends</b> 