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Pictured: South Suburban College Court Reporting Program alumnae LaTanya Allen, of Flossmoor, IL.

## Court Reporting Program Open House and Free Evening Class "Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand" Coming to Oak Forest Center

OAK FOREST, IL—South Suburban College (SSC) is hosting a Court Reporting Open House on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in Room 5190 of the college's Oak Forest Center. The Open House will showcase this unique profession and wide-open job market, along with SSC's program and curriculum.

New this fall is the free NCRA A to Z program, an evening Court Reporting for beginners class which is an opportunity for potential students to learn the alphabet in steno, write on a real machine, and decide if pursuing an education in court reporting or captioning is the right choice. Sign up and learn from the experts through *Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand* on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. from November 5<sup>th</sup> through December 10<sup>th</sup>. Enrollment into the Court Reporting Program is open for the spring semester so this fall is the perfect time for individuals to take the introductory course and assess their interest in the field.

SSC is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and its Court Reporting Program is one of a few in the Chicagoland area that is certified by the National Court Reporters Association. Court reporters use machine shorthand to capture the spoken word quickly and accurately. The use of sophisticated computer equipment has broadened the nature of the profession. SSC's program focuses on the theory behind it all, with an emphasis on judicial reporting.

Court reporting is an interesting, challenging field that can provide a flexible work schedule with excellent income potential. Annual salaries of court reporters and captioners can reach upwards of \$80,000 and beyond. There is a severe shortage of skilled reporters in the Chicago area, and courts need court reporters to record trials of all types. Reporters also provide closed

captioning of live television such as the news and sporting events such as football, baseball, and basketball games to aid the hearing impaired.

To RSVP or for more information, call (708) 596-2000, ext. 3217 or email <u>LCooke@ssc.edu</u> Fall Registration is in progress at SSC with classes beginning August 20<sup>th</sup>. The Oak Forest Center is located at 16333 S. Kilbourn, Oak Forest, Illinois.

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