

## DACR STUDENT OF THE MONTH

by Amanda Greene

I am pleased to be writing this article about the students of the month/quarter at our school, Denver Academy of Court Reporting. What a pleasure it has been to talk to these students who are excelling for different reasons and who all love this profession!

The summer 2001 night school student of the quarter is Becky Burnham. Becky is 26, in the 180 speed, and started school in July of '99. Becky's biggest challenge at school has been discipline, as life and work and school all require attention. She says that she has overcome this problem since refocusing. Her favorite classes at school have been the English classes. And why does Becky think she was voted to be a student of the quarter? Attitude. She stays upbeat and is truly happy for other people when they do well. She also transcribes a lot, which helps her get through the speeds quickly. So which facet of our profession gets this lovely young woman? "Probably court," she says, "to be in the action." Of course, she isn't sure where she wants to work – so get courting!



The fall 2001 night school student of the quarter is Carolyn Jones who is 33 and in the 180 class. Carolyn chose court reporting because she likes a challenge, it's interesting, and she love law. Where's she going to end up working? Well, currently she is leaning towards an officialship, but undecided. Carolyn's biggest challenge at school is the test anxiety that sometimes hits before a test. Her favorite class so far has been her CAT class, so it looks as though we have more computer literate reporters hitting the job market!



The September 2001 day school student of the month is Joni Halliburton, who is 27, in the 200 speed, and started school in August of 2000. Why court reporting? Joni was looking for a career that was flexible; her roommate was a lawyer and told her about court reporting. Joni is thinking freelancing is her choice, and she is planning on staying here in Colorado. Joni is entertaining closed captioning or court work also. Joni's biggest challenge at school has been the fact that there is no clear time to be done, no certainty on when she can start making a living. Her favorite class so far has been grammar. Joni assumes she was voted student of the month because she is moving through her speeds quickly.



The October 2001 day school student of the month is Alexis Taylor, who is 22 and in the 160/180 class, and started school in August of 2000. Alexis is thinking she will be a freelance reporter, and she's thinking of going home to Wyoming to reporter. Alexis wants to be a court reporter because she knows she will enjoy it, the work, and the flexibility. Alexis' biggest challenge at school has been "staying focused on something besides the test, not the test, during a test," what we call test anxiety. She has enjoyed her academics because she likes being challenged. Why was Alexis voted student of the month? She thinks her grades and maybe her speed.



I have to say that these four soon-to-be court reporters all seem to be incredibly self-motivated and very positive. I think this profession is lucky to be getting some outstanding new reporters!

*Editor's note: This is a new feature, so we may have missed students at our first effort. Please bear with us. And a big "way to go!" to the four above!*