



*I just wanted to share with you the impact that student sponsoring had on me back in 1999 at, as luck would have it, the Lake of the Ozarks and was also the first year that MCRA sponsored students. I was a student in my third year at State Fair Community College. Our instructor, Laura Taylor, made the announcement that we could attend the convention at no cost to us -- which is **HUGE** when you are a student! -- so we all attended. I was blessed, perhaps it was divine intervention, that Diana Taylor sponsored me. My entire class had a great time that day and it was a much-needed boost to show us that there really IS life beyond five-minute takes and endless hours of practicing. I'm proud to say that I'm now amongst the working reporters who can give back to students who are enthusiastic and ready to carry the torch in the field of court reporting and captioning. And I'm also proud to call Diana Taylor a dear friend of mine who impacted my life in such a positive way that year and every year since. Please know that you can touch a student's life the way mine was touched years ago.*

*Your friend,
Tiffany Hughes*