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Clark State Community College Students Use Data to See Results

Fall Quarter brought exciting changes to the students in the Judicial Reporting and Broadcast Captioning/Cart programs at Clark State Community College that continue to be implemented today.

The new school year greeted us with restructured classes and new syllabi. To discuss the new changes we all met at a lunch meeting and developed our program vision, first-year mission statement, and a second-year mission statement. In each class we also met as a group and established a set of goals we will meet as a group and individually. For example, the number of tests we will pass and the number of practice hours we will put in. To keep track of all this data we are collecting, we graph EVERYTHING and have it hanging on our

walls as a constant reminder of not only our goals, but our successes as well.

Not only do we have graphs all over the walls, but we each have our own individual data folders where we keep track of our successes after our dictation tests. As a student, I enjoy tracking my progress quarter to quarter. My data folder gives me the opportunity to see what I have to do in order to reach my goal: graduation. I also believe that in graphing my progress I get a boost of self-esteem when I see how well I am growing. I also see the joy in my fellow students' faces when they move up a speed and get to "color in" their growth. It may seem childish to be coloring in a chart before dictation classes, but anyone in this

profession understands the challenges a student faces. And when you can boost the self-esteem of a student, it makes any speed attainable.

I also see the excitement in the eyes of our biggest supporters. Under the direction of Robyn Hennigan and Debra Smith, we have learned the importance of data collecting and what it takes to be the best reporters/captioners we can be. In this profession success is our option, and here at Clark State Community College we are a program with success written all over the walls.

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