CCS senior brings Hindi to classroom

By Laura Morthkowitz

CCS senior Puja Aggarwal teaches while she learns. The education major who is finishing a bachelor's degree and planning to get a master's in the College of Continuing Studies, volunteers her time to teach Hindi, one of the official languages of India and the world's second most spoken language, to children and adults.

"Teaching is my passion and I never get tired of it," Aggarwal said.

Aggarwal, who started her master's degree in India, decided to move to the United States in 1996, a time when she was halfway done with Radio and Television (AWRT), an elementary school teacher. and then taking four more

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Aggarwal said that many communication and journalism majors can only think, "She won the scholarship; she knows what she's doing."

LaCorte learned of this opportunity from Dr. Pamela Brown, professor of journalism. Brown sent the application to LaCorte while LaCorte was studying abroad in London and encouraged her to apply. She applied and was awarded the scholarship.

LaCorte was a perfect fit for the scholarship, according to Brown. "Katie is exactly who they were looking for," she said. Brown described LaCorte as a great student who works hard and is responsible.

LaCorte is eager to meet people, make connections and have people remember her. "I just want to get my name out there," said LaCorte.

LaCorte, an anchor for the Rider University Network, plans to have a career in broadcast journalism. But this was not always the case. She changed her major four times before deciding on communication.

LaCorte settled on this field because many people told her that she should be on television. "My grandma always told me I could be the next Katie Couric," she said. In the future, LaCorte said she would like to work for either News Corporation or for the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC). Since she enjoyed studying in England so much, she would like to move to London and work in any aspect of BBC News. However, LaCorte said she would probably not be an anchor.

"I don't have an accent and they are very nationalistic," she said.

If LaCorte does work for BBC News, she said she would like to eventually return to the United States and teach.

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