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DRAUDE RECEIVES ELIOT A. KELLER SCHOLARSHIP

(WATERLOO, IA)—Austin Draude of Wartburg College has been chosen as the recipient of the 2009 Eliot A. Keller Scholarship awarded by the Iowa Broadcast News Association. The award was presented at the IBNA annual convention in Ames Saturday, May 2.

IBNA named the first-ever Eliot A. Keller Scholarship in honor of the co-owner and general manager of KZIA-FM/KGYM-AM, Cedar Rapids, and co-founder of KRNA-FM, Iowa City. The scholarship is designed to recognize outstanding promise at an early career stage for an individual intending to pursue a career in radio. The scholarship amount is \$500.00.

Draude is a senior from Pleasant Hill, Iowa. He is a communication arts major, with an emphasis in electronic media, and a history minor. Draude has served as the news director and sports director of KWAR-FM. He has also served as a Wartburg Television reporter, a reporter for the Wartburg Trumpet and as an Archives of Iowa Broadcasting intern.

“My experience as the sports director at KWAR-FM this year and my experience as a play-by-play announcer on the station for the last 3 years have, at many times, provided high points for my time at Wartburg,” Draude wrote in his scholarship application.

Dr. Jeff Stein, professor of communication arts at Wartburg, said of Draude, “It became clear from the first day that he was a highly dedicated and competent individual. He has superior intellect and drive, picks up on concepts quite quickly and demonstrates not only high competency, but a willingness to learn and participate.”

IBNA is a nonprofit organization made up of radio-TV news directors, reporters, producers, public relations professionals and others from Iowa and its adjacent states, working together to improve electronic media news for stations and the public.

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