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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—CORRECTING SECOND GRAPH

Student Named Sports P.A. Announcer of the Year

A graduating high school senior in West Virginia, who is already handling announcer duties for state basketball playoffs, has been named the 2009-2010 P.A. Student Announcer of the Year by the National Association of Sports Public Address Announcers (NASPAA). The NASPAA P.A. Announcer of the Year Awards Program provides high schools and colleges the opportunity to pay tribute to their P.A. announcers.

Besides announcing boys and girls basketball for Shady Spring High School, Martine has also announced West Virginia boys basketball state playoffs for the past three years. He has received NASPAA P.A. announcing certification.

"I was ecstatic and felt deeply honored when I heard that I was selected for the award," remarked Martine. "It's wonderful to receive such a great honor for doing something that I love."

"Christian is determined to be non-biased and promote good sportsmanship," said Deanna Wood, Martine's athletic director for Shady Spring (WV) High School. "He carefully prepares for each event and works with coaches to make sure he correctly pronounces each player's name."

"This year's award recipient has distinguished himself by the quality of his announcing and his professionalism," commented Brad Rumble, NASPAA Executive Director. "The NASPAA is delighted to be in a position to recognize Christian. He truly represents the best in P.A. announcing."

The NASPAA is a professional association for sports public address announcers with a mission to raise the level of professionalism of announcing. The awards program is sponsored by Clell Wade Coaches Directory and Balfour.

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