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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
AAF-ND Awards Two Student Scholarships**

Fargo, N.D. (March 11, 2009) –The American Advertising Federation of North Dakota (AAF-ND) has announced the winners of two \$500 student scholarships that the organization awards each year. The Student Achievement Award is given to an undergraduate junior or senior student who shows promise in advertising, communications, public relations, marketing or graphic design. This year’s Achievement Award winner is Kirsten Birst, a student from Minnesota State Community and Technical College majoring in design and web development. Birst, originally from Turtle Lake, North Dakota, maintains a high GPA while working at Forum Communications Printing and the High Plains Reader.

The Larry Gauper Advertising Creativity award is given to a student who demonstrates exceptional creative talent, passion for the advertising industry and a commitment to a communications-based career. This year’s winner is Alex Ehlen, a senior at Minnesota State University Moorhead. Ehlen, a Fargo native, is majoring in graphic design.

AAF-ND, one of 210 AAF affiliates, strives to enhance advertising, marketing and communications by supporting and recognizing its diverse membership and their contributions to the Red River Valley's vitality, economy and culture. It is open to anyone in a communication-related field.

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