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1620AM-The ZONE's Kevin Kugler Receives UNL Broadcast Excellence Award

Omaha, NE – April 17, 2009 – KOZN-AM broadcaster Kevin Kugler is earning more accolades for his highly recognized and regarded talents behind the microphone. Kugler, a five-time winner of the prestigious “Nebraska Sportscaster of the Year” award and a 1994 graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, has been named the recipient of the Journalism Alumni Award of Excellence for Broadcasting. The honor is bestowed upon an alumnus and non-alumnus who demonstrates excellence in their profession and Kugler definitely fits the bill. The acclaimed Nebraska broadcaster was a member of the USA broadcast team at the Summer 2008 Beijing Olympic games, is the lead voice on Westwood One’s national broadcast coverage of NCAA Football, NCAA Basketball; and Kugler is the voice of the Omaha-based College World Series.

Although he has received many honors throughout his 15-year broadcast career Kugler says this honor is especially significant. “Omaha and Lincoln mean so much to me...my family is deeply rooted in Nebraska because of all the wonderful people I come into contact with every single day. It is a tremendous honor for me to receive this award from a University I am proud of and a profession I am so passionate about,” stated Kugler.

KOZN-AM Operations Manager Neil Nelkin said people like Kugler are one in a million, “Kevin has the talent to be in any major market in America and he chooses to remain in Nebraska. This honor clearly demonstrates his level of talent in broadcasting and shows how much he is truly appreciated by his peers.”

Kugler is the host of the top-rated afternoon drive program “Unsportsmanlike Conduct” on The ZONE. Both Kugler and co-host Mike'l Severe provide exclusive interviews with the coaches, the athletes and the people behind the scenes of sports teams throughout the region. “Unsportsmanlike Conduct” is considered the area’s premier sports program for the UNL Cornhuskers. Kugler has been the host of the show for nearly 10 years and the program continues to dominate the ratings with male listeners in its 2p-6p timeslot. In addition, Kugler hosts the weekly “Big Red Wrap Up” program and numerous other sports broadcasts on Nebraska Educational Television.

Kugler receives the UNL Alumni Award at the annual Journalism Awards luncheon today in Lincoln, NE.



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