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College announcer recognized nationally

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HIGHLAND HEIGHTS - The voice of Northern Kentucky University student Will Chambers is being heard and now being recognized. Chambers has been named one of the top 20 collegiate sports broadcasters in the country by Sportscasters Talent Agency of America (STAA).

Chambers is the play-by-play announcer for Georgetown College. In the past, he anchored and reported for the NKU Sports Show on Norse Media and wrote sports analysis for NKU's student newspaper, The Northerner.

"I think over the last couple of years I have worked extremely hard at painting the picture for my audience - keeping the broadcast fresh, exciting and easy to follow," said Chambers. "You try not to make the broadcast over dramatic or monotonous, just hope that the audience feels while listening as if they are sitting next to you."

Chambers is taking the award as a sign that his lifelong dream is coming true.

"Being a play-by-play announcer is the only thing I've ever wanted to do so when I have had the opportunities to get my foot in the door, I have taken them," he said.

Chambers, a senior broadcast journalism major at NKU and a 1997 Highlands High School graduate, was a call screener and then producer in 1998 for the Lance McCallister show on 1160 where he was dubbed "Good Will Hunting."

"Hopefully this recognition means I'm doing this job right and that the work over the last several years is starting to pay off. I hope that for my career the next step will be a significant one."

The goal of the STAA award is raising standards.

"The aim of the STAA All-America program is to encourage collegiate sports broadcasters nationwide to strive to achieve their professional best," said Jon Chelesnick, chief executive officer for STAA.

Chambers learned about the contest through the STAA Web site and sent in an audio tape of his football and basketball broadcasting.

"I was on Twitter when I saw that the winner of the Jim Nantz award had been posted," Chambers said. "I then went to the main Web site to see who else had been recognized, not expecting to see my name on the list, and there it was. A few days after I found out, the CEO of the organization e-mailed and informed me that I had been recognized."

No matter where the next step takes him, Chambers has a destination in mind.

"My goal has and always will be to call games for a national audience at a network," he said. "CBS, FOX, NBC or ABC. That and the Cubs on WGN. We all have a dream job, and the TV booth inside Wrigley (Field) is mine."

However, he said he'll always be fond of Georgetown College.

"My career aspirations do take me beyond Georgetown, that's no secret," said Chambers. "However, my time there to me has been very special and it will stay with me forever. When the red light goes on, I get to be the only thing I've ever wanted to be. And I have gotten to be that because of Georgetown College."
