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Brock Kappelmann Wins Kansas' Highest Sports Broadcasting Award

KSCB Sports Director Brock Kappelmann was named the winner of the 2009 KAB Hod Humiston Award for Sports Broadcasting Monday morning on "The Sports Guys" Show.

Kent Cornish from the KAB called the show to inform Kappelmann that he is the winner of the award. The Humiston Award is given annually to a Kansas broadcaster who has made significant contributions to the field of sports broadcasting. The award is named for Hod Humiston who was the first television sportscaster in Kansas when he did play-by-play coverage for college games for KTVH (now KWCH TV), channel 12, in Wichita. Hod was founder and co-owner of KSKU radio and was also employed for KWBW and KWHK radio stations in Hutchinson. He was instrumental in bringing the national junior college basketball tournament to Hutchinson, where it has been since 1949.

Other notable winners of this award are longtime retired KU radio announcer Max Falkenstein; Tom Hedrick; Bob Davis who is the current radio voice of the Jayhawks, Mitch Holtus who is the former voice of K-State and now the current radio voice of the Kansas City Chiefs; Fred White, and Bruce Haertl from KWCH-TV.

Brock has been the radio voice of the Liberal area's local sports since 1998. He has announced Liberal High School football and basketball since 1998. He has announced Seward County basketball and baseball since 2001. He has announced Liberal Bee Jay baseball since 1998. Kappelmann was named the 2002 Interscholastic Athletic Administrator Kansas Sportscaster of the Year.

Kappelmann has also won seven Kansas Association of Broadcasters awards with numerous second and third place awards. Kappelmann graduated from the University of Kansas with a degree in Broadcast News in December of 1997. He graduated from Augusta High School in 1993 where he played football, baseball, and basketball. He married his wife Ashley in 2002. They have two sons Brady (born 2004) and Brooks (born 2006).

Kappelmann will be presented with the award at the KAB Sports Seminar which takes place each year in May at Kaufmann Stadium in Kansas City. The Humiston Award is the highest sports broadcasting honor to receive in the state of Kansas.

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