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Kara Christensen Awarded the Sons of Norway Foundation's King Olav V Norwegian-American Scholarship

Minneapolis, June 26, 2008 – Kara Christensen of Madison, WI, was awarded a Sons of Norway Foundation King Olav V Norwegian-American Scholarship, given to students with a plan of study focusing on Norwegian heritage or modern Norway at an institution of higher learning.

Christensen is a junior at St. Olaf college. She is studying math, management studies and Nordic studies and someday hopes to go into the field of business. In her free time, Kara enjoys being a member of the Ambassador Host Program, playing intramural ultimate frisbee, and performing with St. Olaf's modern dance company.

For 7 years, Kara has been learning to speak Norwegian at Concordia's Norwegian Language Village - Skogfjorden; she was a 6 time camper and has been a counselor twice. Next spring, she will be traveling to Norway for the first time to study at the University in Oslo.

Sons of Norway Foundation Director Cindy Olson said, "The Sons of Norway Foundation has proudly awarded educational scholarships since 1966. We strive to improve our communities through education while preserving our Norwegian

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- ★ Is the largest Norwegian-American organization in the world
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culture and heritage for future generations. The King Olav V Norwegian-American scholarship program ensures this, while promoting global citizenship, by encouraging American students to study Norwegian culture and Norwegian citizens to study American culture. We are proud to have 2008 recipient Kara Christensen as one of our scholars.”

His Royal Majesty, King Olav V of Norway, allowed the Sons of Norway Foundation to use his name in establishing a fund to promote cultural exchange between Norway and North America. The fund welcomes both Norwegian and North American applicants, 18 years of age or older.

The Sons of Norway Foundation celebrates culture and expands the horizons of our members by awarding scholarships and grants to promote the heritage and culture of Norway, and provides assistance to our members, lodges and their communities. Since 1966 we have awarded over 2,000 scholarships and more than 400 grants totaling over \$1 million. For more information on this scholarship and the Sons of Norway Foundation, visit <http://www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation>.

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