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Inaugural NAGDCA/InFRE Arthur N. Caple, Jr., Scholarship honors Missouri business student's study of retirement income issues and assists pursuit of The International Foundation for Retirement Education's Certified Retirement Counselor[®] designation.

CHICAGO—Kevin Storm, a financial planning student at the University of Missouri-Columbia, will receive the NAGDCA/InFRE Arthur N. Caple, Jr., Memorial Scholarship in recognition of his academic achievements and awareness of issues affecting the growing field of retirement income management, the International Foundation for Retirement Education (InFRE) announced today.

Storm, a senior from Gravois Mills, Mo., will accept the scholarship Monday during the 2005 NAGDCA (National Association of Government Defined Contribution Administrators) Annual Conference in Miami. The award provides \$1,000 for educational expenses and tuition to cover pursuit of InFRE's Certified Retirement Counselor[®] (CRC[®]) designation.

“As the Baby Boomers approach retirement, the need for financial advisors and retirement counselors becomes more and more evident,” Storm says. “This creates a huge opportunity for college students in my generation to help as advisors, and the CRC[®] program will be vital to our success in this field.”

Criteria for the scholarship, developed by NAGDCA and InFRE, focused on awareness of retirement income issues and knowledge of the personal finance industry.

A candidate must also be a U.S. citizen and a junior, senior or graduate financial planning student at one of the universities participating in the InFRE University Partnership Program, a new and unique project that enables financial planning students at participating universities to complement their curricula with InFRE-designed self-study components previously available only to retirement planning professionals.

The scholarship honors Arthur N. Caple, Jr., former Executive Director of the State of Maryland Supplemental Retirement Plans and former President of NAGDCA, who died in 2004. It is the first scholarship to recognize achievements by students in the University Partnership Program, which includes the University of Alabama; University of Georgia; Kansas State University; University of Missouri; and Texas Tech University.

The International Foundation for Retirement Education was founded in 1997 and is dedicated to informed, comprehensive education and certification programs for retirement professionals and to helping the American worker achieve retirement security. For more information about InFRE and retirement income management, call 847-756-7350 or visit www.infre.org.

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