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Iowa Students Statewide Can Interact with the 2010 National Teacher of the Year

(Des Moines, Iowa) -- The 2010 National Teacher of the Year and other distinguished guests will interact with Iowa high school students in a FREE mini “book discussion” using the Iowa Communications Network (ICN). Students throughout the state will hear the many messages found in the book *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Iowa Public Television (IPTV), in conjunction with the Des Moines Public Library, will present *To Kill a Mockingbird: Share the Experience* on Monday, December 6, from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m., in multiple video sites utilizing ICN’s infrastructure.

Sarah Brown Wessling, the 2010 National Teacher of the Year teaches high school English at Johnston High School. Wessling is spending her year speaking all over the country and world. This special discussion will be valuable to students. Additional guests will include James Autry, author of 10 published books, and Polk County District Court Judge, Odell McGhee.

To register for this session, call (800) 532-1290 or (515) 242-3144 or visit http://www.iptv.org/iowa_database/event-detail.cfm?ID=10714. The deadline to register is December 1.

The ICN makes it possible for students and instructors, physically separated by location, to participate in interactive educational events in an efficient, creative, and cost-effective manner. While providing support and resources for educators and students, the ICN and IPTV are committed to the continued enhancement of distance learning and professional development for Iowa students and educators. To find out more about the ICN visit www.icn.state.ia.us.

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Media - To see if a school district in your area is participating, visit http://www.iptv.org/iowa_database/Registrationlistall.cfm?SessionIDRequested=10714

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